

Cascadia Chapter  
SAVE International  
Wednesday April 9, 2008  
Dukes Chowder House Tacoma, WA

Attendees:

John Langer  
Marlo Stebner  
Jill Nelson  
Daniel Clancy  
Rahmi Kutsal  
Blane Long  
Steven Paget  
Harvey Childs  
Jim Wixson  
Hank Ball  
Randy Barber  
Eric Trimble  
Ashley Carson

Following a social hour, the meeting was called to order by Steven Paget, Cascadia Chapter President. The meeting was attended by the largest group of members in the recent past.

A discussion was held concerning having the June chapter meeting at the National Conference in Reno. It was decided that a breakfast meeting would be held by members attending the conference.

Steven also brought up including a Cascadia Chapter board meeting just prior to the main May meeting. That meeting will be held in Seattle on Wednesday May 14, 2008 at the Rock Salt Café. Discussions also centered around utilizing video tele-conferencing with members at-large to include them in the chapter meetings. This will be pursued further.

Blane Long asked for volunteers to help with presentation and programs for upcoming chapter meetings.

John Langer gave the treasurer's report, currently the chapter has a balance of \$2,805.58.

The evening's presentation was given by Harvey Childs of the State of Washington's Office of Financial Management on BEST studies, the difference between VE and BEST. A copy of his presentation will be posted on the Cascadia Chapter website. The presentation was prefaced by a description of a BEST study completed by MENG Analysis with the positive and negative.

The handout included results of several studies completed and the cost to benefit relation of conducting a BEST study early in the programmatic phase v. VE studies completed during schematic design or early design development.

A discussion followed with Harvey asking everyone at the meeting to apply to the State of Washington General Administration's on-call roster for VE. Currently there are only three teams on the roster. Harvey also requested that all members lobby for BEST studies and VE to be applied in all agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
John L. Langer  
Cascadia Chapter Treasurer