

Idaho Snake River Section – AACE International

Section Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

ATTENDEES: Scott Wasley, CEP, Dee Radford, CEP, John Baker, CEP, Robert Honsinger, CEP, Joseph Martin, CCT, CCE, Robert Rogers, PSP, Lynn Melander, Gerardo Islas Rivera, CEP, Jared Neumeier, PSP

The meeting came to order at 6:48 p.m. with general introductions and a “communications moment” share by section President, Jared Neumeier.

In a “State of the Section” report, Jared Neumeier reported that the section is doing okay, but there is so much more the section could be doing. Neumeier reviewed some key section grading criteria that members can be involved in that included writing and submitting technical papers to the AACE, Community Outreach and local publications. He reported that the membership is stable and growing slightly (29 current members) and that most of the membership owns an AACE Certification.

Staff Reports:

Financial Report (Joseph Martin) – reported that the section had approximately \$1250 in the bank account prior to the meeting. The section received quarterly checks from the AACE based on membership that were approximately \$70 each, deposited directly into the section account.

Admin/Web Site Report (Bob Rogers) – reported that the web site had been streamlined, converting many run-on pages into .pdf documents with an access link. Meeting minutes were also organized and many other features were in the process of a smarter re-organization. He also passed out an example of a site coloration change that was more consistent with the AACE coloration. This was approved unanimously by the membership present. Rogers asked the section for any other recommendations suggestions for improvements.

Community Outreach (Joseph Martin) – reported that he and Bruce Wallace would be working to set up in-class meeting with local high school districts, specifically in senior classes in the spring to inform graduating seniors about the professions in Project Management, Scheduling and Cost Estimating. Jared Neumeier added that he will also be putting together a committee that will look at a potential high school workshop, also in the spring.

Events/Speakers (Jared Neumeier) – speaking for Dee Radford, Jared Neumeier reported that this committee needed volunteers to line up future speakers for future Section meetings. With 3 more section meetings planned, 3 individuals would be required to step forward and coordinate a special speaker for each event. Members were asked to contact Dee as they are prepared to assume that role for a particular meeting.

Future Meetings (Jared Neumeier) – for Schyler Walker (absent), reported that Vice President, Schyler Walker’s role was to communicate/coordinate with all section members to determine individual

schedule availability and plan dates/times/location for the remaining section meetings. Members present were asked to be flexible and ready to provide the information as required so that section meetings could have maximum membership involvement.

2013 Audit (John Baker) – reported that as former section president, his responsibility was to perform an annual audit on the section and it's accounting for each fiscal year. His audit for Fy2013 was complete and the section held up to expectations for reporting and expense justifications. He added that there was some difficulty/time involved in getting deposit reports from the AACE, particularly for years further back in history, however, the 2013 records were complete and the section passed audit standards.

Jared Neumeier used the last of the business segment of the meeting to distribute and discuss a potential idea for Community Outreach that would be a "hands on" educational workshop for local students. Although the plan was rough, the concept entailed educating students on basic principles of Cost Engineering and Scheduling and having a small team attempt to put the lesson into hands on practice in competition for college scholarship opportunities. The event would likely be a mid-spring event and would require the creation of a planning committee. Neumeier asked the membership present to let him know if they were interested in sitting on the planning committee.

Finally, keynote speaker for the evening, Brett Magleby addressed the group. Mr. Magleby is a decorated local realtor who has served in leadership positions within the realtor association all over the state of Idaho. Mr. Magleby's computer presentation outlined the vagaries of the general Realty Market and how certain trends and local conditions have affected it. He took a number of questions from the membership and delivered an outstanding, informative presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.