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March 2025 Newsletter

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Hello Members of the Group,

The March meeting was held via Zoom on 03/19/2025 at 10:00 AM.

Attendees:

Kathy Caldwell – City of Snohomish; Randy Hude – Arbiter Incorporated; Iliya Andreev – City of Redmond; Carla Snyder – Coal Creek Utility District; DeLynn Erickson -- Woodinville Water District; Scott Barr – City of Monroe; Mariano Romulo – City of Lynnwood Public Works; Wednesday Smith – Batgirl Backflow Testing;

Old Business

- Annual BAT Forum on 2/19/2025 was a big success. 89 attendees and great responses, discussed below.
- Iliya has yet to receive the documents and receipts from last year's expenses for The Group. He opines that the expenses are so low they can be successfully maintained on Excel spreadsheet. A big question remaining to be answered: do we keep Zoom or not?
- Iliya wanted to order some official The Group checks for use by the current treasurer (himself) and future treasurers. He will work with Randy to get the logo on the checks. He will proceed with the purchase of SASE (self-addressed stamped envelopes) and the checkbook via Costco or somewhere comparably affordable.

New Business

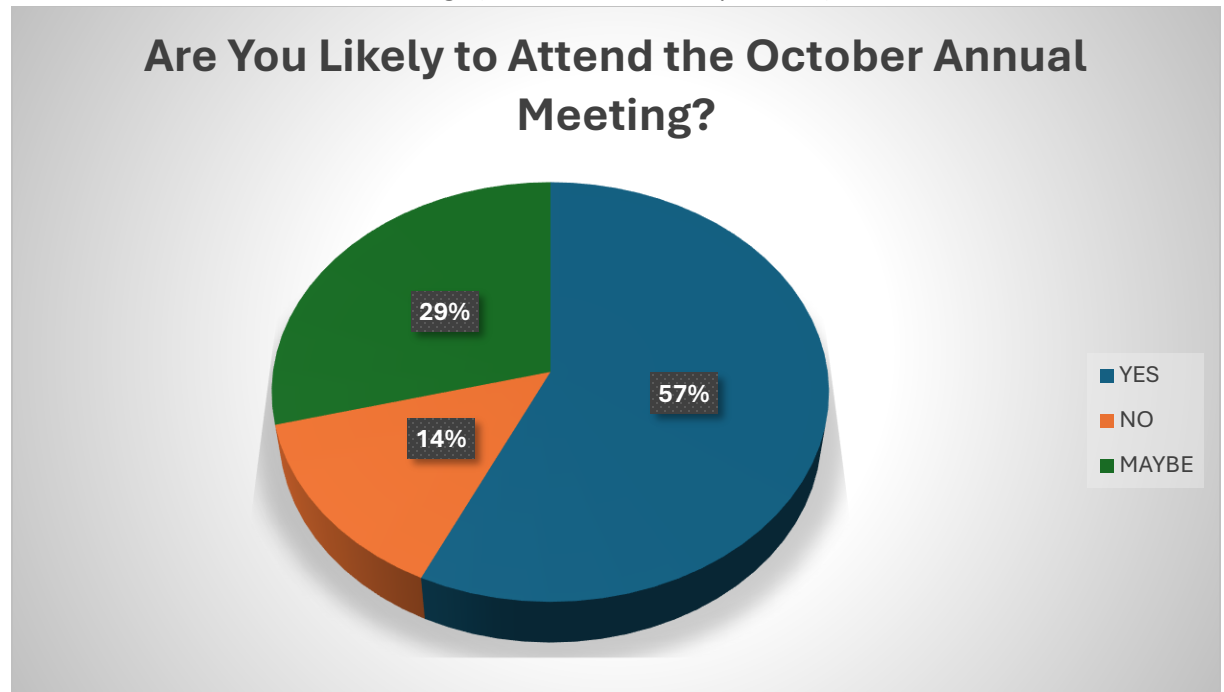
- April 2025 meeting will be at Woodinville, DeLynn will make sure a spot is reserved. Iliya volunteered to setup a laptop/iPad so Randy can Zoom in rather than spend 8 hours in the car for this meeting.
- Brightwater Treatment Plant – still waiting for the final total per group, wondering if there could be many tour groups, etc. Tim C was lead on this and will be asked for help completing.

