Hosted By: Modus Metrology Services, October 23, 2008.

The NCSLI Tennessee Section meeting was held at the Homewood Suites at Turkey Creek in Knoxville on Thursday October 23rd. Modus Metrology Services hosted the meeting and provided lunch for the attendees.

The meeting was attended by 40 people including six speakers and 34 registered attendees. The meeting was kicked off by Ed Pritchard, the Southern Region Coordinator who welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves. Following introductions Mark Lapinskes, the Southeastern VP gave a review of the NCSLI Board meeting that had just been completed in Gatlinburg the day before. Then Georgia Harris, VP of Learning and Development gave an overview of the programs that NCSLI has in the works to provide training and scholarships for schools providing metrology training.

The next speaker was Mike Lawyer from Fluke/Hart Scientific who talked about the new EA guidelines on Drywells and their impact on the U.S. and its calibration suppliers and manufacturers.

Following a short break Randy Fowler from Fluke Corporation gave an overview on estimating measurement uncertainties in electrical calibrations. The next speaker was Ian Ciesniewski from Mettler-Toledo gave an excellent presentation on “Good Weighing Practices” when making mass measurements and what impacts those measurements.

Everyone then broke for lunch which was provided by Modus Metrology and spent some time networking together.

Following lunch we reassembled to hear an outstanding presentation on gage blocks by Dewey Christy from Mahr Federal entitled “How Dimensional accuracy is (still) transferred into Industry.” Following this interesting and informative presentation Ed Pritchard then thanked everyone for their participation and a drawing was held to award about 10 door prizes supplied by NCSLI, Fluke and Mettler-Toledo. Next Ed instructed everyone on how to get to the Modus Metrology Services lab where we had a break followed by a tour of their new primary level calibration facility which opened this summer.

Comments back from many of the attendees was that it was an excellent meeting, well attended and the ones who attended the tour seemed to be impressed with the facilities.

This was by far the largest attended Tennessee Section meeting since the section was founded almost 10 years ago by Ed.

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