

Meeting Date: March 19, 2013

Location: Betty Jo Byoloski's Restaurant, Winona, MN

Attendees, Work Affiliation and Board Responsibility:

Rob Olson – Benchmark Electronics, MN Division; Chair

Lynn Keller – Benchmark Electronics, MN Division; Treasurer

Celeste Liesch – Benchmark Electronics, MN Division; Arrangements Chair

Tom Drackley – Benchmark Electronics, MN Division; Education Chair

Eric Derbyshire – Benchmark Electronics, MN Division; Recertification Chair and
Programs Chair

Denise Wermager – HGST; Newsletter Editor, Nominating Chair and
Examining Chair

Ryan Sullivan – Trane Company; Membership Chair

Kim Linton – Logistics Health; Certification Chair

Mark Wagner – Watlow, Secretary

Sam Liesch -- Benchmark Electronics, site member (board recruit)

Martin Stickney – St. Mary's University of MN, member (board recruit)

Agenda

1. Board Positions
2. Spring Conference
3. Recruitment
4. WSU Scholarship
5. Future Section Meetings
6. Potential Future Tours
7. Miscellaneous Discussion

Meeting called to order at 8:01pm

Board Positions

- Three elected officer positions are required: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Chair will appoint committee chairs for an auditing committee, membership committee, and nominating committee to meet the minimum governance requirements of the section operating agreement (SOA). We have an interim year forthcoming from July to December 2013, as all sections will align with board positions on calendar year cycles beginning January 1, 2014.
- Lynn (Treasurer) and Jack Ikhtiari, Sr (Internet Liaison) will be resigning after this year's term is complete.
- The Treasurer position cannot be held by the same person for more than 2 consecutive years (per the SOA).
- The Chair position is limited to 2 consecutive years, excluding the upcoming 6 month interim position (per the SOA).
- Vacant positions in our section currently are the Vice Chair and Publicity Chair.

- Denise Wermager is willing to take the Treasurer position if someone is willing to take over the Newsletter position. Sam Leisch is willing to take the Newsletter position as well as, possibly, the Internet Liaison position.
- Alan Spalding (not present) would be interested in becoming involved again on the board.
- Tom Drackley is willing to take the Programs Chair and the Education Chair position.
- Eric is willing to continue with the Recertification Chair.
- Kim is willing to continue as the Certification Chair.
- Celeste is willing to continue as the Arrangements Coordinator.
- Eric volunteered to be the Vice Chair for the 6 months interim time period and agrees to slide into the Chair position effective January 1, 2014.
- Ryan agrees to become Vice Chair effective January 1, 2014.
- Martin Stickney is interested in a board position, possibly Internet Liaison.
- Rob expressed concern that the same board members are revolving through board positions.
- Publicity and Placement positions are open. Maybe check with Al Spalding for his interest.
- Suggestion was voiced to possibly rotate the Program Chair position. Discussion ensued that it's been a group effort in the past and is expected to continue as such.

Spring Section Conference – Lynn Keller

- Conference will be Thursday, April 18.
- Theme: Quality Management Tools For Everyone
- Half day workshop plus conference. Will be held at Viterbo. Ample parking will be available.
- If interested in 1 graduate credit there is an optional Strategic Planning half day workshop on Friday, April 19. To obtain the credit participants need to attend both conference days and write a graded paper.
- The conference flier will be out shortly.
- The Byron conference conflicts with our sections conference date.

Recruitment – Denise Wermager

- The Director at HGST is willing to host an ASQ presentation for recruiting purposes.

WSU Scholarship

- The scholarship is being funded this year. Per emails the amount has been increased \$200 for a total of \$500.
- It's been suggested that this item be revisited annually.

Future Section Meetings

- April meeting will be the Spring conference.

- The May/June meeting has suggested to be a river cruise, possibly with the La Crosse Queen. This would be a dinner cruise funded by ASQ at \$21 per person. Spouses or guests could be included if they pay their way. A cash bar would be on board.
- Put a focus on speakers for future meetings, versus tours of businesses.

Potential Future Tours

- Trane
- HGST
- Wincraft
- Fusion Coatings
- Coat A Bows
- Wenonah Canoe
- La Crosse Sign
- Hal Leonard
- UPS
- Fed Ex
- Airport – La Crosse and/or Rochester
- Jail
- Jim's Truck & Trailer
- Fire Department
- Government Agencies
- DMV

Miscellaneous Discussion

- Eric questioned whether ASQ has sent recertification money to the section. Lynn wasn't sure. Update: The certification payment will be released by HQ on or around 5/1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm