

**Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010**

Attendees: Frank Holuta – Elkin
Ellen Starry – Gorell
Mike Rempel – Gorell
Volker Valentin – Gorell
Nick Parchinsky – HMS
Julie Miller – MGK
Steve McPherson – MGK
Dave Coleman – Cleveland Brothers
Dennis McCracken – Quintech
Nancy Saxman – Synergy
Dan Super – Homer City Automation
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation

Ken Raybuck – Tri-county WIB
Jerry Richardson – Planning and Development
Carol Fry – ICTC
Craig Volpe – ICTC
Jane Gardner – IUP, Eberly College

Tooling U Presentation:

Our meeting this month was held at the Indiana County Technology Center where we were given a presentation on Tooling U. We were shown how the program works and were able to ask questions. Steve and Julie told the consortium that Miller Welding currently uses Tooling U and will gather some more information on pricing to bring back to the group next month.

Expo 2010

The expo is Saturday January 16th. Stephanie, Steve, Carol, Nick, Dave, and Mike have all volunteered to help work at our booth.

Job Fair

A reminder that the job fair is April 15th.

Membership:

We have invested in a book of manufacturers in Pennsylvania and have picked out the companies that are in our county to get a better idea of potential members. Frank made a motion to offer free membership to new members for their first year, Stephanie seconded the motion and it passed. Frank is sending out letters to both current and potential members.

Funding:

We have \$7,564 available to each county from Industry Partnership. The training money is on its way and will be \$64,600 to be split amongst the three counties. If you have requests for tuition reimbursements, please get them in as soon as possible. Ken reminded us to please turn in our In Kind reports as soon as possible. We discussed how to spend our promotional money and also noted that we have \$3,500 in our account. Frank suggested putting together a scholarship committee to offer scholarships to students in local schools that would like to pursue a career in the field of manufacturing. Dave suggested that we use some of the money to donate to an entity such as the ICTC rather than one individual. Ken will check on the restrictions on these funds.

Social Networking:

Mike reminded us to send him an e-mail if there is any type of news or event at our company so that he can publish it on the social networking sites.

Other:

We would like to talk about a showcase at our next meeting, one that would take on a more hands on approach possibly. Mike is sending out another request to schools to place our ad in their newspapers. A reminder that Catalyst will be presenting at our next meeting.