The Northwest Section was officially became a section in November of 2004, after approval during the November Council Meetings.

The beginning of the year we focused on getting officers and miscellaneous activities to set up a new section, which had not been done in a few decades. An officer’s planning meeting was held in March 2005 at the Nike campus in Beaverton, OR. Meeting dates were set for the remainder of 2005 and the first half of 2006.

Officers for the Northwest Section are as follows:
- Chair: Nancy PeBenito
- Vice-Chair: recently vacated August due to move
- Program Chair: Christina Jensen
- Treasurer: Debbie Blalock
- Secretary: Jessica Taylor
- Membership Chair: Susan Matter

With a high level of enthusiasm amongst the officers, membership, and new attendees, we held 2 orientation meetings in the spring. The first was held at the McMenamin’s Cornelius Pass Roadhouse in Hillsboro, OR on May 24th. Twenty one people were in attendance. The second orientation meeting was held at The RAM/Bighorn Brewery in Seattle, Washington on June 28th. There were 16 people in attendance.

Surveys were conducted at both meetings to determine the topics of interest and meeting frequency. Much information from the membership was gathered and we have high expectations for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Taylor
Northwest Section Secretary