

HPS Decommissioning Section

Business Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2010

Facilitators: W. Glines, D. Ottley

Dave Ottley called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm. Twelve members of the D-Section were in attendance at that time. Dave introduced the outgoing and newly elected board members who were in attendance. Dave gave a brief membership report, indicating that membership declined from 262 members last year to 242 current members. Dave asked the Section members for feedback on how to increase membership and improve attendance at Section meetings. Sarah suggested having food at Section Business Meetings and announcing in advance.

Dave reported on Section finances. Account balance a year ago was \$8,252. Increase from dues was \$1,110. Expenses were \$1,627.79 (\$1,000 to the student DVD project) for a net decrease of \$517.79. This results in a balance of \$7,734.21 or a decline of 6%. Dave asked the Section if the \$1000 investment in the DVD was a good one. Dick Toohey stated that the HPS Board supports the project and the initial product appears to be a good one. Ed Bailey stated that photos from some of the presentations should be made available for inclusion in the DVD is possible. Phil Egidi offered that video clips are better than photos. Sarah stated that she is aware of some videos of D&D at ORNL. Eric Abelquist stated that there is good video of the Building K-25 demolition.

Dave stated that the Charter has been revised and is awaiting approval by the HPS Board. Approval was expected Thursday, July 1. (per Ed Bailey, approval was received)

Dave asked the Section for feedback on how we are doing with communications to members. Phil stated that the web site could benefit from useful to links to other D&D-related sites. Dave would like to see the D&D-related papers from the HPS meeting added to the web site, and will take the action to get permission from the presenters. Discussion on email blasts ensued, and all agreed that blasts information members of relevant news (Federal Register notices, revisions to requirements documents, etc.) would be valuable.

Dave asked the Section for ideas about a special session at next year's HPS meeting. Suggestions include:

- Modeling
- Application of DOE Order 458.1 and MARSAME
- Measurements and Uncertainty
- D&D Lessons Learned
- Footprint Reduction

Wayne Glines stated that the Special Session should appeal to all members, thus should not be geared towards one agency.

Dave inquired about Section participation in the midyear meeting, and asks for volunteers for a program subcommittee. There were no takers.

Dave asked the Section how we can better serve members. Steve Bump (who was not in attendance) stated to Dave Ottley during a previous discussion that we do as much as any Section, and should not dissolve. Sarah commented that the email blast on DOE Order 458.1 review and comment was an example of a good service we can provide. Dave stated that he would like the Section to be presented as a Decommissioning Center of Excellence, and took the action to discuss with HPS President at his scheduled meeting on June 30. (discussion between Dave, Wayne, HPS President, and HPS President-Elect occurred on June 30, and the HPS President/Past President felt that the D-Section was already considered a source of expertise within the society on matters relating to decommissioning).

Tony Mason asked if the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) engages the Section for review of presentation abstracts and papers. Wayne stated that we have inquired about this in the past but was told time would not allow for this. Dick stated that these abstracts/presentations should be submitted to the Section for review, but a quick turnaround would be required. Therefore the Section would have to be very proactive. Dick also suggested the Section should line up some PEP and/or CEL sessions at each meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm.