

Hi all,

The Group gathered together again in April at the City of Redmond. Those in attendance were:

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Chair Tony Peredo called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Treasurer Dennis reported that we have \$17,065.65 in the account.

Introductions were made and Mike Matthews was introduced as Kathy's replacement as CCS at the City of Redmond, Kathy has taken a new position with the City as the Water Quality Analyst, and is also stepping down as the Secretary for the GROUP, Kathy has been the secretary for many years and has done a stellar job, we are sad to see her leave as she is loved and respected by all! Thank you Kathy, we wish you all the best in your new position!

Dennis McLaughlin proposed a couple of wording changes in our bylaws; one was adding to paragraph 3 in Article 4, Dues for the Executive Officers will be paid by the Group for the calendar year following the annual business meeting. And Article 9, in the event of the dissolution of the Group, remaining assets after debts are paid are to go to another non-profit with the same purpose for which the GROUP is organized.

We then reviewed some of the discussions and topics from the March BAT forum, to set a tentative schedule for topics, vendors, and speakers at the 20th annual Seminar in October 2015. We also talked about changing the menu for the lunch, and exploring the possibility of obtaining CEU's for plumbers next year in 2016. So stay tuned for updates!

The meeting then adjourned at 12pm

The List of USC Approved Assemblies has been updated. You may access the list via our website www.backflowgroup.org

On a side note I want to introduce myself to all of you, my name is Carla Snyder, I have stepped in to fill the Secretary position of the GROUP. I have worked at Coal Creek Utility District for 26

years, as the CCS, Water Quality, and DOH reporting positions, I want to thank my General Manager and Operations Supervisor Robert Russell and Todd Hynek, for allowing me time to become more involved with this very important organization and I look forward to working with all of you! Thank you, Carla

The next meeting will be held at the City of Mercer Island on May 20th 2015, the topic is Incident Response. Their address is 8236 SE 24th ST, Mercer Island WA, at 10AM

We hope to see many of you there!