

**NPC Welding Advisory Board Meeting**  
**SCC, LC133**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**12-2p**

In-Person— Frank Pinnell, NPC Faculty/Co-Chair; Wes King, NPC Faculty/Co-Chair; Carrie Jordan, NAVIT; Rick Hunsacker, Sentry; Cynthia Husk, DES Voc-Rehab; Ralph Cordova, Praxair; Jackie DiCarlo, Lincoln Electric; Curtis Casey, Mesa Community College; Scott Newby; TEP; Von Stradling, SRP

Note Taker: Pamela Dominguez

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Frank welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Industry Updates:**

**Mesa Community College:** Director of their program at MCC is retiring in May; they will have a full-time faculty position opening at the beginning of next year. Industry is happy with any students they can supply.

**Lincoln Electric:** Jackie sees a lot of help wanted signs at the shops she visits. Send Jackie an email if you have students needing work. Lincoln is hiring engineers. Lincoln has a lot of new equipment coming out; one is the new Fab Pak. Lincoln invested 3 million dollars in a manufacturing building in Cleveland which is printing parts. Home hobby equipment was launched even kids can learn and use. Education Department has a new VRTX line; the price is reduced and added more equipment. Lincoln's curriculum program has certificates for their students.

**Praxair:** Schuff Steel, Superior Steel, and Freeport-McMoRan are looking for reliable people. Small shops have help wanted signs up.

**Sentry:** Sentry will have a walk through each welding location. Sentry is looking forward to working more with the welding program.

**NAVIT:** NAVIT is working on their Quality Programs audit from the State. We are justifying our programs with the number of certifications students receive. There is an adult education welding position opening up at WEST-MEC.

**DES:** Voc-Rehab assists students with disabilities with tuition, tools, clothing, and supplies.

**TEP:** TEP is in the middle of a three month outage; subcontractors are hiring. TEP is staffing 10-12 operators and will begin testing for E & I mechanics next week. There are two openings for the journey men mechanics and later in the month an opening for a welder.

**SRP:** SRP Page's plant will be shut down permanently in mid-November. Employees affected have been redeployed. Future of CGS looks good. A group within SRP called Resource Planning who are looking at the future of coal-will have results at a later date. Unit 1 and 2 were discussed. A minor outage for Unit 2 is planned in March.

**SkillsUSA National Report:** Seven students from the college went to SkillsUSA-Nationals; two were from the welding program and participated in the welding-sculpture. Students placed 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Industry partners were there; it's the largest Techspo in the U.S. The college has hosted Region 4 competitions for the past 5-years; NPC decided to pass that on. We do not know where the regionals will be at, but will participate. Once we know, we will let you know. There will be a need for prizes and judging.

**WMC Skills Center Update:** The College had gotten approval to build a skill center at WMC. The college has hired a Construction Manager and the architect was awarded. No design has been finalized. Lincoln has in their education program building designs of what works in a welding program.

**Training Records Handout:** Training records that the welding department uses was handed out. We have used it over the last three years. If Industry can review what we teach over a two-year period, can you suggest what you think should be added. Stainless MIG welding and pulse were suggested. LinkedIn was suggested for students. It was mentioned students would rather do other social media to find jobs. The department has students go online to fill in job applications in three different areas. Students need to know how to upload their resumes properly. OSHA training starting in spring will be offered online with CareerSafe. WLD179 has some flexibility to add stainless steel and pulse. SENSE is adding audits for more accountability.

**Welding RFP:** The College has had an internal change in the business office. For the first time in the welding department, we needed to go out to RFP. Last Tuesday, Sentry was awarded. The department can have small purchases from other vendors. Purchasing Procurement committee has been formed and we are looking at other institutions's purchasing procedures.

**NPC-HLC visit:** The College is preparing for a visit from the Higher learning Commission (HLC), which is our accreditor, on November 18 & 19. Our advisory board meeting minutes will be posted to our website; they will be sent out for approval. HLC may contact you.

**Industry Tours & Donations:** Randy Hoskins is taking students to tour Superior Steel and Schuff Steel on November 1. The department is always looking for industry tours. Frank would like to take students to tour SRP and TEP during an outage. CAID,

Praxair, SRP and others have been supportive of the program and given us donations. Thank you for everything you do. Industry is welcome to come visit any of the welding shops.

**SCC-May 14, 2020:**

9:30a-Completers Ceremony, 11:40a Career Fair, 1:30-3:30p Advisory Board Meeting

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