

MICHIGAN SECTION 1135

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Monroe County Community College in Monroe, Michigan hosted the NCSLI Michigan Section 1135 fall meeting at their La-Z-Boy Center on Friday, November 11, 2011. Monroe County Community College is one of only a few colleges or universities in the United States to offer a metrology degree program.

Thirty attendees and vendors enjoyed the meeting's presentations, which began with a warm welcome from Dr. David Nixon, President of Monroe County Community College. Then Michael L. Taylor, senior metrologist at DTE Energy and adjunct metrology instructor at Monroe County Community College, outlined the current state of metrology education facilities in the United States. Peter Coomar, Dean of the Industrial Technology Department at Monroe County Community College, presented an overview of the department. Miguel Decos, Business Development Manager, On-Time-Support, looked at the future of metrology software.

Pat Butler, Regional Product Account Manager, Calibration Software, Fluke Corporation, presented on automated pressure calibrations. Bob Sawyer, NCSLI Central US Division VP and Manager of Calibration at Consumers Energy, gave the NCSLI board of directors update.

Capping the day's presentations was Donald K. Cohen, PhD, Owner, Michigan Metrology, LLC, informing the attendees about the basics of surface texture measurement and analysis for automotive applications. While a highly specialized area of metrology, many attendees found the information relevant to their own dimensional work; the audience was completely engaged, and had many questions for Dr. Cohen.

Although we have an unwritten policy that we don't do "sales pitch" presentations at NCSLI Michigan section meetings, we had more vendor tables this meeting than in meetings past. It was reminiscent of the annual conference exhibitor hall, but on a much smaller scale. Our meeting intent is networking, benchmarking, and learning, but it's also an opportunity to do some market research during the breaks.

Thank you to our meeting sponsors, Monroe County Community College, Measurement Instruments, Inc., Anger Associates, Inc., and EQS Systems. Sponsors and gratis presentations contribute to the continuing success of our meetings, and we sincerely appreciate the dedication and support shown to the metrology community here in Michigan.

The NCSLI Michigan section spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2012. Visit the NCSLI website for up-to-date meeting information. Please join our group on LinkedIn, "Michigan Metrologists," a subgroup of "Metrologically Speaking."

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