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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 13, 2020

This week brings more bad news. We have recently learned that Rick McCarthy will not be returning to the State House and will be home with his family and hospice care for the upcoming weeks. Rick has been our advocate and lobbyist at the State House for several years now. He has been fighting a courageous battle with cancer for many months. Rick helped guide us through a number of legislative “mine fields” over the years and oversaw a number of our bills result in successful adoption of important legislation.

This session, Rick worked tirelessly for our industry and the drinking water industry to craft and get a bill accepted that would provide sustainable annual funding for both industries. Rick was diagnosed with cancer while he worked on getting this important legislation passed. He even endured the arduous treatment regimen while trying to wrap up the bill, being more concerned about seeing the bill through.



Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, many of whom are reading this notice. We are all proud of and grateful for his commitment to the clean water industry and his work to help the people of Maine.

We are also aware of some individuals in the industry, and some of our family members, who have become afflicted with COVID-19. We wish a speedy recovery to all who have been impacted by or afflicted with the virus.

UPCOMING MEWEA EVENTS NOTIFICATION

Our May 15, 2020 executive board meeting will take place on-line instead of in-person, from 9:00 to 11:00. We will continue to monitor the state and federal requirements for future meetings. Due to security concerns with posting open meeting invitations on our website, please contact me for the login information if you are not a committee chair or board member and would like to participate in the meeting. I promise coffee and doughnuts at the first meeting when we can meet in person again.

INFORMATION FOR WATER PROFESSIONALS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

As an association, MEWEA continues to monitor the advice of our parent organization and industry experts. The Water Environment Federation (WEF) has released materials to inform and update water professionals about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Whereas we are aware this information is continually developing, we find it prudent to provide a link to WEF information, which will be updated with the most recent information available to them, from the MEWEA Website, <https://www.mewea.org/>. Additional CDC and other professional links have been provided here as well.

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions, thoughts, or information to help distribute to the membership. Best,

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