Recapping the Annual BAT Forum which was held 2/19/2025 online:

- **Poll results regarding each talk**
 - Bill Bernier's talk: "Yes, of course Bill ROCKS!" was the resounding feedback. [an aside: sounds like it would make a good gift T-shirt for Bill B]
 - Tiffany Miller's talk: highly satisfactory, though there were a couple of good questions from attendees:
 - What is the reasoning behind WSC changes?
 - Why the new test procedure for RP's on check 2?
 - Adolfo Wurts's talk: highly satisfactory. "Very good for beginner testers."
 - Eric Shea's talk: exceeded expectations. "Great!"
 - Jim Purzycki's talk: very highly satisfactory. "What a fantastic job. Great information."

- **Survey results from Annual BAT Forum:**

1. **Rate your satisfaction with the pre-event planning and notification (1 not satisfied, 10 highly satisfied):**
9/10 average from 36 responses
2. **Will you attend the October Annual Meeting?** (time for a delicious pie chart)



3. **Was there enough information specific to BATs?**
 - i. 35 out of 36 said YES, 97%
4. **If you answered NO to the last question, why?**
 - i. "I was excited for the last presenter, but it seemed like there wasn't a lot of actual repair information. There are some devices, smaller residential, that create problems when trying to repair."
5. **Do you prefer the BAT Forum to be online or in-person?**
 - i. Online: 22 out of 34 (65%)
 - ii. Either: 9 out of 34 (26%)
 - iii. In-person: 3 out of 34 (9%)
6. **Do you prefer February, March, or some other month for the Annual BAT Forum?**
 - i. February: 35 out of 36 (97%)
 - ii. March: 1 out of 36 (3%)
 - iii. Other: 0 out of 36 (0%)
7. **What would make any aspect of this annual BAT Forum better?**
 - i. 22 out of 36 respondents were pleased with the BAT Forum as is or had no additional suggestions
 - ii. "Offer CEU's" for the BAT Forum was mentioned by 2 out of 36 respondents
 - iii. "More time for presenters" mentioned by 1 out of 36 respondents
 - iv. "More time between presenters" mentioned by 1 out of 36 respondents
 - v. "More about testing and repair" mentioned by 2 out of 36 respondents
 - vi. "Be able to download presentations" mentioned by 1 out of 36 respondents
 - vii. "More CCCS duties/info" mentioned by 1 out of 36 respondents

Site Location and Conference Discussion

- DeLynn researched a promising site for the 2025 Annual Seminar meeting
 - Delta Hotel by Marriott in Everett
- Randy pointed out that The Group historically has not charged for exhibitors and this should change so that the member fee (to BATs) does not have to be raised or raised significantly.
- Electronic payment for the site registration. Iliya not sure how to get the Square site running as Chris set it up.
- Women in Trades Meeting table – Wednesday would like to have a table or two in order to attend as an exhibitor.
This has been done.

Follow-ups from this meeting:

- Field trip for July 2025 options – Tim C will clarify the attendance limits and ask if we can have multiple groups with set limits, e.g., 6 groups of 20 attendees.
- Group picnic for August 2025 – Iliya will reserve Redmond Perrigo Park, box lunches to be provided once we have a headcount, caterer TBD.
- Square Site for the Annual Seminar Registration – Iliya to talk with Chris to get that information squared away (pun intended) ahead of the registration period.
- New website – Don L will hopefully have the updated website ready to share and launch soon.
- Wednesday and Randy will work together to create an exhibitor list to reach out to potential vendors.
- Randy will inquire about Vancouver option to present to the executive team (done)
- Wednesday will email the executive team about the Women in Trades meeting on May 2, 2025 (done)
- DeLynn or Tim will reserve the space in Woodinville for the 4/16/2025

Next meeting is scheduled in person on 4/16/2025 from 9:30 am to 12 pm at Woodinville Water District, 17238 Woodinville-Duvall Rd, Woodinville WA 98072.

The discussion topic is planning the Annual Seminar on 10/15/2025.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Caldwell at 11:38 AM PST.