



## Aviation Technology Advisory Committee

**Date:** October 9, 2014

**Called to order:** 3:00pm

**Adjourned:** 4:15pm

**Chairperson:** Jeremy Frick

**Person completing report:** J. Bronisz

**Members present from industry:** Lowell Whitten, (NMAAA), Anselm Seenath (10 Tanker), Timothy Payne (UPS), Scott Crane (UPS), Chris Baca (Hero2Hired-ESGR), Marshall Puckett (NMAAA/AVREPS)

**Members present from CNM:** John Bronisz, Michael Cranney, Jeremy Frick, David Ortiz

**Next scheduled meeting:**

- **Welcome/Introductions:** Attendees introduced themselves.

- **Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting were not available for review due to staff illness.

- **Reports:**

Jeremy Frick: Gave program overview for new attendees; 18 graduates last spring term with many placed in jobs; anticipate 28 current students eligible for airframe certificate this coming December; recent NMAAA event at KAFB targeted at HS 7 mid-school students; students performed sheet metal repairs on F-16 at Museum of Nuclear Science and History for Tacos commemorative display – unveiling tentatively scheduled for November 5 or 6; turbine engine from surplus APU is now operational.

Marshall Puckett: NMAAA event was a great success. It will likely rotate between ABQ and Roswell, but they'd like CNM to continue to participate regardless of location. NMAAA is working to achieve coalescence of NM aviation industry, including unified political voice, etc.

Lowell Whitten: Cutter's repair station sold to Bode Aviation.

- **Old Business:**

Feedback from industry to increase electricity/electronics/avionics skill level as well as deeper content on composites.

- **New Business:**

Chris Baca: Works with Reservists/Guard members seeking educational pathways including connection to VA benefits. Was pleased to hear about FAA's ability to recognize military experience toward Part 147 requirements. Will refer interested individuals to CNM and is willing to post program info and job opportunities on his Facebook page.



Group discussed opportunities in UAV field, including former Aspen Avionics person starting UAV maintenance business. Mr. Puckett advised of regional and national conferences of Aircraft Electronics Assn. and FAA-recommended training available through "EWIS." Mr. Whitten recommended annual training conference sponsored by Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Mr. Crane asked how we might all work to communicate the value of a bachelor's degree (in addition to A&P licensure) in many areas of aviation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15PM

