Embracing a New and Positive Direction

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If you find yourself wondering about the availability of inspirational quotes surrounding the concept of “change,” a quick online search would provide no shortage of options. Perhaps not surprisingly, many of those notable remarks intentionally have a little bit of a sting to them, an implicit challenge; something that makes the listener or reader feel slightly uncomfortable.

For instance, there’s Irish writer and Nobel Prize winner George Bernard Shaw’s quip that “Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

Maybe you’d prefer something even a little edgier? You might like, “If you want to make enemies, try to change something,” from former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson.

Another former president, known for his elocution, famously said, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

Shoot me an email at bryan.gossage@nconewater.org with that president’s name and – as long as you’re not on our Board or the Editorial Committee for this article – if you’re the first one to respond, I’ll send you a $25 VISA gift card (seriously).

We know that change can be controversial, but we also know that it’s necessary for growth and that, while at times difficult, change can take us in a new and positive direction.

NC One Water has and will continue to see our fair share of change and growth. We welcomed new staff in 2023 while saying farewell to others, we heightened our focus on our events and membership engagement, and we began making concentrated investments in “digital disruption.”

Our members will be empowered by the latter as they’re enabled to more independently manage their own educational path with NC One Water. Since last month, all course and event registrations and payments have been enabled online. Soon, members will be able to access and track current and previously earned CEUs, certificates, and certifications, and even receive important credentialing renewal reminders and future course recommendations.

Simultaneously, NC One Water’s many volunteer committees have been migrating onto their own internal online community pages, where committee members can initiate conversations, share ideas, create and take polls, and access files, photos, or other information.

These and other advancements reflect our determination to prioritize our service to our members with efficiency, flexibility, and creativity – and the acknowledgment that there is no better time to do so than now!