ASDE Business Meeting in Phoenix – March 17, 2009

Marilyn Lantz, president of ASDE led the business meeting which was held after the ASDE workshop. We had to move from the Convention Center where the workshop was held in the Sundance room at Hyatt Hotel for the meeting.

Marilyn presented a review of the organization and also updated the group in regards to current activities. She brought those in attendance up to speed about the current pilot phase with ACD. She then asked me to give an update on the integration of ASDE into ACD from the perspective of the by-laws. I had done a side-by-side look at both organizations by-laws and found that no great impediments appeared to this alliance going forward. However, the one issue that has arisen since we signed the trial agreement was the requirement that ASDE dentist members also must be members of ADA. This point then led (I think this is how it occurred) to the PEI (professional ethics initiative) and the alliance of ASDE into ACD. For the new members in the room (and me) I described the pilot into ACD and the PEI as two separate tracks. One being the possible joining of ASDE as a "special section" of ACD and the other as a project which many organizations are participants, including ACD.
Don Patthoff took exception to this description and in essence said that is not the case, the two things are interrelated. He went on about the "projects" stating something "about ethics and for ethics". He also said this could be "a deal breaker" and the "money would stop". At that point I was confused and felt further conversation was not going to clarify the situation.

We concluded the business meeting reminding one another that we are "in process" and will need to work together to understand all perspectives on this matter. In conclusion, the board discussed the upcoming August board meeting in which we will need to come to a decision about the Integration. Also we made mention of the upcoming CE course that Member at Large Alvin Rosenblum and Honorary ASDE member Mickey Bebeau are working on.

Phyllis Beemsterboer
The above narrative would be helped by my colleague's additions and interpretation. ☺

Faculty Workshop
The faculty workshop was a great success with an attendance of 48. (sold out). ADEA members from across the United States and Canada were in present. The group ranged from educators to academic dean's all interested in ethics education. The presentation was well received with comments such as "well organized and a great asset to my current curriculum", "The DIT will be something I look forward to implementing in my curriculum" and "We appreciate the expertise and application this workshop has provided. I look forward to more ASDE workshops/similar ethics related workshops in the future". Mickey Bebeau and Phyllis Beemsterboer provided a binder full of useful case studies, tools to apply them, and information about the Defining Issues Test. The presentation itself was easy to follow with a 20 -minute question and answer for those in attendance. The group seemed comfortable to discuss challenges they face in the classroom and curriculum. The best judge of success was positive feedback received following the presentation.