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Hello Group members!

We would like to thank everyone who turned out for the annual WWCCPP Group seminar. The attendance was near record volume. Everyone enjoyed the speakers, the food and another chance to get together with friends and professionals in our industry. With the addition of new participants from the seminar added to our roster, our membership is also at an all-time high.

It is necessary to take this newsletter off on a different direction this month; The Group has been one of the best training resources available to me in the early stages, and continues to be an excellent conduit for all of us. It grants us the opportunity to communicate with our DOH and WETRC personnel, as well as the BATs & CCS's. The Group empowers us to act as a team with all of the same hopes and goals. It seems that considering the quantity of new and old members that many of you feel the same.

As most of you know, we have been asking for volunteers to act as Board Officials throughout the year. The Group is now facing a dire problem that you all need to be aware of. On November 20th we will be holding our monthly meeting with the focus on the election of new officers. The nominating committee has been absolutely ineffective due to the fact that no one will accept a nomination. We will need a Vice-chair, Treasurer, and a Secretary for 2014. I'm sorry to say that the Group has the possibility of having to fold unless someone can find it in their heart to step up to help. There have been just a handful of people that have rotated through, over and over to keep the integrity of the Group intact.

Personally, my workload has changed and the dynamics of my cities' drinking water division is foregoing a major transition. With that being said, I regret inform you all and the officers that I will be stepping down from my duties as the Secretary to the Board, at least temporarily. I can assure everyone that after our transitions, Redmond will continue to be an active participant in the Group.

Everyone, please do some sole searching and do what you can to save a very valuable resource for us all. We will make sure anyone gets all of the training or help they may need. If you'd like to discuss any issues, please call Chair Dennis McLaughlin at 206 364 9531.

Thanks to all of you.

Kathy

The November meeting will be held at the City of Everett on 11-20-13. The address is 3200 Cedar Street and will start at 10 AM. Please call Dennis if you have any questions.