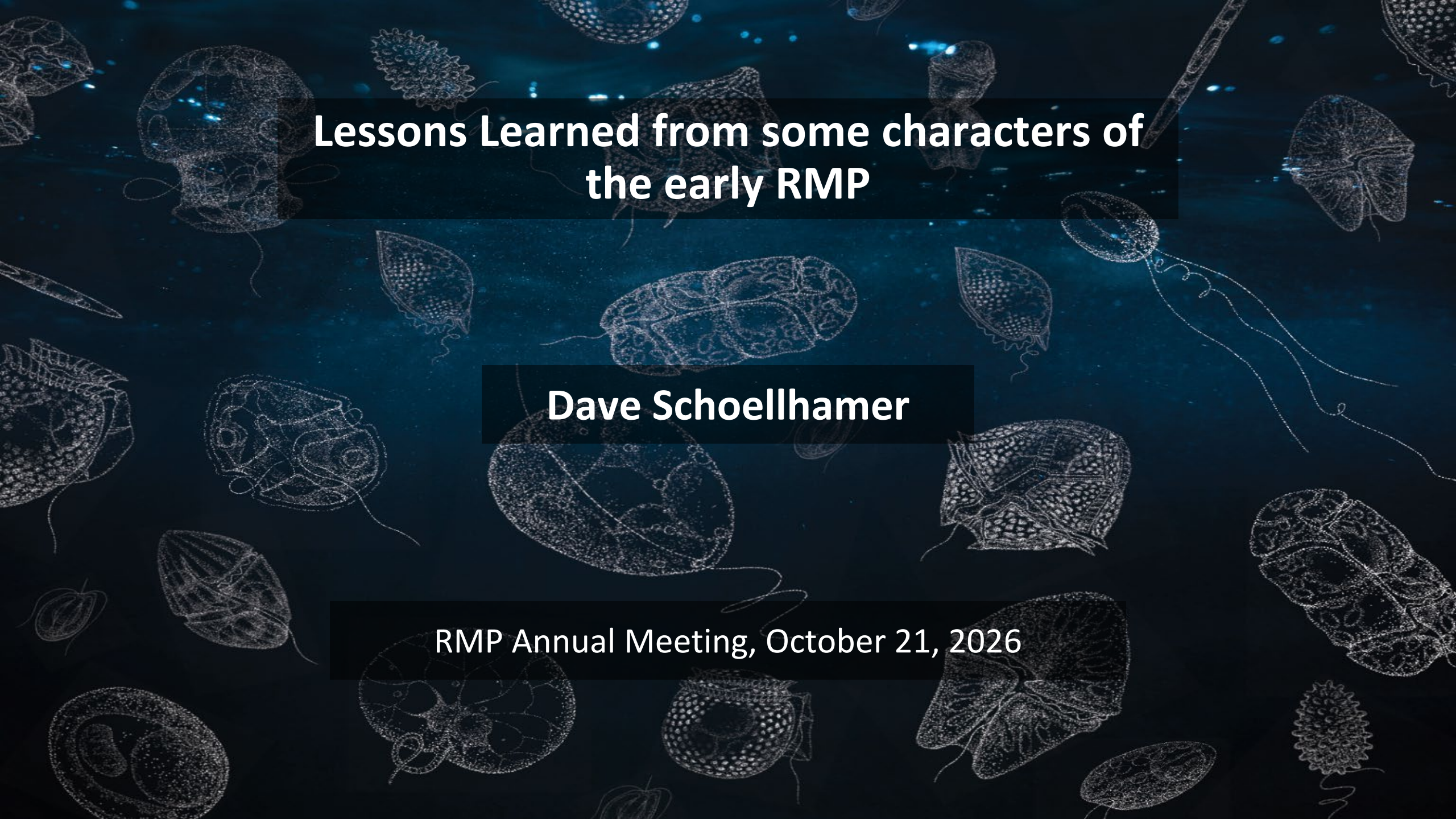




Lessons Learned from some characters of the early RMP

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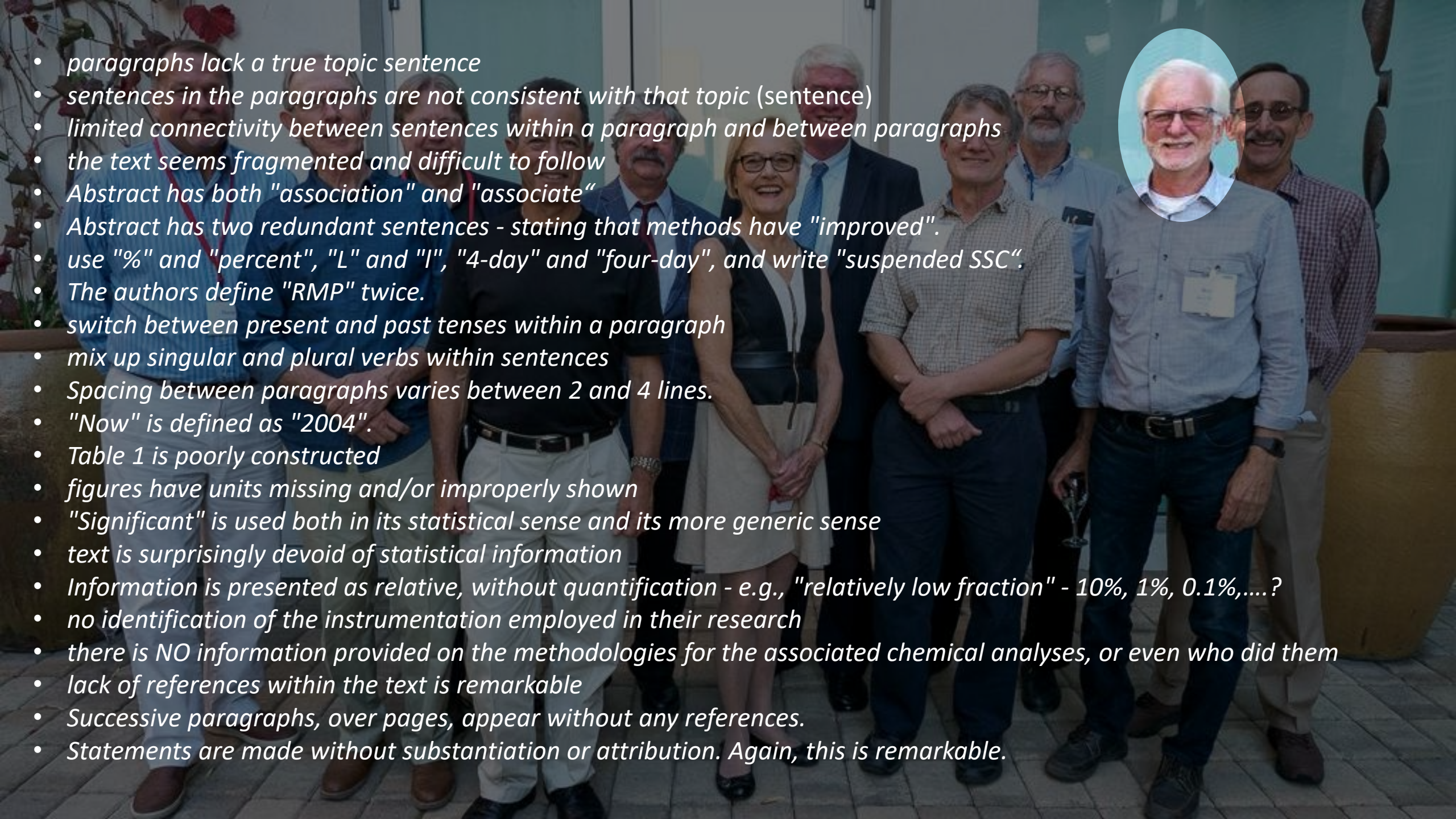


Lesson Learned:

Science must be relevant to resource management





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- *paragraphs lack a true topic sentence*
 - *sentences in the paragraphs are not consistent with that topic (sentence)*
 - *limited connectivity between sentences within a paragraph and between paragraphs*
 - *the text seems fragmented and difficult to follow*
 - *Abstract has both "association" and "associate"*
 - *Abstract has two redundant sentences - stating that methods have "improved".*
 - *use "%" and "percent", "L" and "l", "4-day" and "four-day", and write "suspended SSC".*
 - *The authors define "RMP" twice.*
 - *switch between present and past tenses within a paragraph*
 - *mix up singular and plural verbs within sentences*
 - *Spacing between paragraphs varies between 2 and 4 lines.*
 - *"Now" is defined as "2004".*
 - *Table 1 is poorly constructed*
 - *figures have units missing and/or improperly shown*
 - *"Significant" is used both in its statistical sense and its more generic sense*
 - *text is surprisingly devoid of statistical information*
 - *Information is presented as relative, without quantification - e.g., "relatively low fraction" - 10%, 1%, 0.1%,....?*
 - *no identification of the instrumentation employed in their research*
 - *there is NO information provided on the methodologies for the associated chemical analyses, or even who did them*
 - *lack of references within the text is remarkable*
 - *Successive paragraphs, over pages, appear without any references.*
 - *Statements are made without substantiation or attribution. Again, this is remarkable.*

