The Tennessee section meeting was hosted by the Eastman Chemical Corporation headquarters in Kingsport, Tennessee on May 26, 2016. Members enjoyed presentations by the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the International Society for Automation (ISA) of their technician certification programs. This provided a unique opportunity to compare the two programs side-by-side and learn about the unique strengths of each. Later in the morning, the Public Affairs Director provided an interesting overview of the history and current production capabilities and products produced by the huge Eastman Chemical facility in Kingsport as well as other Eastman facilities throughout the world. The afternoon sessions included an excellent presentation about factors effecting precision resistance measurements by Tim Stark, Guideline Instruments and an energetic discussion of the role of Reynolds number in the calibration of liquid flowmeters by Colorado Engineering Experiment Station, Inc. (CEESI), Terry Cousins.

To close out the meeting, our host conducted a facility tour of the 900-acre Eastman Chemical Kingsport facility. Attendees included representatives of educational institutions, automotive manufacturers, the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, metrology equipment manufacturers and, of course, Eastman Chemical engineers and technicians. Overall it was another stellar section meeting and we would like to thank all our attendees, presenters, Eastman Chemical and NCSL International for their continuous support.

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