There were 27 people in attendance (in person and virtually) at the Madison Wisconsin Section meeting held at Covance Labs, Inc., in Madison, Wisconsin on May 20th. Covance's metrology department sponsored the meeting and provided outstanding facilities and morning bagels. We were honored to have the opportunity to celebrate "World Metrology Day" at the same time as we had our section meeting.

The meeting got started by the Madison section coordinator, Jay Bucher, who welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting by having all the attendees give their name, company and what they do. After the introductions, the program got underway.

Our first presenter was Karl Wigdal from Promega Corp. Karl's presentation on "Calibration Interval Analysis" was informative, enlightening, and generated comments, questions and discussion. Karl furnished his PowerPoint presentation for distribution to those that requested it. Thanks, Karl, for all you do for the Madison Wisconsin section. Karl is also on our steering committee.

After Karl's presentation, and a short break, Jay Bucher from Bucherview Metrology Services gave a presentation entitled “Debunking the Two Great Myths about Calibration: Traceability to NIST, and If You Cannot Adjust, You Cannot Calibrate.” Again, a well received presentation with lots of discussion and interest. Jay also furnished his presentation for distribution along with Karl's to those asking to receive it after the section meeting. After taking a group picture, and having our door prize drawing, we broke for lunch. Thanks go out to Bucherview Metrology Services and Promega for providing the door prizes.

After lunch, the Central Division V.P., Bob Sawyer, gave a presentation, virtually via the internet, on NCSL International updates. Only a couple of questions were asked, so Bob could get back to work quickly. Thanks, Bob, for joining us virtually, and keeping us up-to-date on the goings on around NCSLI.

Our final discussion was a round table entitled “If Your Activities Don't Match Your Procedures — You're Out Of Tolerance.” Don Navis from Covance Labs, Karl Wigdal from Promega, and Jay Bucher from Bucherview Metrology Services sat on the “table,” but there was lively discussion from most of those in attendance. Everything considered one of our more actively participated section meetings.

Our next section meeting will be in the fall of 2011, and we look forward to seeing everyone again. Thanks again to those that took the time to prepare and present such well received and discussed presentations/topics.

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