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SDA – St. Louis Chapter *Monthly Meeting Minutes*

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Engineer's Club, St. Louis, Missouri

Members Present:

Leigh Abernathy – CRB Consulting Engineers
Pat Brown – Kennedy Associates
Karen Dahl – Mackey Mitchell
Sheila Dumayne – SCI Engineering
Julie Finocchio – Arcturis
Vickie Hayden – Randy Burkett Lighting
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Guests Present:

Paul Erskine – Aerotek
Ken Joyce – Indox
Scott Schirmer – CBIZ.
Patrick Kinsella – Shannon & Wilson
Inez Pace – SCI Engineering
Amanda Boyce – Mackey Mitchell
Robyn Hofmeister – SCI Engineering

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1. The meeting began with informal networking. Cindy Risman opened the meeting at 11:50 and introduced our guests including our sponsor, Scott Schirmer, CBIZ. CBIZ provides multiple services including employee management services, financial services and technology services.
 2. Cindy reminded everyone that September will be our membership drive. The scheduled speaker is Tracy Hart, President of Tarlton.
 3. Vickie Hayden, Canstruction Chair, thanked SDA for the scholarship so she could attend a seminar in Boston. Vickie also did a recap of the 2008 Canstruction event.

4. Canstruction Summary – Pictures of sculptures at the national level were shown. Over 100 cities (nationally and internationally) participate in Canstruction. The local Canstruction event will be held March 12-24, 2009. The first Canstruction team meeting will be June 19th.

Vickie asked for volunteers to help with the event. During build-out, people are needed to police the teams for rules violations, hand-out citations and report the violations to the jury. Volunteer meeting will be held at the end of June and/or July.

Corporate sponsors are needed to help sponsor the event.

We are looking to expand participation to 22 teams.

Cindy Risman also asked people to volunteer as Canstruction requires a lot of planning and participation by SDA members.

5. A name was drawn for the book by Wendy Werner (last month's speaker), "Women Don't Ask." Paul Erskine was the winner.
6. Introduction of Speaker Kim Hughes, Mackey Mitchell, and the topic, "Going Beyond the Paper vs Plastic Debate".
7. The topic gave an outline and suggestions of how to start a plan regarding "Office Sustainability."
8. Decisions need to be based on the firm culture.
9. A committee should be formed and a plan decided upon before approaching the principals at your firm.
10. The entire presentation can be found on the St. Louis SDA website.
11. Then a Q&A was held to discuss and hear how other firms are encouraging "sustainability" at their offices.
 - Tarlton, a construction company, has recycle bins at their job sites.
 - Transit subsidies, mass transit incentives.

- Ride share will provide a certain number of free rides home if stuck at office.
- E-filing, electronic signatures
- Indox has gone to total recycled bond paper in their Denver office. This will be coming to St. Louis and Kansas City.
- Arcturis and Tarlton offices have been LEED certified Silver.
- Arcturis – "Green Events" – Go to a parking lot to pick up trash, and feed parking meters.
- "We" Car – Enterprise program where people can rent car by the hour (\$10), including a membership fee of \$25.
- Pencil Dump – All supplies that have accumulated and not used can be put in a container. Then inventory the supplies before ordering additional supplies.

12. Cindy Risman invited members to the SDA Board meetings, the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

13. Also asked for a nominating committee.

Cindy closed the meeting at 1:00 PM. The next meeting will be June 25, 2008.