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February 19th 2014 Attendance

(HIGHLIGHTED NAMES HAVE PAID 2014 DUES)

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The February Group meeting was called to order by Chair Tim Cantwell at the City of Issaquah at 10:10 AM. Thanks to Todd Freeman for hosting the event.

James Salter reported that the balance in our account is \$16,312.04.

After introductions, there was immediately a motion to reimburse James for the purchase of a laptop for the Group's use. It can be used by any of the officers and will be kept with the secretary. There were many good reasons for the purchase, but foremost, to keep Group records with the Group other than on private or City computers. I have begun transferring records. The cost was \$601.16.

The next order of business was to further discuss the new website design and contract. The motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Nelson Design contract for the redesign. Just to recap, the website committee has held several discussions with Jeff Nelson and had many options available for viewing. Everyone agreed on which option we would like to go with, and it is going to be great! The agreement is that for \$599.00, Jeff will design the new website. The committee will meet after the regular meeting to evaluate and choose some of the content. Of course further discussions will be necessary to work out details. Once the website redesign is complete, we will be contacting vendors to see who is interested in advertising on the site. They will be charged a small fee, which will offset the cost of the project as well as assist us with the maintenance contract funding.

For the time being, Dennis will be the liaison between the Group members and Jeff for updates and information we would like to see in the future on our site, such as links and articles of interest. It was voted that in the future, the past chair will assume that responsibility for the next year.

Other business:

Bob Eastwood will be attending the SRC4 meeting the week of the 24th. We previously voted to finance his trip and at this meeting we approved the purchase of a \$25.00 gift card to be used as a door prize. We are always thankful to Bob for representing The Group at these meetings. He brings back their ideas and fresh topics, as well as finding new guest speaker possibilities for our annual conference.

Finally, there was a brief discussion and a quick overview of the Annual Summary Report for the Department of Health. As most of you know

the ASR is due the first quarter of every year. This report summarizes the activities of the water purveyor for the previous year regarding their cross connection control programs. It requires much detail and often times raises questions as to interpretation of the guidelines. Instead of repeating all of the discussion, questions and opinionated answers, we advise you to make contact with Terri Notestine to receive accurate information if you have any questions. She is always more than willing to help. Her contact information is:

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The next meeting will be held at the City of Bellevue. (Map and parking details provided below) It will be on March 19th from 9AM – 12PM at the Bellevue Service Center located at 2901 115th Ave NE. Parking is located at the South end of NE 33rd Place. Take the staircase from the Southeast corner of the parking lot up to and across the train tracks. The conference room is located at the SE corner of the BSC building on the upper level.

This BAT meeting is designed specifically for Backflow Assembly Testers. The format of this meeting has been changed. There will be no vendors. This will be a question, answer and discussion meeting between BATs in the audience and a panel consisting of one proctor, one CCS and two Backflow Assembly Testers. All members are of course invited to participate. A Group member has made a suggestion that we provide an avenue for folks to ask questions, make statements and share opinion anonymously. Many people do not want to stand up in the

crowd and speak, or say anything that pertains specifically to a certain entity. So, if you have anything you would like addresses by the panel and prefer to stay anonymous, you can email your thoughts to me. I will delete any of your personal identification, print out your questions and concerns and give them to the panel in the morning before the meeting commences. There will be no charge to attend and no lunch provided. Refreshments will be served in the morning. **The meeting starts at 9AM**

See you there.

Respectfully,

Kathy Caldwell

Group Sec.

Important Notice: I recently emailed all members information regarding a lost or stolen test kit. The serial number given out was incorrect. The correct serial number is **12050050**. Please contact member Gary Brown at 360 668 1117 should you come across it.

MAP TO BELLEVUE PARKING FACILITY NEXT PAGE!

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Stairs

BAT Forum

