

**NPC Welding Advisory Board Meeting  
Silver Creek Campus—SNC131  
October 11, 2017  
12p-2p**

In-Person— Frank Pinnell, NPC Faculty/Chair; Curtis Casey, Gillette Consulting; Randy Hoskins, NPC Faculty; Wes King, NPC faculty; John Spadaccini, NPC Manager of Career Services; Kevin Westfall, CAID Industries, Carrie Jordan, NAVIT; Peggy Belknap, NPC Dean of CTE; Nicole Ulibarri, Apache County Coordinator; Cindy Husk, Vocational Rehabilitation; Ralph Cordova, Praxair; Von Stradling, SRP

Note Taker: Pamela Dominguez

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Update on Equipment & Recommendations:**

New equipment purchased: each location received Millhog milling machine for beveling small diameter pipe, STJ and PDC received Dynasty welding machines, STJ received a heavy wire machine for running 3/32. This year we are looking in to purchasing: sheet metal break for one of our locations and fabrication tables. Industry recommendations for future purchases: positioners for piping, which is already on capital list for next year, pipe stands for an Orbital welder that was donated. Wes to send specs of the Orbital welder to Kevin to assist in training.

**Enrollment:**

Classes are five days a week at each location, days and afternoon are full. The night classes offered at each location are near to or at capacity. Welding has 280 students being served.

**Donations: Metals? SkillsUSA:**

Superior Industries has two more pallets of pipe to donate. We value our partnerships with industry not just with donations, but hiring our students. Curtis was at the State Advisory committee and suggestions about industry sponsoring a specific student. A company would pay expenses toward a specific student's education and the student would agree to work a certain amount of years for that company. Students being hired from up north or out west move along; retention is an issue. Companies are calling every day and want the best student, but those students leave and go on to greener pastures. The student that is hard-working and loyal rather than a prime donna; they may not be the best welder, but are strong in other areas. John shared an article from [www.nacweb.org](http://www.nacweb.org) about soft skills pre and post internships in to academic programs and would like to see internships in all programs.

**SkillsUSA Updates 17/18 Regional February 2<sup>nd</sup> Holbrook—Judges:**

NPC is hosting SkillsUSA Region 3 competition in Holbrook. Judges are needed for welding, leadership and job interviews, and other events. Wes has been nominated as the Region 3 coordinator for SkillsUSA. Wes can be a contact. John requested that he could contact more HR people to help with judging.

**New Welding Education Online Blog for Arizona:**

A new forum for welders called AWS Educator Community <http://azweldingeducators.freeforums.net> has 30 members so far. AWS Member Forum is a nationwide blog. It helps educators with a lot of great ideas. Professionals add their interpretation on to the discussions. The blog offers things to share with students.

**Reaching out to others in the Nation to join our group:**

We need to recruits companies from all over the country to get some good contacts to join our advisory group.

**Industry Updates:**

**CAID**— The interaction of industry and students will be good with the new Chair of the Welding State Advisory. We need to change the perception of the industry.

**Gillette Consulting/State Advisory**— JB Driver in south Phoenix is looking for welders starting at \$18-\$20. Welding State Advisory has a new Chair Jeremy. Jeremy is from industry and has an industry look and take on things. First order of business is to improve the image of welding.

**NAVIT**—Welding has great instructors that turn out great students. High schools have asked if you can make copies of the student's certification that you give the student; the college could give NAVIT copies. An aptitude pathway is great to help with success of the program.

**Peggy**—The college is in the middle of a President search. The college will be asking for community input. If we are not training these students to industry, we need to know.

**SRP**— Secretary Pruitt signed off on BART provision in the Arizona RHR State Implementation Plan (SIP), EPA produced a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) to define the CGS BART requirement. At the SRP plant, unit 1 will continue to run. In the other administration, it would have been shut down December 5 of this year. But the state and SRP put together a plan "Better than Bark". It has to do with the regional haze rule. If the plant runs; it will shut down between December and January each year, the overall emissions would be less than if we did put an SCR on. The regional haze will actually be better and less impact. SRP has until the end of 2022 to decide whether they are going to put an SCR on unit 1. If they decide not too, that unit will come off line in 2025. SRP's other unit will remain on line. Plant manager is retiring and their looking for a replacement.

**PRAXAIR**—Ralph changed the pricing giving a significant price break for students and the school. Ralph would like to be more involved with the different campuses to see if he could assist with jobs for students or other needs.

**Career Service**—John is going to a manufacturing event to meet with employers and to develop a workforce pipeline; John will be talking about our programs. PMG Manufacturing will be will coming to talk to some classes; they provide temporary workers. John has been invited to the State Recruiters monthly meetings.

**Vocational Rehabilitation**—Cindy can assist paying for tuition, purchasing supplies, tools, clothing, leathers and helmets. Cindy would like more referrals of students that are on IEPs or a disability. This is also for those who already have a job and need help with job retention to learn soft skills. It could be tailored to what the individual would need.

**Date for next meeting:**

The two Spring 2018 meetings The first will be an hour held after the SkillsUSA Regional 3 competition on February 2 (industry will be able to see our top students) and have another one in May 2018 after graduation May 10.