Lesson Learned:

Demand the best from scientists





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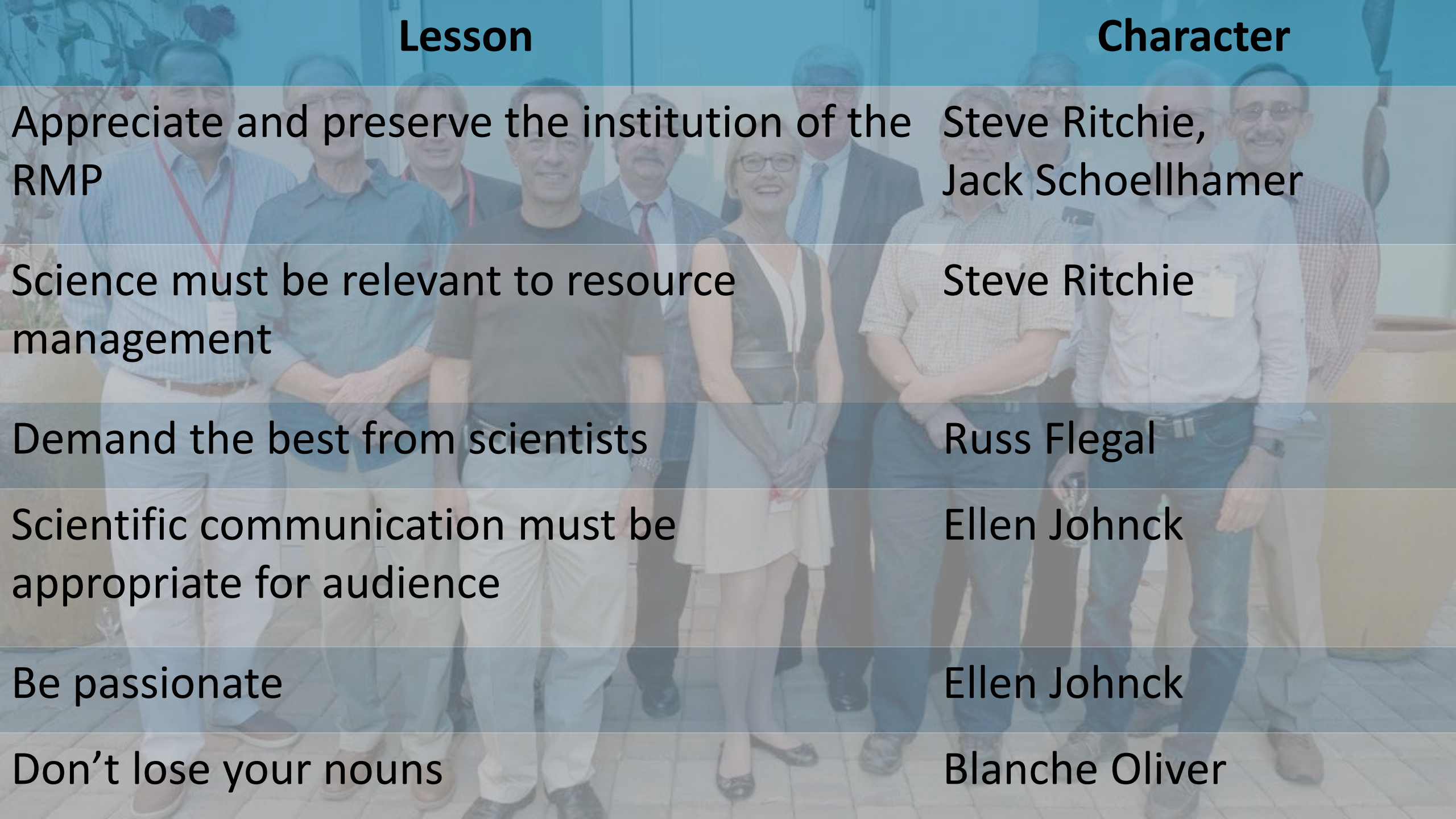












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