



**Wisconsin Section 1317**  
**Jay Bucher, Wisconsin Section Coordinator**  
**Hosted by: Covance Laboratories**  
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**T**wenty-one people attended the Madison Section meeting held at Covance Laboratories in Madison, Wisconsin. Covance furnished excellent facilities and Don Zukowski from Fisher Scientific provided the morning coffee, juice and snacks, which were greatly appreciated by all. Don Navis, our host, welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting by having all the attendees introduce themselves. After the introductions, the program got underway. Our first presenter was Dilip Shah from E=mc<sup>3</sup> Solutions. Dilip's presentation was entitled: Using Gage Repeatability and Reproducibility Data for Measurement Uncertainty Analysis Budgets. Due to a scheduling conflict with the room, Dilip had to cut his presentation in half. Even with that inconvenience, Dilip was able to give an informative session, which included examples of spreadsheets and a little history behind Gage R& R. Dilip is an experienced presenter who knows his topics, and was able to explain a complicated topic in an easy to understand manner.

After a short break, Terry Conder from 3M, also the NCSLI Conference Management VP gave us an update on NCSLI, and the NCSLI Board of Directors meeting. Terry provided a couple of gift packs from 3M to supplement our door prizes, which was appreciated.

Then Jay Bucher, Bucherview Metrology Services, gave his presentation entitled: A World Class Calibration Program for the 21st Century...It Starts and Ends with an Effective Training Program! There were many questions concerning how different organizations acted upon each of the topics presented because training is not high on the agenda for most companies even though, this critical area is often, written up during audits. I hope that most were able to gain information to be used in their own training programs.

After door prizes were raffled off, we broke for lunch. We would like to thank Circuit City of Madison East, Bucherview Metrology Services, 3M, and NCSLI for



providing the door prizes. The iPod Nano and autographed copy of Paperless Records – Designing and Creating Your Own Electronic Forms were the top prizes. During lunch, we held an impromptu steering committee meeting. Mike Boothe from Cal Lab Co., Inc. volunteered to be the new Madison Wisconsin Section Coordinator. We also recruited volunteers to head different areas of the steering committee: Keela Sniadach, logistics and administration; Don Navis, venue coordinator; Karl Wigdal, door prizes and Jay Bucher,

speakers. Jay has been the Section Coordinator since starting the Madison Section back in 2000. He will continue to be the North Central Division Regional Coordinator.

After lunch, Don Navis and David Kramka from Covance gave a tour of their Metrology Department. They recently relocated into a newly designed area specific to their needs. They were justifiably proud of the new set up, space and controlled environment. One of their scientists then gave us a very informative overview of Covance Laboratories. ■