

Minutes

Local Sections Committee

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Disneyland Hotel

Anaheim, CA

The meeting began at 8:00 am.

The Agenda (**Attachment #1**) was distributed.

Copies of “Local Section Revitalization: A 5-year Plan” (**Attachment #2**) were available.

(Both had been posted on the LSC web page in advance of the meeting and LS Chairs and LSC members were made aware of the available downloads)

An Attendance sheet (**Attachment #3**) was circulated.

WORKSHOP

LSC Chair, Steve Herring, gave a brief introduction to the format for the workshop. ANS Staff Liaison to the LSC, Chuck Vincent, gave an overview of the 5-year plan content.

Incoming ANS President, William Burchill, visited the LSC and spoke about his intended initiative “Getting the Word Out.” He distributed pins with the message. Burchill urged Local Sections and others to look for ways to communication with both the public and policy-makers. He noted that the President’s Special session at the meeting would be focused on this topic.

PDC Chair, Donald Hoffman, spoke to the LSC about the Utility Integration effort and the desire of utility executives to support the work of local sections.

Discussion of the 5-year plan resumed. Participants worked their way through each portion of the document. LSC Chair Steve Herring left to participate in the President’s meeting with committee chairs and LSC Vice-Chair Audeen Fentiman moderated the discussion.

Some comments during the discussion included:

- * A suggestion that people attend meetings if they have desire; “lack of time is an excuse.” But, it was noted that the survey indicated people were willing to commit only limited amounts of time and that people cited conflicts with family responsibilities as a factor which limits participation.
- * There was positive response to the plan to provide “trainers” for LS leaders.
- * There was a suggestion that new LS leaders might be paired with more experienced ones for mentoring.
- * There was suggestion that we be cautious about putting too much emphasis on meeting attendance and that we should include attention to other activities for Local Sections. It was noted that some of those things are addressed in the 5- year plan metrics.

- * There was a positive reaction to the ZIP CODE re-examination. Tony Hechanova, Chair of the Las Vegas LS, suggested a look at separating Reno and Las Vegas into two sections.
- * LSC participants noted the value of many different groups in helping to revitalize Local Sections and/or Plant Branches.

At the conclusion of the discussion, members of the LSC offered suggestions for modifications to some elements of the plan, including timing of some of the new metrics. The changes were made on the document during the discussion and a revised version was prepared for action in the upcoming business meeting. (**Attachment #4**)

The workshop portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 10:30 A.M. and the group took a break.

BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was resumed at approximately 10:50 A.M. for the Business portion.

Agenda Item #1) Quorum

It was determined that a quorum was present. It consisted of two appointed members of the LSC and seven Local Section Chairs. LSC Chair Steve Herring presided of the meeting and did not participate in voting. This left a voting quorum of eight.

Agenda Item # 2) Minutes of November 2007 meeting

----> MOTION

Motion by Teri Ehresman and second by Robert Penn to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion passed.

Agenda Item #3) Topical Meetings

Linda Hansen spoke on behalf of NISD which is looking for a Local Section to host a topical in 2010. The NISD is seeing notification by September and submission of the proposal by October 2008.

Agenda Item # 4) Meeting with Utility Integration Committee

Audeen Fentiman reported on the meeting of LSC representatives with the Utility Integration Committee. Bob Penn provided additional comments. It was noted that the Utility Integration efforts will be helpful to Local Sections and Plant Branches, as the utilities will be working to encourage their employees to participate in these groups. Steve Herring noted that this topic was also part of the President's Meeting with Committee Chairs earlier in the morning.

Agenda item # 5) Report to Board of Directors

Steve Herring noted the presentation of the Business Case (November 2007) to provide free ANS meeting registrations to ANS Local Section leaders involved in revitalization of a local group. He said there was significant interest and support in the proposal, which the Board of Directors approved.

Agenda Item # 6) Vote on 5-year Plan for LS Revitalization

As the revised plan was mentioned, there was a comment that ANS should explore a way to document the face-to-face training portion through some means (e.g., video, minutes, or notebook).

----> MOTION

Robert Penn offered a motion to adopt the 5-year plan as it had been revised. Herb Massie seconded the motion. Motion was approved on the following vote: 8, YES; 0, NO; 0, ABSTAIN.

It was pointed out the LSC leadership would present the completed document to the ANS Board of Directors.

Agenda Item # 7) Additional Business from the Workshop.

There was no “additional business from the workshop.”

Agenda item # 8) Update on “Steps Regarding Inactive Local Sections”

ANS Staff Liaison provided a marked up version (**Attachment #6**) of the document “Steps Regarding Inactive Local Sections” with notations to match new metrics in the 5-year plan.

After brief discussion, it was decided that the marked up version would be provided to the LSC (including Chairs of Local Sections) for review and comment. A revised version will be brought to the November 2008 LSC meeting for a vote.

Agenda Item # 9) Other Business

Tinh Tran suggested that an effort be made to update the LSC web site with successful practices, revised report forms, etc. Chuck Vincent has the action to prepare the updated forms for posting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Vincent
ANS Staff Liaison.