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Greetings from your Executive Director:

Just a few quick updates- we have been taking a lot of your time and attention with legislative briefings and daily information so I will keep this short:

First, an update on our May conference, scheduled for May 24-27. At this point, we are planning to have this conference in-person in the Tri-Cities. As always, subject to revision depending on changing circumstances. If we are able to have the conference, it will not include a vendor show (we are looking to move that to fall) and will include changes to address continued expectations for safety. We will also plan to have a golf opportunity prior to the conference, again with social distancing precautions and if possible based on current circumstances at the time. So- mark that week off and if we are able to proceed, we will start to send out registration info the first week of April. Thanks for your flexibility.

Director Dave Trujillo has submitted his resignation from the Board at the end of this month, as he will be taking a new position as the Director of the Board of Accountancy. We thank Dave for all of his work both on the Board and as a colleague. President Meidl has appointed <u>Chief</u> <u>Sam White</u> of the Lower Elwha Police Department to this Board position, which is specifically for non-municipal and non-Sheriff active members. We thank Chief White for his willingness to serve and welcome him to the Board.

Finally, just a reminder that we have <u>this</u> mid-session statement which was sent out recently, and here are three videos regarding programs that you may choose to utilize as you communicate with your community:

Mental Health Field response

Alternatives to Jail to Arrest

Accreditation

Thanks and have a good week- stay safe.

- Steve