

Idaho Snake River Section – AACE International

Section Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

ATTENDEES: John Baker, CEP, Lynn Melander, Jared Neumeier, PSP, Steve Smith, EVP, Joseph Martin, CEP, Lanny Harward, Rick Staten, PSP,PMP, Schyler Walker, CEP, Scott Wasley, CEP, Dee Radford, CEP, Bryan Butikofer, PSP, James D. Kelly. 12 Total.

The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m.

Section President, Jared Neumeier, presented communication topic “Definitions and Meanings”, including a handout demonstrating 13 separate meanings/usages for the word “Fast”. This is a discussion module prepared by Peter Garber of Amherst, MA. Garber is an accomplished author with many published works in the area of business communications, human resource management and other business topics. The section talked about how, whether in a personal disagreement or professional, how important it is to understand how those involved are defining the terms. In fact, they may agree on the point of contention, it may be that they are simply defining certain terms differently.

The section then discussed some of the results of a recent section survey. The section has experienced unprecedented growth, however, that has not resulted in significantly increased involvement. The survey was to determine at which involvement levels and directions, membership was most interested in. A full report on the survey will be posted when all results are complete. A drawing was held to give a \$50 gift certificate away for those who completed the survey; Jeff Miller (DOE) was the winner.

A second drawing was held for a free Shari’s pie as a door prize. All those in attendance were eligible. Dee Radford of Dome Technology won the pie.

Finally, keynote speaker presentation for the evening, Dr. Lowell Catlett, his keynote talk from the 2014 AACE Annual meeting was streamed in on TV for the section to see. His extraordinary delivery of a combination of significant insight on economic development and direction to the future was delivered with great authority and wit, as the section enjoyed a great presentation; a number of members were accompanied by their spouses at the meeting.

A direct link to the presentation can be found at:

<http://www.aacei.org/am/2014/KeynoteVideo/presentation.html>

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.