

Meeting Minutes

ASME CSRA Section, Region IV
Executive Board Meeting, January 08, 2004
Held at the
Nancy Carson Library, North Augusta, SC

Vice-Chairman Kipp Neikirk called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Meeting attendees were as follows:

John Blair
Mike May
Kevin Smith

Gary Driesen
Kipp Neikirk
Mike Weiksner

Secretary's Report -

Gary Driesen provided the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting held on October 20, 2003. The meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report -

Mike May reported that our ASME CSRA account balance is currently \$6,804.67.

Old Business -

CSRA Section By-Laws - After a brief discussion, John Blair distributed a draft copy of the revised CSRA Section By-Laws to the Exec. Board. Board members were requested to review this draft and provide comments by the next meeting.

Newsletter Distribution - After a brief discussion, it was decided that each edition of our newsletter and Exec. Board meeting minutes will be posted on the ASME CSRA web site for distribution. This will be followed by an e-mail announcement of the posting to the CSRA Section membership. This method of distribution will be implemented for a trial period in parallel with the routine mailing of the newsletters.

USC-Aiken Seminar - ASME CSRA sponsored a seminar at University of South Carolina-Aiken on October 25, 2003. David Adcock, an Information Resource Consultant, was the guest speaker for the topic "Use of Excel Spreadsheets and PowerPoint to Enhance Technical Presentations". Sixteen people attended.

Plant Tour - ASME CSRA together with AIChE co-sponsored a plant tour of the Georgia Iron Works facilities in Grovetown, Ga., on November 20, 2003. Thirty people attended, including nine students from the Augusta Technical Institute.

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New Business -

Library Donation - The Executive Board decided to donate \$150.00 to the Nancy Carson Library in North Augusta, SC. This money will be designated for the purchase of engineering related books and materials.

USC-Aiken Seminar - ASME CSRA will sponsor a seminar at University of South Carolina-Aiken on January 24, 2004. Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins is the guest speaker for the topic "Ethics for Engineers".

Dinner Meeting - ASME and AIChE will jointly sponsor a dinner meeting on February 12, 2004 at the El Valle Mexican Restaurant in Martinez, GA. The guest speaker is Dr. Lou Circeo, Director of Plasma Research Programs at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. His topic is "Plasma Arc Research and Applications".

USC-Aiken Seminar - ASME CSRA will sponsor a seminar at University of South Carolina-Aiken on February 21, 2004. Mr. George Antaki, ASME Fellow, is the guest speaker for the topic "Failure Prevention and Fitness-for-Service".

PE Training - The Executive Board discussed the possibility of sponsoring a training class that would help prepare engineers who are seeking to become registered Professional Engineers.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 05, 2004 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Nancy Carson Library in North Augusta, SC.

Vice-Chairman Neikirk adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary E. Driesen
Section Secretary