

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Pre Conference Board Meeting  
Mitchell Technical Institute Technology Center  
Mitchell, SD

**Present:** Chairman Matt Berry; President Kevin Lawrence; President Elect Mark Harder; Vice President Andrea Kindvall; Sr. ASRT Delegate Tom Davis; Jr. ASRT delegate Rhonda Engebretson; Treasurer Sarah Siemonsma; Secretary Paula Freeman.

**Call to order:** 4:05pm by Matt Berry, Chairman

**Financial Report:** Sarah Siemonsma presented the financial statement from and updated the board of the drop in interest rates for CD's

**Budget Report:** Matt Berry, Chairman presented the 2011-2012 budget. Upon reviewing the budget and a lengthy discussion on how best to present a balanced budget it was decided that the budget would be worked on and re-presented to represent a balanced budget at the first business meeting.

**President's Report:** Kevin reported on RT in DC. He also stated that Parliamentarian for the convention will be Sharon Wartenbee and Sgt of Arms will be Beth Weber with 4 student assistants to the Sgt of Arms.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scientific Papers and Exhibits**

**Mail Ballot Report given by Mark Harder-** There were 212 ballots sent and 52 ballots returned, giving us a 25% return rate.

**Website Unveiled:** Tom showed us the prototype of our new website.

**Nominations opened-**

**Convention Report:** Paula Freeman reported that there apx 134 total registrations and 7 vendors attending. Attending this year from the ASRT will be James Temme. James will also do a lecture on Saturday morning.

It was announced that there continuing education credit will be given for the student papers.

Discussion took place on the concerns for the entertainment; Paula was hopeful that the conference would break even.

It was determined that the conference handbook needs to be re-done as it is outdated; discussion took place regarding the use of the conference committee for future conference planning.

**Adjournment 5:50pm** Due to the time restriction (student paper starting) motion made to adjourn and move remaining agenda items to the post conference board meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Freeman