

Idaho Snake River Section – AACE International

Section Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

ATTENDEES: Dee Radford, CEP, Bryan Butikofer, CCT, Jared Neumeier, PSP, Ross Allen, CEP, Gerardo Islas Rivera, CCT

The meeting came to order at 6:45 p.m.

Section President, Jared Neumeier, presented “Listening”, 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, there are 7 levels of listening: Not listening, Pretend listening, Partially listening, Focused listening, Interpretive listening, Interactive listening and Engaged listening. The group discussed example of each and listening, and consequently good communication, requires us to commit to the process.

The section then viewed a short video talk from the web organization, “Ted Talk”. The video was from a 2011 talk by David Pogue and it was titled “10 Top Time-Saving Tech Tips”. This was a humorous look at a number of not so well known technical short-cuts to use when utilizing common technology such as cell phones and computers.

Jared Neumeier then discussed the section philosophy regarding the upcoming “s-elections” for Section offices. The assumption will be that section members are more likely to be comfortable “volunteering” to “serve” in open or available offices that actually “Run” for an office as is typically understood. He suggested that there won’t likely be any actual elections only a personal referendum from each section member to determine which, if any of the board positions the member would be willing to serve. A hand out was passed around detailing the responsibilities of each office. Neumeier suggested that the time requirements are kept low by spreading the responsibilities out and that board members enjoyed the position and fellowship of being a board member. Further, board members earn additional re-certification points valuable in maintaining your AACE certification.

Community Outreach (Jared Neumeier) – With Community Outreach board members, Bruce Wallace and Joseph Martin not in attendance, Jared Neumeier outlined some recent achievements in setting up a basic, “toe in the water” community outreach activity. District 91’s Career Development coordinator, Bobbi Finlayson, agreed to work with the local AACE section and the professional development instructors to bring in AACE members into the classroom in the next two months to present AACE professions as a potential future career for interested students. Neumeier also talked about a national Project Management collegiate competition that test collegiate teams in their ability to create project schedules and project estimates based on company data. He will look further into this as another potential avenue of involvement for not only the local section, but the regional AACE as well.

Finally, keynote speaker for the evening, Lane Roberts, Sales Manager, Dome Technology, addressed the group. Mr. Roberts presented a slide presentation about the history of the engineering behind Dome Technology and then how the company came together and succeeded over the years. Numerous examples of where Dome Technology has built around the world were displayed as well as some pictures of how several Dome technology buildings survived natural disasters over any other structure, such as Hurricane Katrina and the Oklahoma twisters. Dome technology is a well-known world-wide construction company based in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.