

Idaho Snake River Section – AACE International

Section Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

ATTENDEES: John Baker, CEP, Lynn Melander, Jared Neumeier, PSP, Steve Smith, EVP, Joseph Martin, CEP, Rick Staten, PSP,PMP, Scott Wasley, CEP, Bryan Butikofer, PSP, Jim Jardine, Jacob Goss. 12 Total.

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

Section President, Jared Neumeier, presented communication topic “Listening Bad Habits”, including a handout demonstrating the most common listening bad habits most people realize at some point. 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 most listening bad habits occur with people we are most familiar with, like spouses or children, however, if not understood, can spill into our professional life.

The section then viewed a “Ted Talks” Short presentation by David Grady on “How to Save the World (or at least yourself) from bad meetings”. The presentation focused on our likelihood of accepting meeting invitations without always enough information to know if we should or not. Grady called the phenomenon as “MAS” (mindless acceptance syndrome).

John Baker, CEP, then opened the discussion regarding “the value of an AACE certification”, focusing on the professional as well as personal benefits to certifying, including promotion and advancement opportunities as well as increased sense of accomplishment and self worth.

Bryan Butikofer, PSP, discussed his experience at the Idaho Falls testing center and the taking and passing the PSP exam last year, discussing the specifics of the test and the potential pitfalls as well as areas of focus for those preparing to take the exam. The Idaho section currently has 3 members preparing to take the exam, Lynn Melander, James Kelly and Keith Newberry.

Steve Smith, EVP, gave a presentation on not only the EVP certification but the certification process and the statistical probability of passing each of the exams, using historical data. Smith’s presentation included a handout for the members present.

Scott Wasley, CEP, presented on the CEP exam and the focus and method for preparing for and taking/passing that exam and gaining that certification.

Joseph Martin, CCP,CCT, presented on two of the lesser known certifications regarding the CCP and CCT certification; including the requirements, preparation, strategies and advantages for gaining these certifications.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.