

Annual Planning Conference 2012 Report

APC was held at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort in Washington on October 20th. Robin Langkamp was our chapter representative and Twylla Tatum attended with her. Below is Robin's report on the conference.

Thursday evening we had a mini version of the Amazing Race! We had 3 teams of 4. Each team had a different color hard hat to wear. We all got our first clue at the starting point and we were off from there! There were 5 clues total and you had to finish each and check-in to get the next. It was very fun and a good team building activity too!

APC started with 42 in attendance and a welcome from Aggie, one of the Suquamish Tribal Elders. Next we had Larry Bailey talk to us about "Project Estimating: Battle Tested Strategies to Control Risk Management". (I have the printed Power-Point presentation if anyone wants it.)

After the Director's report we heard from Kristine Hopkins, about "Bluebeam: Linking the Office to the Field". Bluebeam is a tool to link your field personnel to the office with iPads or tablets so they can see real-time changes to plans, have conference calls and many other really interesting features all in 'the Cloud'.

After lunch we heard from Shaun Hall on iPads and other new technology for the jobsite and office. Then we had a hands activity on Parliamentary Procedure! And it really was fun!

It was voted on to have APC 2014 in Puget Sound and Salem stepped up for APC 2015! (Don't forget it will be here *in Eugene* in 2013!) And Spokane did an invitation for Forum 2013 at the historic Davenport Hotel!

We ended the weekend with dinner at an Italian restaurant with 23 in our party! The food was great, the company was even better!

Twylla and I got to see some beautiful country, the big ships in Bremerton and even lose a little money at the casino! Thank you for letting us represent our chapter at this regional meeting!

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