



April 2026 Newsletter

Please submit questions/comments to admin@sallal.com.

<p>Annual Members Meeting</p>	<p>On March 31st, four Sallal members attended Sallal’s annual member meeting, along with the Sallal’s staff, Board of Trustees, Attorney, and Financial Auditor. 156 members submitted valid ballots for the election of board members, participating either in person, by proxy, or through a mail-in ballot. Per Article III, Section 4 of the by-laws, votes from at least 5% of the members that are entitled to cast votes must be represented at the annual meeting in person, by proxy, or by mail-in ballot to establish a quorum to transact association business. A total of 99 ballots were needed for a quorum. You did it again! We met the required quorum to hold the required meeting. Sallal sends its appreciation to those that submitted ballots. Two incumbent board members, Larry Costello and Rich Formisano, were re-elected to 3-year terms. Congratulations to the elected candidates! We are grateful for your continued support of the Association and encourage all members to participate through their votes and meeting attendance.</p>
<p>Board Vacancy</p>	<p>We currently have one open position on the Sallal Board of Directors. This role will fill the remainder of a two-year term. If you are an individual member in good standing, have an interest in serving your community, and can commit approximately 10 hours per month to Board service, we encourage you to apply. To be considered, please submit a brief biography to admin@sallal.com</p>
<p>Backflow And Cross-Connects</p>	<p>It’s backflow prevention inspection time again! If you are required to have an annual backflow prevention inspection, you will receive notification from Sallal in the mail. Inspections and reports are due by July 31. A cross connection is any connection to the public water supply that can allow contaminants to enter the system. Backflow can happen if water from a facility, home, or irrigation system flows backwards into the distribution system. Properly operating backflow devices prevent this flow reversal and protect Sallal’s water from contamination. The Safe Water Drinking Act of 1974 and the Washington Administration Code 246-290-490 require all public water systems in Washington State to conduct an on-going Cross Connection Control Program to protect the public water supply from contamination from cross-connections. Sallal Water Association adopted a cross-connection control program in 1998 with the goal of premise isolation which means that the Association only seeks to prevent backflow into its system. Sallal is not responsible for eliminating or controlling cross-connections within a customer’s water system. Sallal staff evaluate all residential and commercial connections to determine whether backflow protection is required based on regulatory requirements as well as the appropriate type of backflow prevention. The Association has the right to discontinue service to any member who does not install a required backflow device or if the member does not complete annual testing of the backflow device. Annual notices are sent to all property owners that have or are required to have a premise isolation backflow device, reminding them of the annual testing requirements. More information on Backflow and Cross-Connections as well as a list of certified testers is available on the Sallal Website at: https://sallal.com/backflow-and-cross-connect-information/</p>