

Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2010

Attendees: Mike Rempel – Gorell
Volker Valentin – Gorell
Julie Miller – MGK
Steve McPherson – MGK
Dave Coleman – Cleveland Brothers
Frank Holuta – Elkin
Pam Gates – Penn Machine
Nancy Saxman – Synergy
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation
Sean Gillespie – Breeze Industrial
Joe Kinter – Gazette Printers

Jerry Richardson – Planning and Development

Ken Raybuck

Mike indicated that Ken has accepted a job and will be leaving as our IP coordinator at the end of June. A search for a replacement will ensue.

Recruitment mailing and event

Frank has sent out the recruitment mailers to potential members. We discussed the details of our recruitment event and were provided with minutes from the meeting on 05/19/10 with Volker, Mike, Joe, and Ken. We talked about possible speakers such as elected officials, a representative from a “best places to work in PA” company, and/or a representative from the National Association of Manufacturing. We also discussed having current consortium members speak at the event on the advantages of membership. The date for the event will depend on the schedules of the chosen speakers. Mike will check with Ken on dates that the College Lodge is available to hold the showcase. All invoices must be turned in by June 30th to be able to use funding. Bill Flannigan has agreed to help promote the event and Carol Fry has said that ICTC can help with staffing depending on the selected date. If your company plans on showcasing products, please notify Volker. Another meeting will be scheduled to nail down the final details for the event.

Welding Initiative

Ken has received a few proposals and is waiting for one from ICTC and will put together a pricing package to consider.

Legislative Committee

There was discussion on scheduling another meeting for the legislative committee and a possible event for the fall election.

Video Contest

Mike provided everyone with some questions and possible ideas for the proposed video contest for local high schools. This would expose students to manufacturing and also supply marketing material for our member companies. We talked about prize money and whether or not all entries should receive prizes or only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Jr Achiever Camp

Mike has agreed to speak on manufacturing at the Jr. Achiever camp. They also need a marketing speaker and anyone interested should contact Eric Palmer. They are still looking for sponsors and a motion was passed to decline sponsorship for this event as a consortium.

E-mentoring

Romy Banks attended the meeting this month to discuss the e-mentoring program with our members. She provided a presentation on the process and advantages to both the students and the mentors of this program. Mike is currently a mentor and spoke on the ease of use and the benefits of e-mentoring.

Website Maintenance

The consortium passed the motion to accept a 2 year proposal from Allegheny Graphics to maintain our website.

Robot Competition

Armstrong County Manufacturing Consortium held a robot building competition this year for grades 3-6. We may consider a similar event next year.

Other:

There were several attached sheets to our agenda this month that we briefly discussed before closing. Spreadsheets on the shared training classes and also our marketing and outreach expenses were provided. Included in the marketing and outreach materials was a quote from Renda broadcasting offering a total of 160, 30 second impact messages for \$1000.