

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: 12:02 pm

ROLL CALL:

Region President Margaret Chewning,
Region Vice President: Gail Nagie,
Secretary: John Sweigart (joined late)

COMMITTEES:

Education: Mary-Eleen Pfiester,
Electronic Communications Chair: David Miller,
Conference: Dave Lorenzini

CHAPTERS:

Allentown- Tina Montone,
Baltimore- Marc Held,
Central PA- Eric Hardenbrook,
DC Metro- Julian Masters (joined late),
North Central Penn- Pat Russel,
Northern Virginia- Jesse Oaks,
Philadelphia- Al Kleinschmidt, Walt Zapor,
Pittsburgh – Miki Vargo,
Richmond- Ken Cordo,
Tidewater – Eric Guran.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Margaret Chewning suggested that the minutes from the Fall President's Meeting be tabled to next meeting. All agreed.
A thank you to Allentown and Central PA Chapters for hospitality at their respective anniversaries.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

SECRETARY'S REPORT: No report

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report. Thomas Feulner has a new email address.

INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: Ray sent a report that he attended the Allentown and Central PA anniversary celebrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Academic Affairs: President Chewning reported that Robert Vaughn is in charge of student Competition for Construct 2014. A website is in progress.

Certification: President Chewning reported the following:

Spring 2014 Exam Dates (Registration starts in 2 weeks)

Exam Administration: March 31 – April 26, 2014,

Registration opens: December 2, 2013,

Early registration closes: January 31, 2014,

Final Registration: February 28, 2014,

In preparation for the exam, certification chairs are invited to visit this page:

<http://www.csinet.org/Main-Menu-Category/Certification/Resources> where they will find a list of resource links, including pass lists, certification guides, worksheets to help plan their workshops, a link through which to update their Chapter's certification class listing on the Institute calendar.

Electronic Communications: Dave Miller reported that the website is in progress and developing reimbursement forms. He needs information for Construct Registration. Domain name and site is okay.

Awards: President Chewning reminded that Region Awards candidates are due December 31, 2013. A third committee member is needed. Sal Verastro is contacting persons.

Planning/Operations: no report.

Eric Guran reported that Tidewater Chapter has a chair, and co-chair for 2014 MARC. Working on a brochure.

Al Kleinschmidt reported that a location has been found for Philadelphia 2015.

Alex Held had no report on Baltimore MARC 2016.

Miki Vargo said that they are starting to pull something together for Pittsburgh MARC 2017.

Future- PA Railroad MARC?

Erie-Northwestern- Probably not a MARC due to membership issues.

Conference Oversight: Dave Lorenzini reported work in progress.

Nominations: President Chewning reported that 4 officers are needed, and set up a committee for FY 2015 elections.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Allentown- Tina Montone reported that Certification Exam training to start in January.

Product Show Committee is planning for April 2014.

Marc Held reported that Baltimore Chapter had a duck-pin bowling competition on November 12th. It is a world famous sport. They are also testing a new venue for a stand-up dinner in lieu of sit-down.

ACTION ITEMS: Need a third member for the Awards Committee.

Need to fill Nominating Committee for 2015.

President Chewing wished everyone to have a lovely Thanksgiving.
Thanks to all for attending the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 9, 2013 at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

John D. Sweigart, Secretary
(Thanks to Gail Nagie for taking part of the minutes until I was able to get on the phone line).