

Northland Pioneer College
Industrial Maintenance and Operations Advisory Council
Working Lunch
Thursday January 24, 2013
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cholla Power Plant
Cholla Training Facility

Attendees: Koren Whitmire, Bob Martineau, Paul Clark, Christopher Susag, Sean Nolden, Hugh Moulton, Von Stradling, Rose Lee Jaquez, Kenny Keith, Royce Kincanon, Jeremy Raisor, Bill Fee, Mike Twyford, Tom Hull, Ron Waline.

Von opened the meeting at 11:05 with welcome and introductions.

The minutes of September 20, 2012 were approved with the two corrections.

Von turned time over to Kenny for the IMO agenda items

Kenny gave an update about the IMO courses being offered in Page. In the fall semester, we had 12 students and finished with 9. NPC Governing Board approved at their last meeting the intergovernmental agreement with CAVIAT to continue offering courses in Page. We have been working three years to get this program going. The students have struggled with the online courses since most do not have computers or access to the internet. We are working on having students do their computer courses in the lab and then doing their evaluations at home. We are hoping to offer IMO 210-211 and IMO 201 and 230 this spring.

Kenny then updated the group on the coal handling track. Students seem to enjoy this track. Kim Finch has been working on the lab evaluations for this course, since CiNet did not have the evaluations.

Kenny and Christopher will soon be getting together to establish the new PDC Training Center as a NCCER test site.

Kenny told the group that job shadowing is being encouraged to all students at both labs. Von did mention that SRP is looking at having the job shadowing program at their plant in the future. Bob Martineau has the policy that APS Cholla worked on to get it approved, and will share with Von.

SRP has helped get the headphones ready to be delivered to the plants for tours. Kenny will get them out soon.

Kenny, Bob, Hugh, and Wade will get together to plan a time and date to get the

WMC electronics building cleaned out. There is a lot of good equipment for the IMO program.

Kenny informed the group of the following enrollment numbers: IMO 210- 25 students, 211-19, 212-11, 213-12, 214-16, 268-6, NAVIT PDC-11 students, NAVIT St. Johns-8 students, IMO 201-9, 230-2, 231-2, 232-1, 233-1, IMO 151-4, 151-3, 154-7, 156-4, 158-7. No Maintenance courses offered in St. Johns this semester due to only one student signing up. Kenny will work on marketing the maintenance courses in the fall. Pell funding is now available to students.

Jeremy Raisor gave the group a Career Services update and offered his help in promoting current and future job openings. Employers are to contact him when positions become available. Jeremy handed out a flier of the upcoming Welding and Industrial Maintenance Career Fair that will take place May 22, 2013 from 2:00:-7:00 at the Silver Creek Campus.

Royce Kincanon explained to the group his role as the Business and Industry Training Coordinator. Royce discussed the workforce readiness program that is his part of the energy grant and how that program will be taken to help energy, mining and the general public as well. He spoke about working with the chambers of commerce to roll out this program in each town in Navajo and Apache Counties to enable the chambers to be the party to bring training to their areas.

Bill Fee, the new grant coordinator of the TAACCT grant-Von and Rose would like a copy of the grant narrative.

II. Industry Updates

SRP Coronado Plant

Von told the group that SRP would be holding their annual Open House in March. The past Open Houses have been very successful. Last year, over 180 people attended this informal event. SRP provides the food and have their training employees to answer any questions and explain the program. They have just hired 6 new operator trainees and 5 had completed all 5 semesters of the IMO courses. Hugh mentioned that they need to start another class in June. Recently, SRP has hired 13 NPC students of the 16 total that were hired. This has been great for the program. Von encourage the group to help recruit more industry for the advisory committee. There was a large discussion about the new training director at TEP's Springerville plant and how this person seems to be making changes in the training curriculum of the plant. There is great excitement about getting TEP back at these advisory meetings to allow their needs to be met and to share ideas among all of the participants. Royce Kincanon is attempting to set up a meeting with the new training coordinator and Von would also like to meet this person and formally invite him to be a part of the advisory group for IMO.

Navajo Generating Plant-Page

Tom Hull-

We are excited to be at the meeting. Reasons for attending are to support NPC/CAVIAT with the IMO training and to find out what others are doing to attract and train new hires in the industry. The future is looking a little brighter for NGS but there are still many hurdles that we must get over to continue running. The EPA came out with its ruling which at this point essentially gives NGS 10 years to work out its issues with the Navajo Nation lease extension, coal contract, and to finish some EIS's required under NEPA. Once those hurdles are jumped we can start installing SCR's to further reduce NOx. As of now the date in which this needs to be done is 2023 but that date is somewhat flexible. As it stands we have more hope of running to 2044 now than we have in a while. We currently have a manpower study underway and are waiting for the results of that before we can consider hiring new employees. We will probably not be able to hire any new employees until 2014.

Mike Twyford with CAVAIT- hoping to get more involved with training. Advisory and how works

APS Cholla

Sean Nolden mentioned there were 13 Auxiliary Operator positions posted Rose will be involved in the advisory committee but no longer will co-chair with Von.

Discussion/Action Items-Next meeting discuss Power Maintenance NCCER curriculum

Next Meeting April –Kenny will email group for a date and time.

Location and date to be determined

VII. Adjournment

Thank You for Attending!