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The REP Annual meeting was held on September 19 in beautiful Vancouver by the river. The Executive Committee noted that National REP is not holding elections for the chapters in the near future and the chapters could continue functioning in their current forms. President Batty would like to focus exclusively on the Hanford Cleanup, which the Executive Committee members supported enthusiastically, thanking him for his stellar performance thus far.

Individuals interested in serving on the Executive Committee can send an email/letter/phone call to Bob about this interest.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner included a presentation from Steve Pfaff, the Hanford Federal Project Director of the Tank Waste Retrievals, Department of Energy, Office of River Protection. Cleanup of Hanford is taking longer than anyone wanted. From Steve Pfaff's presentation at the chapter's annual meeting, we gathered that the Department of Energy acknowledges the delays and plans to move forward diligently with the cleanup. We appreciated Mr. Pfaff's sincerity, but we also remember Ronald Reagan's famous axiom: 'Trust, but verify.' The Washington State Chapter of Republicans for Environmental Protection will be a vigilant watchdog over the cleanup process, and will not hesitate to support more aggressive actions if the cleanup falters for any reason. Protecting Washington's environment and public health, especially of our Columbia River, must be paramount. Many groups are watching this situation with great concern.

Lloyd Flem reported on his Washington DC visits with Ralph Munroe (R, Secretary of State, WA, ret.), Congressman Dave Reichert as well as other green Republicans to thank them for their superior service to our cause.

Best regards,

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