



1212 North Carolina Section Meeting.



The NCSLI North Carolina Section 1212 meeting was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Duke Energy, Technical Services Center in Huntersville, North Carolina. The meeting was hosted by Duke Energy, Calibration Solutions Inc., and Southern Marketing Associates. James Reid, North Carolina section coordinator conducted the meeting.

The snacks and, lunch provided during the day were donated by Calibration Solutions Inc., and Southern Marketing Associates.

Registration and networking started the day at the McGuire Energy Explorium. The registration included the distribution of documents and materials provided by NCSLI. Opening remarks were provided by James welcoming all to the meeting. As part of the normal Duke Energy employee's day we reviewed safety points of the surroundings and reminded all to think about safety in their activities. The agenda and documents provided by NCSLI were reviewed and made available to the attendees. All attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. An attendee of particular interest was Jack Dearing, Manager from Conbraco Calibration Services. Jack is a new NCSLI member and this was his first section meeting.

The presentations began with Mark Lapinskes, Tektronix (NCSLI, Southeastern VP). Mark presented an overview of the last NCSLI board of directors meeting including updates

of committee activities. There was also a live review of the new NCSLI website.

The meeting continued with a presentation by Mr. Dean Williams on "Increasing Effectiveness in Laboratory Operations." Dean provided a fast paced, but open discussion of nine insights for increasing personal and organizational effectiveness. This was a portion of the day tutorial being offered at the upcoming annual conference "T-13: Improving Cal Lab Performance – Strategies, Tactics and Tools."

All of the presentations were excellent. All of the subjects in detail could be addressed for several weeks. I encourage everyone to use these subject matter experts for their section meetings. A door prize drawing was held using the returned meeting surveys. Door prizes included several items donated by NCSLI.

The day concluded with tours of the Duke Energy Standards Laboratory by the laboratory technicians.

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