



April 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Hello all,

The Group met at Coal Creek Water District on April 19th, hosted by Carla Snyder. Those present were Brandon from Bellevue, DeLynn and Tim Cantwell from Woodinville Water, Dennis McLaughlin, Bob Eastwood, Wednesday Smith from Kirkland, and Jeff with Edmonds.

Most of the discussion was centered around planning for the October Seminar. It will be on October 18th at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Wednesday has reached out to numerous potential presenters, and we are waiting to hear back from them. Once confirmed, the agenda will be sent out to all.

If anyone is interested, we have Group room rates at Best Western Alderwood. Just mention "The Backflow Group" and that you are there for the seminar.

- \$105 plus tax (King)
- \$110 plus tax (2 Queens)

Dennis reported that the food cost for lunch has doubled since 2021. It was \$23 per person to \$44 per person. Because of this increase, the suggestion was to increase the Seminar cost. The attendees voted and passed change in cost.

- \$140 for members
- \$150 for non-members

Also, we will ask the vendors to increase their door prizes from a minimum of \$50 to a minimum of \$100. This shouldn't be a problem with them as most vendors contribute substantially over the minimums anyway.

Seminar Details

- Lynnwood Convention Center – Confirmed
- Lunch and continental breakfast
- Vendor Bags will be done by DeLynn.
- Reception Table: *Carla, Mick, DeLynn, Kathy, & Wednesday
- Bios and Abstracts: *Due to Mick by August so he can request CEU's from Washington Certification Services (0.6 awarded if all sessions are attended)
- Water District Receipt form is a must so folks can submit for payments.

The Board decided to have a backflow/cross connection themed calendar made to hand out at the event. Carla will be starting a list of events such as

- National Backflow Prevention Day
- National Drinking Water Week
- Group Meeting Dates

So, this year we think will be great. We are attempting to get some new topics and speakers. The sign-up announcement will be sent out once we have the agenda completed.

On a legal note:

Nonprofit organizations handling funds need the services of a banking institution just as any for-profit organization does. To open an organizational bank account, though, they also need authorized account signers. The organization's board members agree upon the signers in an official meeting, and the signers are expected to handle any of the organization's checking transactions that may arise. When it's time for a change in signers though, the bank must meet with the signers involved and have them complete paperwork for the switch to be binding. While each bank has its own specific changeover requirements, the rules for adding an authorized signer or switching a signer are generally the same across institutions.

We have voted to remove Mick Holte's name, since he has retired and Add Wednesday Smith. Dennis will still act as the number one signer as he is still the treasurer of the Group.

Thanks to Mick for volunteering his services for many years. He will remain active with the Group but enjoying the life of retirement at the same time. We are still looking for someone to volunteer for the treasurer position.

Our next meeting will be virtually on May 17th. Wednesday will give a presentation on Cross Connection Control Site Surveys. It will be really good! Join in.

I've attached the calendar for you to see. Have a great day everybody!

Time: May 17, 2023 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89660569317?pwd=WkIxUnkwTXprOWlRekxrNWRJUUs3QT09>

Meeting ID: 896 6056 9317

Passcode: 837713

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