

IMO Advisory Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2008
11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
NPC Taponi Center
Holbrook, Arizona 86025

Present:

Peggy Belknap
Carey Dickerson
Paul Clark
William Baldwin
Robert Martineau
Kenny Keith
Don Softley
Michelle Stewart
Hugh Moulton
Ernie Tomlinson

Kenny Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carey Dickerson was introduced to the group. She gave a little bit of her background and then the group introduced themselves to her. Peggy Belknap announced for clarification that Chester Crandell had resigned from NAVIT and was going to be a consultant for APS and their NCCER training.

Kenny Keith asked the group to review the Advisory minutes of February 28, 2008. There was no discussion or corrections. Peggy Belknap did mention the fact that these minutes are available for review on the NPC website.

Kenny Keith asked the group to go back and review the IMO Brainstorming Worksheet and send comments to him.

Kenny Keith gave an update on the SRP training. Kim Finch will be teaching six new SRP employees, using the NPC curriculum. The students will be going through ITP 210,211,212, 213, 230 during the next 16 weeks. Carey Dickerson will be getting a contract ready for signing. The students will be registered in NPC courses. Kenny explained how successful the APS job shadowing program has been and the college will be offering an ITP 199 course for the summer. There have been a lot of requests by students to continue the job shadowing program over the summer. Bob Martineau also explained how useful the job shadowing program is. He explained how difficult it is to take a group of 15-20 students at one time. The noise levels in the plant make it hard to address a group of this size, whereas with job shadowing the students have a learning opportunity one on one with a plant operator. Bob mentioned that he would like to see all students be required to job shadow.

Kenny Keith told the group that the Automation Studio has been purchased. He asked the group how they wanted to be trained using the new software. The group consensus was to use the program and have questions for a group or personal training from the company.

Paul Clark gave an update about purchasing a field truck using Carl Perkins Funds. This would be a fully equipped truck for training. He has written the specifications and has received several bids. The cost has been \$78,000-\$85,000. There was discussion about crane certification using the field truck. This is something that Kenny and Paul will explore.

There was some discussion about having the NAVIT students going to the labs for 3 days and staying on school campus for 2 days to complete the online courses. Kenny Keith was approached by a Career Advisory from Snowflake. They are saying the cost of transportation is very high to transport students to St. Johns everyday. This is something that is worth looking into further.

Michelle Stewart announced that William Baldwin was one of the recipients of an APS scholarship for the coming year.

Bob Martineau and Michelle Stewart told the group of a new internship. This would be a year round program. The employees would be required to be registered in NPC vocational courses. 6 employees will be hired in this program.

Don Softley mentioned that 4 new bag houses/scrubbers are being implemented in the system for environmental compliance and efficiently levels. He stated that there is no training for using this system. He asked the college to explore if TWL Knowledge Group has any courses dealing with Bag Houses and Scrubbers.

Michelle told the group that APS is now a NCCER Assessment Center.

Ernie Tomlinson told the group that SRP is going to be using NCCER for its Apprenticeship program; he also stated that NCCER activity, testing, etc. would be under APS Sponsorship until SRP acquires its own Sponsor Status. He said that currently SRP would not allow Job Shadowing due to security issues, but may reconsider once their security policy is revised to accommodate the Scrubber Upgrade project.

Hugh Moulton explained how his program is making progress. He has added new hands-on props and a computer training lab is about complete.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2008.