

## Pacific Northwest Tool Collectors

Hi Folks,

It is time to bid farewell to another year and two long-time PNTC members. Dale Stark was a collector, buyer and seller from Portland. Dick Schusler collected planes and had a large collection of name stamps. He lived in Anacortes. Both were fun to talk to and freely shared the knowledge they had of tools and such. We will miss them.

I look forward to the 2023 New Year and upcoming meetings with lots of fun. I would like to think we have had a pretty good year. The Best In The West was a big success with lots of fun and plenty of good tool trading. This was our first BITW since 2018. We can thank Conrad for a job well done. He was not alone in this but the leader. There are thanks to be shared for all the rest that made it such a success. We dealt with ups and downs this year and hopefully came out the better for it.

The new bylaws are posted on the website and ready for the members to vote on. There will be a formal written ballot available for that vote at the next two meetings. For those unable to attend those meetings, there will be a mail in ballot available on the website. Please remember that these new bylaws and PPP are not cast in stone but more of a working road map. If you have concerns or take issue with parts, let's deal with that after we finally get the club in legal compliance with the powers that be. The officers/directors strongly support the acceptance of these new bylaws and we all sincerely hope we can move forward with these new ones. Jim Gillis has done fantastic work putting all these sometimes confusing rules and regulations into something we can understand. Thank you, Jim.

I have decided to ask the directors for their approval to assume the permanent office of President until the next elections in two years. That means I will resign as Vice President for Washington and look for a new Washington Vice President. I hope that this meets with the approval of the members.

We are moving into another year with a need for volunteers to fill several positions in the club. We still need a new Secretary for Oregon and now a new Vice President for Washington. Once the new bylaws are approved, two new Directors will be added to the Board of Directors. We have volunteers for those positions but welcome anyone who wants to help. A decision will be made as to who is added later in the year. Chuck Guilford has been handling club auctions for Washington and would like to find someone else to take on that job. Please think about that and see if you could take over that position.

I hope to see many of you in two weeks in Seattle. Remember that we voted and approved the change for the time of the official club meeting. It will now start at 9:30 instead of 10:00. I would like to see the members bring some "Whatzit" items for display and discussion at the next two meetings. If that proves popular we can certainly continue that.

Thank you, Steve Crow