Lockheed Martin hosted the NCSLI Gulf Coast Section meeting on September 20, 2011 at the John C. Stennis Space Center. The meeting had 26 attendees and was well received by all. Many took the opportunity to arrive early to see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy the coffee. The meeting was called to order with welcoming comments and brief announcements provided by the NCSLI Section Coordinator, Brian King. Introductions were made as this meeting had a number of new visitors. The initial presentation was provided by Mr. Robert Sawyer, Consumers Energy Laboratory Services, NCSLI Central US Division VP. Mr. Sawyer took advantage of the opportunity to give his presentation remotely to the group. He provided updates and news from the recent NCSLI Board of Directors meeting and from the August NCSLI Workshop & Symposium in National Harbor, Maryland.

The section was very appreciative of Bob’s participation and welcomes him back at any time. Next up was a technical presentation given by Eric Fulk of Fluke Corporation entitled “High Pressure Hydraulic Calibrations Using Electronic and Manual Dead Weight Testers.” He was followed by another excellent guest speaker Mr. Bill Gaviria, also of Fluke Corporation. Bill gave a presentation entitled “Applying Measurement Uncertainty To Digital Multimeter Calibration” that thoroughly engaged the audience and spawned a number of questions and side conversations. After a quick lunch that was generously provided by Lockheed Martin, a remote presentation was given by NASA’s Mr. Scott Mimbs entitled “Using Reliability to Meet Z540.3’s 2 % Rule.” Mr. Mimbs recently spoke on this topic at the NCSLI Workshop & Symposium. It was evident that all were thoroughly engaged in the subject matter and many commented that they would like similar content at future section meetings. After a short break, it was time for Fluke’s Chris Christofferson to give his very informative presentation entitled “Infrared Temperature Calibration 101.” After filling out a brief survey, it was decided that the next NCSLI section meeting would be held in the summer of 2012 with a location to be announced. The meeting adjourned with a drawing of door prizes that were generously donated by Fluke Corporation followed by a tour of the metrology laboratories of Lockheed Martin at Stennis Space Center. Thanks go out to all who attended and made this year’s NCSLI Gulf Coast Section meeting such a great success!

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