

CHICAGO SECTION 1312

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November 8, 2012 marked another successful NCSLI Chicago Section meeting held at the Chicago Holiday Inn at Elk Grove Village, hosted by Mitutoyo America Corporation. However, a new approach was taken for this Section meeting. This meeting made use of several sponsors, whose proceeds provided lunch, snacks, drinks and the room itself.

The meeting began with Jim Salsbury, section coordinator, detailing the agenda of the day and introducing the sponsors. Bob Sawyer, NCSLI Central Division VP, followed up with NCSLI news and upcoming events.

David Hussar, Data Weighing Systems, began with the first technical presentation of the day covering the topic "Identifying and Reducing Contributors of Uncertainty in Weighing." His unique way of identify-

ing data points to help monitor and reduce uncertainty in balances and weights drew some interesting follow up questions.

Jim Salsbury followed with the second technical talk titled "Problem Areas in Dimensional Calibration." He outlined such problem areas such as decision rules and tighter tolerances and how they affect many dimensional gages and equipment.

Paul Vella, Trescal - Dynamic Technology Inc., gave a practical presentation on "Improving Partnerships through Effective Communication." He outlined critical areas of communication, benefits of good communication, and effects of poor communication among others. A good discussion soon followed at the conclusion of this presentation.

Tim Vonderhaar's, Western Environmental Corporation, presentation titled "Lab Planning and Design" outlined common issues seen when designing a laboratory and suggestions to remedy those before they become problems major problems. He defined how finding problems early can save organizations money, and why it is best for organizations who seek to build a new precision laboratory need to be concise in what they want.

For their efforts in helping to make the meeting a successful gathering, the organizations who sponsored the event received an open table for their use throughout the entire meeting. These table-top exhibits presented the sponsors with the opportunity to display many of their products. Sponsors from the following organizations included: Consumers Energy Laboratory Services, Ametek Test & Calibrations Instruments, Data Weighing Systems, Trescal - Dynamic Technology Inc., Western Environmental and Mitutoyo America Corporation.

During the many breaks, all attendees enjoyed ample time to view the sponsors' exhibits and network. Wrapping up the meeting, several attendees received door prizes and sponsors were also thanked for their efforts with NCSLI gifts. Likewise, representatives from Baxter Laboratories and Abbott Laboratories received a framed certificate of recognition for their efforts in hosting the sections previous two meetings.

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