

**MQD PHONE CONFERENCE
ASQ WORLD CONFERENCE ON QUALITY AND IMPROVEMENT
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
17 MAY 2005**

ATTENDEES - Present

Dilip Shah
Graeme Payne
Colleen Gadbois
Dan Harper
Jeff Pfouts

ATTENDEES - Phone

Norm Belecki
Chris Grachanen
Keith Bennett
Phillip Painchaud

OPENING

Dilip and Graeme welcomed everybody. Dilip noted that we had a quorum to conduct the business meeting. Dilip related that Dan Harper received the Freund-Marquardt Medal in recognition for an individual who has held positions of responsibility for development of standards that focus on the management system of an organization. Congratulations Dan!

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – Dan Harper

The work on the final revision of NCSLI Working Group 1 for ANSI/BCSLI Z-540 is still continuing.

ANSI/ASQC M1-1996, American National Standard for Calibration Systems, is slated to expire in 2006. The MQD is the owner of M1-1996. Dan related that in order to retain the knowledge it contains (specifically about calibration systems) that probably the best thing to do is to withdraw it from active ANSI standard status and keep it as an ASQ publication. Dan noted that sales for M1-1996 is still strong and ASQ wants to keep it in its inventory. Dan and Bill McCullough will draft a letter of recommendation to MQD regarding the future of M1-1996.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING – CCT Coin

Chris suggested that Keela's CCT coin design be used for starting point. Dilip recommended aligning the ASQ & MQD logos and making sure they are in

agreement with formatting guidelines. Dilip will make any necessary changes to Keela's design and submit to MQD officers for comments.

NIST MEASUREMENT INITIATIVE – Norm Belecki

NIST announced a Measurement Initiative '*Roadmapping America's Measurement Needs for a Stronger Innovation Infrastructure, A Private-Public Initiative for the Future,*' to develop a comprehensive picture of the U.S. Measurement System as it exists now and what needs are expected in the future. NIST would like to partnership with other Metrology / Measurement associations in order to:

- 1) Identify and analyzer existing roadmaps for the future
- 2) Identify most obvious gaps between reality and projected needs
- 3) Conduct workshops to generate white papers on obvious gaps

Norm led a discussion as to the reality of NIST having to re-appropriate existing funds towards emerging technologies such that some existing services would probably be curtailed or discontinued. Norm recommended that MQD get involved in this initiative and act as a bridge to ASQ. Dilip recommended that all visit the NIST Measurement Initiative website and discuss plans for participation. Dilip suggested this initiative may be an opportunity for partnership with NCSL International. The NIST Measurement Initiative may be found at: <http://usms.nist.gov/>

JOE D. SIMMONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE – Norm Belecki

Three applicants have been received for this year's scholarship award. Norm led a discussion about the rating system used to award the scholarship, in particular about assigning a weight to an education level. Norm recommended that MQD develop an opinion about education level weighting in regards to the Simmons Scholarship rating system.

CERTIFIED CALIBRATION TECHNCIAN (CCT) PROGRAM UPDATE – Chris

There are a total of 223 applicants for the June 2005 CCT exam offering, a new record! Previous single record for total number of CCT exam applicants was 139. There are no scheduled workshops for remainder of 2005.

METROLOGY JOB DESCRIPTION (MJD) INITIATIVE – Chris

Professional Examination Service (PES) communicated that they had surpassed the minimum requirement of 25 examples for each job description. They requested additional time (till the end of May) to continue compiling job descriptions as they were still receiving a steady steam of E-mails and wanted to have a good sampling from all over the U.S.

It is anticipated that by mid-June 2005, PES will submit their completed report to the MJD Initiative core team. This report will be used in developing a pilot questionnaire survey. An open survey will be conducted later this year to solicit input on what Metrology/Calibration practitioners believe should be included in the aforementioned job descriptions.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – All

- a) Dilip is working with Georgia Harris. VP of NCSL International Education and Training, about the possibility of ASQ granting CE units for NSCL International conferences.
- b) MQD will be receiving a free booth for the NCSL International conference in Aug. 2005 – MQD officers and other volunteers needed for ‘Booth’ duty.
- c) MQD will be hosting a session at NCSL International Conference in Aug. 2005. Chris suggested posting MQD papers abstracts in The Standard.
- d) The Metrology Handbook is in its 2nd printing – NCSL International is offering it at a discounted rate.
- e) MQD’s 2005 conference will be co-sponsored by ASQ’s Inspection Division. Duane Allen, MQD conference coordinator, is obtaining conference information (location, hotel accommodations, etc.) for publication in The Standard and MQD website. The conference is scheduled for the week of Sept. 19th.
- f) Graeme led discussion on listed MQD regional councilors who are not active in ASQ, are not member of MQD, etc. He proposed giving a ‘vacant’ councilor status to those regions without an active ASQ MQD member listed. Graeme noted that there are MQD members from 58 countries but only one region representing countries outside North America. Further discussion recommended on region representation.
- g) Dilip was nominated for the 2005 Max J. Unis award in recognition for his outstanding leadership and contributions to CCT program and metrology/ measurement community. MQD officers unanimously approved the nomination.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Dilip – Revision and submittal of CCT coin design to MQD officers for comment
- 2) Dilip and Graeme – contact NIST regarding participation in their Measurement Initiative
- 3) MQD officers – visit : <http://usms.nist.gov/> and discuss participation game plan
- 4) Chris – Contact Georgia Harris about the NIST Measurement Initiative regarding possibility of partnering on it.

- 5) Dilip, Graeme, Norm – Develop MQD opinion on education level weighting in regards to the Simmons Scholarship rating system
- 6) Dilip – Send Georgia Harris info on ASQ procedures on awarding CE units
- 7) Dilip – Send Jay NCSL International conference paper abstract for posting in The Standard
- 8) Graeme – Revise MQD regional Councilor status to reflect only listing of active ASQ MQD members. Graeme to forward to Jay for posting in The Standard and Chris for posting to MQD website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher L. Grachanen