

Cascadia Chapter Meeting  
MINUTES

June 11, 2008 / 7:00 – 8:00 AM / SAVE Conference / Reno, NV

Attendees:

Steven Paget (O-Pres.)	Paul Johnson
Blane Long (O-VP)	Darcie Martinson
Andrea Ball (O-Sec)	Rahul Nagalkar (B)
Luis Arroyo (Invited guest)	Teressa Rexus
Hank Ball	Bob Rude
Randy Barber (B)	Brad Sayre
Harvey Childs	Ron Tanenbaum (Guest speaker)
Alison Conner	Eric Trimble
Laurie Dennis	

*[O = Officer; B = Board Member]*

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Discussion with Ron Tanenbaum – San Diego Chapter: What makes a successful Chapter?
  - a. The heart of the chapter is that central group of 6-7 members who ensure that what needs to get done actually gets done
  - b. San Diego chapter won the Chapter award in 2007, is one-half the size of and has the same geographic challenges as Cascadia
  - c. San Diego chapter has been successful due to the following:
    - i. Strong core group of members
    - ii. Programs – VE oriented, you can learn something from them, four times a year it's just a fun activity
    - iii. Need an active program chair who is supported by the membership
    - iv. Evening meetings work best; can start at 3:30 and not include dinner; 90 minute sessions; occasional Saturday events ok
    - v. Helpful if the majority of the Board and core members are local and do not travel much for work
  - d. Opportunities / Ideas:
    - i. Invite local civic, port, infrastructure folks to provide an overview of what the coming year looks like in terms of capital projects – possible to set this up as a series of seminars – invite other chapters and interested parties to attend
    - ii. Challenge members to go out and speak to other organizations/groups in the community. e.g. talk with a local university curriculum committee. Bonus – this can earn the member “Share VE” credits. Check SAVE’s interagency agreements for options.
    - iii. Encourage members to serve as board members for other organizations
    - iv. Attend, present and have booths at other organizations’ meetings/conferences
  - e. Comments from Luis Arroyo – APICS member
    - i. Ask your members why they joined SAVE and what do they need/want from the organization?
    - ii. To promote certification advancement talk about what it means in terms of salary, promotion potential, career, etc.

- iii. Network with other organizations – attend their conferences, present at their meetings and ask for sponsorship for training
- iv. Offer rewards for bringing in new members
- v. Hold monthly dinner meetings with some sort of speaker/program
- vi. Be sure you are always offering something to the member (new knowledge, new skills, etc.) – don't just hold a meeting to hold a meeting

III. Announcements

- a. Congratulations to Steven Paget and Blane Long who both achieved their CVS certification this year! They are 2 of only 9 CVS's granted this year in all of SAVE – great job!
- b. Board / Officers meeting in August to plan for next year
- c. Next Chapter meeting is September 10 – location TBD
- d. Send programming ideas to Blane Long – this includes volunteering to provide a future program
- e. Send ideas/comments about how best to serve members not in the Everett – Seattle – Tacoma – Olympia corridor to Steven Paget

IV. Adjourn