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OLD & NEW BUSINESS

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Hello Group,

Our January meeting was at the City of Issaquah maintenance shops, thanks to Todd Freeman, our host.

Those in attendance are listed:

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(The green highlight signifies that dues are paid for 2013) I've attached the dues form if you still need to pay!

Chair Dennis McLaughlin opened the meeting shortly after 10:00 AM. His first order of business was to discuss the Group website. It is need of some serious updating, and all though we've tried a few different options; we just have not been successful. We are checking with some group members who are attempting to find someone interested in rebuilding the site we have. It seems, more than ever, that we may need to hire a web designer to start from scratch. If that turns out to be the case, after completion, we will probably have 3 or 4 members that can perform updates to the site. That way, if someone is not available, new information, corrections and other issues can still be addresses in a timely fashion. We hope to come to a final decision at the next meeting in February.

The next item on Dennis's agenda was to finalize the by-law amendments. The changes recommended were simply rewording and updating. He read all of the changes in which we came to agreement months ago. All of the changes were voted in unanimously. If you would like to read the new by-laws, just send me an email and I will make sure you receive a copy. They eventually will also be on the Website.

If you didn't notice, on the Officer Contact page, Mary Gonzales is back in the Treasurer Seat. With some persuasion, Mary agreed to retain her previous position. Bob Eastwood volunteered to perform the job for us when Mary just didn't have time. Ironically, as things turned out, Mary seemed to have a little more time than Bob. Anyway, Mary was unanimously voted back into the position. Bob, of course will still be an active member, and seemed a bit relieved to be relieved! Thanks Bob, it's good to know that you will sacrifice yourself for the benefit of The Group when necessary.

The bank balance is \$13,392.21, and the 2013 calendar is complete, with the exception of the June meeting. We originally did not have a topic for June, but we may have Tyler from Bellevue put on another presentation regarding

electronic filing. Last year, his information was extremely interesting and there are many people looking at the new technology. He and Jack Allenfort (BAT) have an on-going program in development and some updates may prove to be worth a second meeting. We will see how that unfolds and I will keep everyone posted.

That pretty much clears up the old business from last year and we move forward to 2013.

New business:

Our friend MacAllen Guy attended a Fire Coalition meeting. Although there was not much discussion of cross connection control, he wrote a summary of the meeting to share with us. He deserves a round of appreciation from us for representing The Group. Be sure to thank him for his effort at the next meeting!

Here is what he had to say:

On Wednesday I did attend the Washington Fire Sprinkler Coalition Meeting in Des Moines at the South King Fire Station 87.

While the meeting was mostly procedural and they spent most of the meeting talking about a booth at a builder's home show (which I assume is similar to our seminar in Tacoma). Nothing relating directly to backflow prevention but there were some interesting tidbits worth note.

-2014 is the year where there will be legislation relating to having fire sprinklers mandatory for new buildings in certain municipalities

- Their home show is upcoming they talked about reaching out to various groups for staffing, stressed importance of having firemen.

- Recently the Coalition had received money from the Washington Grant Partnership from FEMA, they planned to spend it on advertising for fire safety awareness.

- There is a Joint Coalition meeting on March 8th in Vancouver with Fire Marshals from various municipalities, more on that at www.wsafm.com

- They have tentatively planned for Apr 30th for a fire sprinkler forum; this event is in planning stages

- I introduced myself, talked about The Group and what we do and invited them to the BAT forum in March

Hope this helps, have a great day!

Mac

2013 BAT FORUM

We have begun the planning for the BAT Forum to be held March 20th at the City of Bellevue. We plan to email the first flyer to all CCSs and BATs (statewide) in mid-February. Representatives from Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water, will be present as well as representatives from Washington Certification Services.

We plan to develop an agenda for our Forum. We encourage you to suggest some topics for the agenda. Potential DOH/Washington Certification Services topics include:

- Update on the Operator Certification rule revisions (CCC-related sections).
- Future CCC Program direction/technical assistance tools.
- Comparison of Washington State's BAT certification program and ABPA's BAT certification program.
- DOH complaint process.
- Professional growth exam with 10th edition procedures.

When the first flyers are emailed, or earlier if you choose, BATs, as well as the CCSs will be offered a chance to submit questions, and topics that they would like addressed **to me** (kcaldwell@redmond.gov). I will compile the questions and comments and submit them to the appropriate agency prior to the BAT forum. This will give them the opportunity to review your questions and address comments for everyone at the Forum.

We would like your suggestions by March 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The next meeting will be held at the City of Edmonds maintenance facility 7110 210th St SW, 98026 on February 20th. It will be hosted by Linda McMurphy and if you have any questions, she can be reached at 425 771 0235.

The topic will be “Good, Bad, and Ugly installations”. It should be an informative meeting and you will probably enjoy a good laugh! **Please bring your photos and stories that you would like to share.**

Stay warm out there,

Kathy Caldwell

WWCCPPG Sec.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CROSS CONNECTION PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS

2013 CALENDAR

*****ALL GROUP MEETINGS START AT 10 AM AND CLOSES AT 12 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

*****THE FIELD TRIPS WILL START AT 10 AM BUT THE TIME FINISHED IS UNDETERMINED

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CONTACT
16-Jan	FINAL DRAFT OF CALENDAR	CITY OF ISSAQUAH	TODD FREEMAN
	COMPLETION OF OLD BUSINESS/BI-LAWS, ETC	1775 12 TH AVE NW, 98027	425 837 3400
20-Feb	INSTALLATIONS:	CITY OF EDMONDS-SHOPS	LINDA MCMURPHY
	GOOD, BAD AND UGLY	7110 210 TH ST SW, 98026	425 771 0235
20-Mar	ANNUAL BAT FORUM	CITY OF BELLEVUE	TYLER HIMMELMAN
	9 AM – 1 PM	2901 115 th AVE	425 452 5203
17-Apr	FIELD TRIP/WSP FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY- SITE SURVEY	50810 GROUSE RIDGE RD	DENNIS MCLAUGHLIN
	10 AM - ?	NORTH BEND, WA	425 364 9531
15-May	FIRE SUPPRESSION –SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	6737 CORSON AVE S, SEATTLE, 98108	CHIP BROOKS
	NEED TO VERIFY		425 359 6475
19-Jun	TBD	TBD	

17-Jul	FIELD TRIP/ HUSKY STADIUM 10 AM - ?	DETAILS TBA	DALE BAXMANN 206 221 3127
21-Aug	ANNUAL PICNIC	PERRIGO PARK-REDMOND 9011 196 TH AVE NE	KATHY CALDWELL 425 556 2847
18-Sep	FIELD TRIP/ BILL AND MALINDA GATES FOUNDATION/ GREEN BLDG	500 5 TH AVE N SEATTLE, 98109	BOB EASTWOOD 206 233 2635
16-Oct	ANNUAL SEMINAR 7 AM – 1 PM	LA QUINTA INN-TACOMA 1425 E 27 TH ST, 98421	ALL OFFICERS/ DENNIS 206 364 1939
20-Nov	ELECTIONS	CITY OF EVERETT 3200 CEDAR STREET,EVERETT	TIM MARKHAM 425 257 8833
18-Dec	2014 PLANNING ADGENDA	NORTHSHORE UTILITY DIST. 6830 NE 185 TH AVES,KENMORE	CARL LUMAK 425 398 4400

LOCATION DETAILS AND MAPS WILL BE IN THE NEWSLETTER ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE CURRENT MEETING