



AVMT Advisory Committee Minutes, Spring 2017

Date: Friday, April 21, 2017	Number of Attendees: 8
Called to order: 2:04 pm	Adjourned: 2:40 pm
Chairperson: Vardis Gaus	Recorder: Jennifer Woods
Members present from industry: Phil Buckles , Aero Mechanical Industries; John Cekala , Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University; Mark Harris , NM DOT; Dathan Power , Aero Mechanical Industries	
Members present from CNM: Michael Cranney, Vardis Gaus, David Ortiz, Jennifer Woods	
Next scheduled meeting: To be decided	

I. Welcome/Introductions: Vardis opened the meeting and introductions were made all around.

II. Minutes: Minutes from fall 2016 meeting approved as is.

III. Reports: David talked about the state SkillsUSA competition. One student placed first and will go to Louisville, KY in June for the nationals. The same student received a scholarship from the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Two other students won scholarships from the Northrup Rice Foundation. Four out of ten students have now received their Airframe certificate. This summer, one class will finish the entire program, and will be eligible to take the Powerplant test. As soon as students finish up the General and Airframe portions, they are eligible to take the test.

We have two new DMEs. John is available every Friday for testing.

Dathan asked if we could do a refresher or prep course for his crew. There might be about a dozen workers who could use this. Evenings or weekends are preferred.

A new AVMT cohort will start in the fall.

We received a new magneto tester. We are still working on the Piper.

IV. Old Business Michael said that we have hired a new enrollment strategist. She is Karen Grandinetti, kgrandinetti@cnm.edu. Karen set up a career exploration day here and a few students have shown an interest in the AVMT program.

Vardis said that we had about 2,000 high school students attend College Day on February 10.

The new UAS certificate starts in the fall, but the repair and maintenance class will start in the spring of 2018, which David will teach.

Mark mentioned the NMSU UAS Conference. He said it focused on government users, and was business oriented.

V. New Business David talked about having the Workforce Training Center take charge of all of our written tests, so students don't have to travel around to testing sites. This is still up in the air.

Our Electronics program is being phased out, so Michael is working on moving the equipment into the aviation lab, with the idea that we could start some avionics classes. Funding may be a problem, so we are re-purposing equipment.

VI. Future trends and concerns Dathan said that he sees a trend to using more composites instead of sheet metal. He might be able to donate some materials to us for training needs.

John C. talked about the NMAAA. Their yearly Aviation Career Expo will be in Alamogordo at the municipal airport, on Thursday, October 12. The following year it will be in Roswell.

Mark was asked about the DOT. He had talked about the student club in Los Alamos, which has not really gotten started because of budget cuts. The DOT has a Safety Officer position available, but they cannot hire because of budget concerns.

John C. asked about enrollment at CNM. Enrollment is steady. Embry-Riddle has an articulation agreement with CNM and would like to see CNM grads transfer in order to get a BA degree. John would like to come and talk to the class some time.

VII. Date and time of next meeting To be decided. Members will be polled as to a good time and day.

VIII. Advisory member feedback survey: Given to two members present.

IX. Adjournment: 2:40 pm