

Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Billman's Steakhouse on east 17th Street

In Attendance: Elizabeth Bird, EVP; Robert Honsinger, CEP; Gerardo Islas Rivera, CCT; Joseph Martin, CCE, CCT; Andrew Miller; Jared Neumeier, PSP; Dee Radford, CEP; Rick Staten, PSP, PMP; Schyler Walker, CCt, CEP; Bruce Wallace, CEP; Scott Wasley, CEP

Section President, Jared Neumeier opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m., as members introduced themselves and their guests/spouses (as members were encouraged to bring spouses to this meeting)

Neumeier then began the meeting with a "Communications Moment" in which a key communications issue/lesson was briefly opened for thought; specifically, the use of text messages and/or e-mails when a true conversation would most clearly deliver a message without misinterpretation.

Neumeier then discussed some key changes the section has been evolving into over the past few months and the direction of the future; specifically mentioning the development of the "Members" page and the reason for improving the information on the members profiles. He discussed the development of a section directory that he plans on creating and distributing to the membership. He summarized the By-Laws changes the board approved which include:

- a. Generalizing the language for meeting requirements from "monthly" to "as often as the Board approves for a particular year".
- b. removing references to members paying membership fees directly to the local section, which has since changed and members pay to the national AACE office which re-distributes to the local sections.
- c. changing the language for the elections meeting to not specify April or May, but simply calling the final meeting the "Elections Meeting" which could now be held during whichever months the board sees most appropriate for a given year.

Neumeier then disclosed that the Board had decided on 3 section meetings for the year. The next to be held in early December and then another one "sometime in the spring". In addition, the election meeting would be held in either April or May to install new leadership for the following year.

Vice President, Dee Radford, then discussed the value of certifications and how and why to get an AACE certification. He also discussed keys and methods to keeping a certification up, including the use of a tracking table that can be accessed through the section web site to record points earned. A total of 15 points over 3 years must be earned to retain membership. Radford spelled out the point values of some of the most popular methods.

Treasure/Secretary, Joseph Martin, then discussed the awards the Idaho Section has earned over the past several years; pointing out the key successes the group has earned that were difficult for so many other sections to earn. He further summarized the budget situation and how the board felt that it was time for the local section to "give back" to its membership with this particular "dinner/meeting" for not only its members, but their spouses or guests. Neumeier passed around some reference material regarding the status of other sections in the same Region that Idaho exists. Neumeier also reviewed some of the award criteria by which each section could perform to a higher level of excellence, encouraging the Idaho Section members to work with the board, and each other, to strive for greater professional excellence as a team.

Keynote Speaker, Sylvia Medina, North Wind Group was then introduced and spoke to the organization at length. Key to the message is how a woman of humble beginnings could work and strive to reach a pinnacle of success as a businesswoman in a not always supportive environment. She discussed her life and the beginnings of Northwind, her involvement and ultimate sale of the company as well as some of her philanthropic involvements with a couple of large projects to support her love of animals. Altogether an enlightening and entertaining story for the section to hear.

Neumeier closed the meeting after dinner at approximately 8:00 p.m.