



## NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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The Group meeting for November was held at Silver Lake Water District on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were our host Casey Parks, Mike Lee, Ann Ray, Dennis McLaughlin, Chris Sutton, Linda McMurphy, Mary Gonzales, Tim Cantwell, and Tony Peredo.

Meeting called to order 10:26a

The focus of this meeting was to elect new officials. First of all, we would like to thank Tim Cantwell for acting as Chair for 2014, but he's not done yet. According to our bylaws he will now be our Past Chair and assume the responsibility of being the liaison between the Group and our webmaster.

We would also like to thank James Salter for his service as treasurer.

Positions available for 2015: Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Dennis McLaughlin will run unopposed for Treasurer.

Vice Chair – there were two members willing to accept the nomination – Chris Sutton and Dale Baxmann

Dale: Is a plumber by trade, a trainer with Washington Certification Services and CCS for University of Washington

Chris: Has been a tester and involved in the industry for years, would like to keep BATS voices in the group and industry as a whole, is interested in broadening the horizon of the group and has time to give to the position.

There is a desire to focus some more on BATS and their perspectives. There is a sense that their voices may have been lost over the year.

The Group was originally brought together to jointly develop programs for consistency and to share information and experiences. The BAT forum was designed to be BAT first and an opportunity for BATs to bring info to the purveyors

Duties of each position should be written into the bylaws and should be specified by board position.

Some duties of Vice Chair: Issues and questions to push forward in the industry from CCS and BAT's, increase membership and would be a conduit to field problems and issues

Casey added: As a former BAT and now CCS and years of experience, he has been able to tweak his program to best meet needs of BATs, businesses and state program regulations.

Even if programs don't match exactly, at least knowledge of preferences of each jurisdiction is available and/or contact information. Customers benefit the most with uniformity between program on regional and state basis and with clarification of questions on the program as expected by the state.

Vote taken –

Chris Sutton for Vice Chair

Dennis McLaughlin for Treasurer

Motions made, seconded and accepted.

The conversation then digressed to who tracks which assemblies when it comes to premise only programs for Water Districts who work with both County and Cities for development. Special Purpose District and WAC both say “coordination shall exist between CCS and AHJ”

Dennis has been working on our Non Profit Status. Neither the State nor the IRS has any history on The Group or past status. He has spoken with several CPA companies and has finally come up with one that would be willing to help us navigate the paperwork required. It has also been suggested that the best course of action for us would be to disband and reform under new articles of incorporation with the State. He requested permission to continue this project and work with the CPA

Motioned, seconded, approved

The next meeting location has been changed. We will not be going to Northshore due to some remodeling. **THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WOODINVILLE WATER DISTRICT** on December 17, 2014 for planning 2015 meetings. The address is 17238 NE Woodinville Duvall Rd, 98072. We need to get people to come to the planning meeting, this is the only way to ensure that we are getting topics that appeal to CCS and BATs and to get a handle on what is being faced in the industry today. We will be covering field trip ideas, topics for meetings and locations.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE US TO COVER IN 2015 AND CAN'T ATTEND THE MEETING, EMAIL YOUR IDEAS TO ME AND I WILL MAKE SURE THEY ARE PRESENTED.

I would like to give a special thanks to Ann Ray for taking minutes and drafting up the news for you this time in my absence.

Treasurer Report: \$21,488.94

\$5500.00 was taken in for the Seminar by Check and \$7266.00 by credit card for a total of just over \$12,000.00

Meeting adjourned at 12:25p

If we don't see you at the December meeting, have a very happy holiday!!

Kathy Caldwell/Ann Ray