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Greetings from your Executive Director:

We sent out the notice this week on what we hope can be an in-person conference May 24-27 in the Tri-Cities. As noted, this is subject to change and we will monitor and adjust as necessary - which may include moving back to a virtual platform or delaying the conference until a few months later in the year. It is difficult to plan, and we appreciate your flexibility. We have certainly heard the need for an in-person event (even if socially distanced with extra precautions). I am aware many of you have restrictions on travel through your jurisdiction and we will continue to do the best we can to balance all these moving parts. We set a limit to 210 (we normally would get about 250 at a spring conference) and are planning for, and using, Phase 2 guidelines even though the state is at Phase 3; we want to start very cautiously and conservatively. We will continue to provide virtual opportunities before and after the conference for those who cannot make it. Stay tuned and again, thanks for your flexibility.

In any case, we conduct Executive Board elections in May so I want to give you a heads-up on positions for the Board:

- **Chief At Large** - Chief Sam White of the Lower Elwha Police was appointed March 16 by President Meidl to the board position left open by the resignation of Dave Trujillo. The position is up for election in May for a full three year term. This Board position, per our bylaws, must be "an Active member of the Association that is not a municipal police chief or sheriff". The person must be the head of an agency but not a municipal chief or county sheriff. Chief White has indicated he is interested in standing to serve a full term. If any other Active members who are not a municipal Chief or Sheriff wish to run as well, please let Deb or I know and we will ensure you are part of the election for May.
- The **Vice President** is open as Chief Crown will automatically move to President-Elect in May. Per our bylaws, the next VP must be a Sheriff, and the Sheriffs have met and forwarded Grant County Sheriff Tom Jones for that position and consideration by the membership in May.
- **At-Large Chief** - Redmond Chief Darrell Lowe currently holds the position which is up in May and has indicated he wishes to continue to serve, and to be considered for election. If any other Active members wish to run for that position, please let us know.
- **At-Large Sheriff** - Franklin County Sheriff James Raymond holds that Sheriff position which is up in May and has indicated he wishes to continue to serve in that capacity. The Sheriffs have met and also forwarded his name for that position.

We will hold our next Legislative Update webinar on April 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Here is the [link](#) to register.

Stay Safe! - Steve