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November Post Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Location: Wigwam Resort, Litchfield Park AZ

Meeting Minutes by: Jeanne Sapon – SAME Phoenix Post Secretary

Meeting Topic: Overview of Commercial and Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Installations and the guest speaker was Mr. Ken Ekstrom of Burns & McDonnell

Board Members in Attendance:

President – Siokey Gastelum-Galvez

1st Vice President – Neil Wentz

2nd Vice President – April Ricketts, P.E.

Treasurer – James Schleich, P.E.

Secretary – Jeanne Sapon

Notes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM. By President Gastelum-Galvez
2. Attendance was at 47.
3. President Gastelum-Galvez opened the meeting by having a Lt Ben Fink lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. President Gastelum-Galvez invited 1st V.P. Wentz to step to the podium and give a briefing on the upcoming Holiday Party and the Regional Conference
5. 1st Vice President Wentz reminded everyone about the upcoming Holiday Party and also talked about volunteering to assist with the Regional Conference. He presented a draft org chart of the current group of volunteers and identified areas that need additional help.
6. 1st Vice President Wentz asked David Servis of Tetra Tech to step to the podium to ask the A/E/C firms present to help with outreach for the Regional Conference to help with getting speakers and provide door prizes, etc. through sponsorships.
7. President Gastelum-Galvez asked if any of the Executive Board had any announcements to which there was no reply.
8. Bob Wagner of Ayres Associates was recognized and he announced the upcoming Public Works Institute sponsored by APWA. He was asking if any of the members would be interested in getting involved in attending the Institute. They are trying to attract members from the private sector as most students are public agency employees. The cost \$225 per person and the next Institute is scheduled for April 12-14. If anyone is interested, they can contact Bob or anyone else from APWA.
9. At this time, Connie Taylor from URS was recognized and made the announcement that she and Chandra McCarty of HDR are in charge of getting door prizes for the Holiday Party. If anyone wants to donate to the cause, they need to contact Chandra or Connie.

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10. President Gastelum-Galvez made an announcement the Sustaining Member presentation this month was going to be done by HDR and she introduced Chandra McCarty to give the presentation.
11. Ms. McCarty gave a brief presentation of HDR's capabilities and thanked the membership for their attention.
12. HDR donated a \$50 gift certificate for Fry's Grocery Store and the door prize went to Connie Taylor.
13. President Gastelum-Galvez introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Ken Ekstrom from Burns & McDonnell and is their solar energy expert.
14. Mr. Ekstrom gave his presentation which was followed by a Question and Answer period.
15. President Gastelum-Galvez presented the speaker with the gift of an SAME coin.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

-----End of Meeting Minutes-----