



## Meeting Minutes

24 February 2004

Denny's @ Maryland Parkway

5:30 PM to 6:15 PM

Members arrived and began placing food orders. Our Vice Chairman opened the meeting by highlighting CCSD's (Clark County School District's) accomplishment of ISO Certification. Our section sponsored a plaque to recognize this achievement as part of our community outreach program and our Chairman made the presentation which was aired on KLVX TV locally.



Our Chairman, continued the meeting with a brief summary of section business/news and members discussed the following items:

- Membership Chair working on member survey
- Volunteer awards being prepared for the March meeting
- A call for speakers
- ASQ changes to include goals of increasing student and international membership and changes to membership structure and dues



- ASQ Branding
- Certification materials from ASQ and QCI (Quality Council of Indiana)
- Web Site postings to include training events

Next a drawing was conducted in-which two member's meals were paid. At this time the evening's speaker was introduced.

### **Meeting Presentation:**

The evening's speaker apologized that he did not have his presentation with him but it is to be made available for posting on the section Web Site. Mr. Bruce Turner of the RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) began his presentation by pointing out that the RTC is a Metro planning organization and has no land use or regulatory authority. Points provided by the speaker included:

- The valley operator of public transportation is the CAT (Citizen Area Transit)
- Federal money is used for transportation improvements but these funds must be justified
- 20% local and 80% Federal
- 1991 - 24 million riders to 51 million in 2000
- RTC members include those the Las Vegas, Clark County, and other cities within the county
- Plans go out for public comment
- Public forums are held
- Short term transit plans are for 5 years
- RTC has a Web Site @ <http://www.rtcsonthernnevada.com>
- Air Quality is an issue with more frequent service
- The "Max" bus rapid transit system is the first of its type in the U.S.
- The "CAT Rail" is a light rail tram car
- New Accordion Buses are 60' in length
- Doubled Deck Buses?
- A Bio-Diesel fuel is cheaper and uses a new injection system
- Diesel with high octane gas spray for better diesel burning efficiency
- Electric wheel hubs for the Max
- UNLV prototype fuel cells

After the presentation the speaker opened the floor for questions. When all questions had been answered the Chairman presented the speaker with our ASQLV Certificate of Appreciation and an ASQ Lunch Bag. A copy of the presentation can be found on the Web Site for review.



**Meeting Attendance:**

Attendance numbered sixteen to include the speaker and a guest. Members in attendance included; Matt Maio, Garabed Kassakhian, Barbara Ground, Mark McQueen, Carl Strauss, Carl Wright, David Hauck, Larry Abernathy, Connie Suckling, Dave Youngman, Colleen Wilson-Pappa, Dion Stams, David Hewetson, and Steve Mergenmeier.

**Closing:**

Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.