According to attendees, the Northwest semiannual meeting held March 10th was a success. Over 60 attendees, presenters and vendors were present at the Fluke Corporation in Everett Washington. Special thanks to Jack Somppi and the Fluke Corporation for hosting this meeting. This meeting was advertised as “A Day of Measurement Lab Learning” a hands-on workshop for Lab & Test personnel will demonstrate many of the critical variables that can negatively impact product development, production and testing.

Many measurements are made either in the field or outside the controlled calibration lab environment. Variables can potentially arise that create false acceptance, false rejection situations which can lead to unnecessary rework or the passing of faulty product. This workshop provided an insightful look at some of the factors hidden in a measurement loop that produce headaches, heartbreaks and cost overruns. This event was suggested for: lab and test engineers & technicians, trainers, lab supervisors, inspectors, technical writers and quality professionals.

We decided to break from the traditional region meeting and bring not just metrology people together but customers of metrology products and services as well. Inviting our customers to these region meetings is a way for us in the Northwest to bring our customers a better understanding of metrology processes and practices and increase the understanding of how our customers use those products and services. During this meeting we utilized several “hands-on” displays presented by subject matter experts.

We opened the meeting with Derek Porter NCSLI Past President, giving the group a breakdown on recent BOD activities. After a quick explanation of how the group would be divided into eight groups, one group for each demo, we divided everyone into groups and began the demonstrations. Each demonstration lasted 25 minutes with five minutes for Q&A and rotation to the next demo.

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