

## **Northeast Regional Meeting Report, Fall, 2012**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Hilton Metro Park Hotel, Iselin, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Schlesier, CPE, Northeast Regional Governor. The minutes of the July, 2012 convention caucus were presented and approved. Chapter Delegates and members were introduced. John Bonderchuck and Earl Rosenow attended on behalf of Chapter 76, Central Pennsylvania. Earl Rosenow attended on behalf of Chapter 82, Richmond, Virginia.

Chapter reports were given by the attending representatives. Earl Rosenow gave the chapter reports for Chapters 76 and 82.

National Committee reports were given for the many dedicated committees. Highlights included:

- Mike Gray of Richmond Chapter 82 was named to the National Standards Committee replacing Bruce Schlesier who is now Governor.
- Substituting for NE Representative Jim Hanna, Earl Rosenow gave the report for the Education Committee. The Education Committee made a profit of some \$37,000.00 last year that was contributed to the General Fund. Tentative curriculum choices for the convention estimating academy were announced. This year courses will include MEP and BIM estimating among others, along with the popular National Estimators Forum.
- Bylaws: NE representative Rich Lemere discussed irregularities in the normal bylaws procedure that occurred at last summer's convention. These irregularities prompted Rich's resignation from the Bylaws committee. Subsequent discussions with the SBO and others have allowed Rich to withdraw his resignation, and he will continue to serve as member and chairman of the Bylaws committee. Earl Rosenow presented for discussion, proposed bylaw changes that will allow non-attending chapters and MAL's to have their votes counted at national convention. The proposed changes will allow chapters to name dual chapter members or their Regional Governor as their delegate. MAL's will be able to name their Governor as their delegate. Vigorous discussion ensued and significant input was received from attendees. The proposed changes will be re-written and submitted through the normal channels for vote at the next convention.

During the lunch break, an excellent presentation from OnCenter estimating software was made. ASPE is grateful to OnCenter for being one of the sponsors of this regional meeting.

Following lunch, a period of open discussion ensued. Topics included membership issues, awards, spring meeting location, and fundraising, among others. The most vigorous discussion centered around national's decision to terminate publication of hard copies of the national membership directory and Estimating Today magazine. Attending members were almost unanimously opposed to this decision, especially in light of the recent assessment and dues increase. Bruce Schlesier will present these objections to the BOT at their next meeting.

After a brief break, national's requirements for chapter incorporation were discussed, the Governor gave his quarterly report, and the upcoming Philadelphia convention was discussed. The Governor advised that several national committee positions were open and needed volunteers to step up and fill these positions. The vacant positions are: Nominations, Investigative committee, MAL Services, Speakers Bureau, Scholarship, and Sustainability committees. Governor Schlesier made his closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned.