

# WEF STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMUNITY (SYPC) – COLLABORATION



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# AGENDA

National Water Policy Fly-In

WEF/AWWA YP Summit



# SYPC Mission

The mission of WEF's Students and Young Professionals Community (SYPC) is to encourage and facilitate student and young professional involvement in WEF and Member Associations through professional development and leadership opportunities. The SYPC is made up of students, young professionals, academics, and water quality professionals.

# WEF/AWWA YP Summit

## Mission

- Attendees learn about emerging issues in our industry and connect with a diverse group of water industry peers.
- Program challenges attendees to think critically about our industry (present and future) and to establish lasting connections with peers.

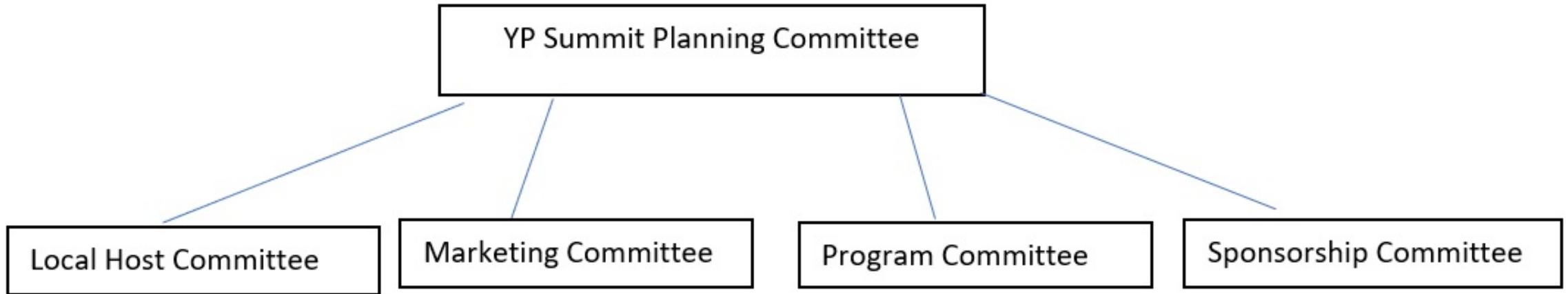
## Collaboration

- Co-hosted by WEF and AWWA each year.
- WEF hosts the Summit in even years, while AWWA hosts in odd years.
- Both organizations (staff and YPs) work collaboratively to ensure a successful event.
- Established in 2005 at WEFMAX in D.C. 50 attendees participated.
- Approximately 230 attendees at the 2023 Summit in Sacramento.

## Attendees

- YPs from all types of vocational backgrounds attend YP Summit:
  - utility operators
  - engineering consultants
  - vendor representatives
  - municipal employees
  - representatives from both research and permitting agencies
  - finance consultants
  - water industry professionals from administration and field work to project management and design.

## Committee Structure



# YP SUMMIT

# National Water Policy Fly-In

## Mission

- An excellent opportunity for YPs (and all WEF members) to participate in the highest levels of policy advocacy before Congress and the Administration.
- Attendees build professional connections with water professionals from across the nation also attending the National Water Policy Fly-In.

## Collaboration

- Co-hosted by WEF, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Research Foundation, and the WaterReuse Association.
- The Fly-In is part of Water Week, during which hundreds of water professionals from across the nation will come to Washington, D.C.
- Program began in 2018.

## Attendees

- WEF is the only organization that provides scholarships to its YP members to attend.
  - There were 7 YP scholarship recipients in 2018.
  - In 2023, 20+ YPs applied for the WEF scholarship.
- Testimonials