

# **Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium Meeting Minutes December 10, 2009**

Attendees: Frank Holuta – Elkin  
Ellen Starry – Gorell  
Volker Valentin – Gorell  
Mike Rempel – Gorell  
Steve McPherson – MGK  
Dave Coleman – Cleveland Brothers  
Stephanie DiLeo – Homer City Automation  
Pam Gates – Penn Machine

Herb Gleditsch – CareerLink  
Ken Raybuck – Tri-county WIB  
Carol Fry – ICTC  
Rod Ruddock – Commissioner  
Dave Frick – Commissioner  
Patty Evanko - Commissioner

## **Unemployment Stats**

Mike reviewed the statistics with the group

## **EMAP Site Energy Evaluation**

Mike went over a review of the seminar he went to at AET. The primary part that would interest the members was the free energy site evaluation offered by the SBDC.

## **Electricity Rate Cap Elimination**

Mike reminded everyone of the rate cap removal coming off for most electric companies at the end of 2010.

## **Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs**

Mike showed the website and video and asked for volunteers to go through it in detail and see how we can use it for our organizational promotion.  
Carol Fry and Ken Raybuck agreed to take up that task.

## **PA Career Opportunity Grant**

**Mike reminded the group of the 12/14 deadline on this grant opportunity.**

## **2009-2010 Budget & Planning**

Ken went through the money available this year from the state for Indiana County. We have around \$7.500 for promotion. We also have 1/3 of the \$64k for tuition reimbursement. Also, there was \$96k made available to the tri county group for shared training.

### **Tuition Reimbursement**

We agreed to go with the 75% reimbursement. Ken said he would get packages out to the group promptly.

### **Catalyst Connection Offering**

Next Generation Manufacturing & Leadership Training – Mike to contact Ed Wagner and schedule him in for another update on what Catalyst Connection offers and to discuss the details of this program.

### **Titan Competition**

Mike will try to get more information from Eric Palmer on this to see if we want to sponsor some portion.

### **Volunteer Recruitment**

Frank volunteered to put together a mailing for new member solicitation. Mike needs to work on creating a mailing list.

### **WebEx Meetings**

It was decided that we would not do that as a primary venue for the meeting, but as a supplement if anyone wants to attend but can't make it.

### **EXPO 2010 – Do we participate? Volunteers? January 16<sup>th</sup>**

It was agreed that we should in order to support the Chamber and get more exposure. Hopefully we can use the Nuts and Bolts video at that time as a draw.

### **Other Business**

Herb reminded us that the Job Fair is April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ice Center. No more details are available yet.

Stephanie suggested that we start bringing donuts or some other breakfast food to the meetings, and agreed to bring the ones for January.

Mike indicated that 2010 will be the last year he will be the chair of the Consortium,, and committed to stay on for at least one more year as co-chair to assist the new chair. As stated in our bylaws, submissions for nominations will be in September and voting will be in October of 2010.

Carol again reminded us about Tooling U., and suggested that one of our next meetings be held at the ICTC so we can have a presentation of that program. Food will be involved.