



## WELDING Advisory Committee

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2015

**Called to order:** 5:45pm

**Adjourned:** 6:40pm

**Chairperson:** Roy Herrera, Miller electric

**Person completing report:** Jennifer Woods

**Members present from industry:** John Stubbs, Mega Corps; Kristine Sanchez, APS; Michael Thomas, Rocky Mountain Testing; Ryan French, Airgas

**Members present from CNM:** Ron Hackney, Trent Moore, John Bronisz, Amy Ballard, James Berry, Juan Delgado, Mark Newlander, Kay Hamby

**Next scheduled meeting:** not decided

**I. Welcome/Introductions:** Introductions were made

**II. Minutes:** Approved from Fall 2014

**III. Reports:**

- What can we do to bring more industry into what we do? What companies would we like to see here? CEI is one. The union picks up a lot of our students.
- In order to get more companies involved in the advisory committee, maybe we could do demos. Or combine meetings with AWS. Wagner Equipment is having a meeting on May 7, and we may be able to coordinate advisory meetings with Wagner. It is best if we could schedule these meetings in the evenings. For the fall meeting, we may change the venue.
- Skills USA is April 10. Kay says we have approval for practice materials for this. There are 16 contestants for sculpture; three high schools and three junior colleges are sending contestants. CNM has three. Art welding is becoming more popular.
- We have a new trailer for teaching classes.

**IV. Old Business**

- In APS, welding needs to become stronger. All CNM classes are full. Moriarty H.S. has a good welding and plumbing program.
- A few students have been placed at CEI and in Farmington.
- CTE Day was cancelled, rescheduled for April 10, which is also SKILLS day. This is fortuitous, because visiting students can watch the contestants in action.
- Sandia High School – Budget cuts for APS are a huge issue now. Teachers are not supporting dual credit classes. The reason is, the APS welding classes will be cancelled if there are not

enough students, because they are enrolled elsewhere. So the faculty do not want to support dual credit. Student numbers are declining and funding is a problem.

- The W Lab will eventually be dismantled. In the Master plan, the TC labs will be renovated. Plumbing and the old Environmental lab will all be renovated and be turned into one giant welding lab. About \$9mil project.

#### **V. New Business:**

- The awning at the lab is being updated with new lighting and outlets, so equipment can be used outdoors.
- We have two new part-time instructors.
- CNM's budget will be flat this year.
- Generous donation of materials from BMT
- TIG welding is getting to be more popular, and we might want to teach a class in this.
- **Corrections from previous meeting:** Martinez Custom Trailers is cancelled. Instead, the meeting will be at SF Community College on April 9. May 7 is the Wagner meeting for AWS at 6:00. For the CWI seminar and exam, please get your application in ASAP. May 4-8 is the seminar, test is on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Open to educators too (CWE)
- Valley H.S. needs help with consumables. Can we donate 100 lbs. to them from the donation that we received?
- Some areas of the country have slowed down. Even six months ago, the business picture was different. People are still hiring though.
- Some places are going from stick welding to wire-feed. Automation is a big concern. Flux-Core is being used more.
- Safety programs are being implemented now. There is an increase in workplace safety. Industrial hygiene (OSHA). Compliance staff are needed in companies now.

#### **VI. Adjournment:** 6:40pm