

Idaho Snake River Section – AACE International

Section Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

ATTENDEES: Scott Wasley, CEP, Dee Radford, CEP, John Baker, CEP, Robert Honsinger, CEP, Lynn Melander, Jared Neumeier, PSP, Ross Allen, CEP, Schyler Walker, CEP, Lanny Harward, Bruce Wallace, CEP

The meeting came to order at 6:48 p.m.

Section President, Jared Neumeier, presented “How we Communicate”, 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. According to Garber, more than 50% of our communications occur in the non-verbal, with less than 10% based on the actual words used. Neumeier lead a short discussion regarding Garber’s hypothesis and it’s implications in the business world

The section then viewed a short video talk from the web organization, “Ted Talk”. The video was from a 2007 talk by Rob Reid and it was titled “The 8 billion Dollar Ipod”. Reid talks about statistics and the abuse of how they are prepared and presented based upon the agenda of those that developed the statistics. His ultimate punch line, “the 8 billion dollar Ipod” was the ultimate conclusion based on reported statistics by the entertainment industry in quoting costs related to music piracy.

Staff Reports:

Financial Report (Scott Wasley) – reported that, prior to the meeting, the account held approximately \$1400. Also, the turnover with Joseph Martin was proceeding and they were hopeful of getting check signing authority establish soon.

Community Outreach (Bruce Wallace) – Bruce reported that, due to the holiday season, there haven’t been significant attempts in getting communications established with the local school districts, however, progress should be significant in January. Jared Neumeier reported that, also later in January, he planned on meeting with those interested in putting together a local one-day student conference on Estimating and Scheduling. Details will be available at the next section meeting..

Events/Speakers (Dee Radford) - Dee reported that he will be lining up the speaker for the nexts section meeting in late February and would need one more volunteer to line up a speaker for the final section meeting of the season in late April/early May.

As advertised, as a “thank you” to our membership for being committed and active, a door prize drawing was held for not only section members, but section member spouses in attendance. \$50 Visa certificates were won by Bruce Wallace and John Baker.

Finally, keynote speaker for the evening, Paul Jenkins, Project Manager, Bateman Hall, addressed the group. Mr Jenkins comes to the group with more than 20 years of Project Management experience, including a number of years working at the Idaho National Laboratory. Mr. Jenkins talked about the many projects that Bateman Hall has been involved in and is involved in. He discussed the keys to success for Bateman Hall and the types of scheduling and estimating they do. A number of questions from a variety of the membership was asked including questions about an assignment he took in southern Italy..

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.