

Meeting Minutes ASME Washington DC Section Executive Committee September 7, 2010

Attendance: Jon Ward (SAIC), Kai Sysounthorn, Gurmukh Mehta, Boris Ciornieu, Saddiq Qidwai, Rattan Tawney, Iheanyi Eronini, Paul Bizot

Action Items

1. Paul Bizot will contact the Vitreous State Lab (VSL) at Catholic University to determine availability for a technical meeting. Dr. Ian Pegg is the director of VSL. The current program shows this being the topic for November 2010 meeting. (There was discussion that this would be tentative; that arrangements should be made for a different topic)
2. Boris Ciornieu will contact Karl Brachter about dissemination of the newsletter. There was discussion at the section meeting that the September 2010 newsletter was already posted on the website, but no one at the meeting had received an email with it. Boris indicated that Rafael Mandujano had been responsible for the email release of the letter (~2009), and Andrea Gironda, for the physical mailing.
3. Kai Sysounthorn should take the lead, with assistance from Siddiq, for the January 2011 meeting. Discussion was to try to focus on new members. There was discussion about this possibly being at Dave & Busters
4. There was discussion confirming Paul Bizot as the head of the membership committee.
5. Rattan Tawney will send the Merit Funding form (to the ASME District?), in conjunction with Boris Ciornieu.
6. Rattan Tawney will provide notice to Boris Ciornieu of any typographical errors in the WDC Section 2010 financial report
7. Paul Bizot will solicit the form letter from Deidre Haklin (sp?) of ASME for the recognition of long term (25-year, 40-year, 50-year) ASME members, and will release this letter to the individuals involved. WDC has several hundred members in this category. Stan Halperson was suggested a back-up District contact for the form letter.
8. **Next WDC Executive Committee meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 5:30 PM. For those for whom it is not convenient to travel in person to the Arlington SAIC office, they may attend by phone. The **NEW** conference room telephone number is 213-289-5450, and the access number is 898827
9. Boris will send out digitally the documents (agenda, proposed program for FY 2010-2011, List of Section Committee chairs and members, and Summary of Modifications for Merit Based Funding Form) discussed in this meeting. Gurmukh asked that for

future meetings, such documents be released a day or two before the meeting, by email to the officers and directors. (Since the September Ex. Comm. Meeting, Boris has released this)

10. Kai Sysounthorn will forward to Carla or the appropriate person from the Baltimore ASME section, concerning the unemployed ASME volunteer (who lives in the Baltimore area).

Other Items, no immediate action required

1. Five individuals may have access to the Section Roster. At the meeting, instructions for access were provided to Boris, Kai, Gurmukh, and Paul
2. Stan Halperson, ASME District Leader, has contact information for an ASME member who has been unemployed for 19 months, and is willing to volunteer to help the WDC Section.
3. Gurmukh raised the issue that the fall, 2010 program includes three technical topics related to nuclear waste and/or nuclear facility security, and that it would be preferable to have more variety in such topics. Saddiq suggested the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Paul Bizot suggested an Engineers without Borders topic; Saddiq noted that each local university with an ME program, especially the University of Md has an Engineers without Borders chapter. No responsibility for further action on this was assigned or assumed.
4. Current ASME WDC treasury balance is about \$14,537.25