



Northern Indiana Section 1134
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On February 14, 2008 twenty-one people attended the Northern Indiana Section meeting held at Richard J. Bagan, Inc in Columbia City, Indiana. Richard J. Bagan, Inc provided excellent facilities as well as refreshments, with Laboratory Accreditation Bureau providing cookies and candy for the attendees.

Doug Leonard, Laboratory Accreditation Bureau Managing Director and NCSLI Northern Indiana Section Representative, began the meeting by welcoming everyone, and having attendees introduce themselves.

The first speaker was Jeff Gust, a NCSLI Past President. Jeff gave a slideshow presentation of the 2007 NCSLI Conference Highlights, reviewing the tutorials, exhibits, and presentations that were given during the 2007 conference. In addition, Mr. Gust reviewed two very important awards given during the conference: the Wildhack Award, given to Dr. Charles Ehrlich with NIST; and the Education and Training Award, given to Dr. Klaus Jaeger. Also discussed were Z540 documents, a wonderful topic in which many questions were answered regarding the different documents. Mr. Gust provided insightful information into the many resources that are available at NCSLI Conferences.

The next presenter, Helga Alexander, NCSLI 161 Training Resources Committee Chair, gave a presentation titled *NCSLI Training Resources Committee: 2008 Plans and Progress*. Ms. Alexander reviewed the 4 sub-committees that make up the Learning & Development committee: 161 Training Resources, 162 Financial Resources, 163 Workplace and Professional Development, and 164 Education Liaison and Outreach. The purpose of these committees is to meet Metrology Education and Training needs of the future. Ms. Alexander gave an overview of the many accomplishments of 2007, which included adding many items to the Training Aids Library, updating the training information directory, as well as a trip to Boulder, Colorado to work on training aids updates and laying the groundwork for a web page overhaul. In addition, they are working on provid-

ing new regional training events. These training events are not meant to replace section meetings or the national NCSLI conference, but to give additional affordable and accessible training. These improvements and additions to training provide terrific resources to anyone interested in learning more about Metrology.

Our final presenter Phil Smith, A2LA Public Affairs Director & 164 Education Liaison & Outreach Co-Chair, gave a presentation titled *Education Liaison & Outreach – How Can I Get Involved in Outreach Locally?*. A new multimedia outreach program is in the process of being completed, which will provide video presentations, teacher resources (i.e. web-links, posters, training aids, and conversational charts), salary data, and aptitude exercises. Once this program is complete it will be a great tool for local outreach ambassadors. In addition, there are internship opportunities for those interested in Metrology. These are listed on the NCSLI website. Mr. Smith explained that this is a wonderful place for local labs to post opportunities. It would also be beneficial to notify local universities and colleges of this resource. The main idea that was stressed is that we need to not be afraid to talk to students about Metrology. We can help get students interested in Metrology by having open houses

at laboratories, attending career days at schools, and also by getting to know local teachers and career counselors and introducing them to Metrology. Mr. Smith informed us about a Metrology Graduate Outreach provided by NCSLI. This offers a 1 year membership and gift packages to new metrology graduates along with free or discounted registrations. The many new programs being created by the 164 Education Liaison and Outreach committee will provide wonderful tools so that we are able to begin to create more interest in the field of Metrology.



Northern Indiana Section Meeting Group Photo.

After the presentations, door prizes provided by Laboratory Accreditation Bureau and NCSLI were raffled off. The day ended with a tour of Richard J. Bagan, Inc laboratories.

We would like to thank Richard J. Bagan, Inc, Laboratory Accreditation Bureau, and our presenters Jeff Gust, Phil Smith, and Helga Alexander for their valued help and time. ■

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