

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

July 11, 2012

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

NWTC

**Type of meeting:**

Strategic Planning

**Note taker:**

Ann Franz

**Attendees:**

Tom Buske, Josh Delforge, Pete Bilski, Jeff Guenther, Terry Bilgo, Steve Hirt, and Ann Franz

**Agenda topics**

Member & Subcommittee updates (Education/Lean/Safety)

All

The Supply Chain subcommittee invited a representative from Nashville Tempered Glass to attend the August 9 meeting at NWTC starting at 8:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend. Ann distributed the marine manufacturing career pathway brochure that the Education subcommittee designed. It features the marine-related educational programs at LTC, NWTC, and UW – Marinette. Josh suggested having an accompanying piece that would could be posted on a bulletin board in a member company's break room. Tom shared that unfortunately his company was not awarded the ship-to-shore connector boat.

Terry Bilgo from Five-Fold Consulting and Steve Hirt from Optima explained what they could do to help member companies with Lean processes within their organizations. Optima has several levels of services including a program called, "Continuous Improvement Learning Network" that is free and includes a newsletter, social events and discounted workshops. The second tier level is called "Teach Change Perform Network." This level includes access to the continuous improvement web portal, training events, and facilitated peer meetings. The cost of that level is \$4,800. The members discussed sharing the cost of the second tier to help offset the cost. Next steps include:

- Tom Buske will be the lead for this initiative
- By August 1, members will send Tom an analysis of their company's needs in Lean and identify other members from their company that would benefit from coming to a Lean presentation
- Tom will compile information and send it to Steve Hirt
- Ann will send a Doodle poll in August to determine a next meeting date with Steve Hirt

Composites R & D

All

The composites tour at Winona University was very interesting. The Alliance members met with the coordinator of the center. He said that it was self sufficient, due to companies paid for its students to do testing of the composites. Mark W. believed that a significant amount of the testing equipment Winona University has is similar to what NWTC has at its Green Bay campus. Josh will be coming to NWTC on July 12 to test some panels utilizing NWTC's testing equipment. Fred Monique and Ann developed a survey that will go out to businesses that use composites to determine interest in the testing center. The members reviewed the survey and made some minor changes. The survey will go out in 2-3 weeks. Josh stated that it is important that the survey be directed to engineers within a company.

November Supplier meeting & Associate members

All

Alliance members are encouraged to invite potential associate members to the August meeting. The focus of the meeting will be discussing the November supplier event. Potential location for the next meeting or a future meeting is Palmer Johnson.

Higgins Boat

All

The members discussed the viability of doing two projects for the museum (restoration project and replica). It was determined that due to the time and expense that the Alliance would focus on the restoration project. The Alliance is interested in giving technical assistance in restoring the boat. Tom is going to look at the boat again and ensure that the museum is aware of what the Alliance can and cannot do. A trucking company has agreed to move the boat, however a location needs to be found to store the boat during the restoration process. The museum did inform Tom that workers comp is covered by the museum. Tom will also contact the museum in New Orleans that build a replica on how many man hours it took to complete the boat.

Website & Marketing

All

Ann distributed the NCMMA business cards that members can give prospective associate members. Due to time constraints, the website will be discussed at a future meeting

Maritime Training Center

All

Tabled for a future meeting.

Set next meeting date and plan agenda

All

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 8 at 1 p.m. at NWTC in the Business Assistance Center's classroom.**

Members are encouraged to invite suppliers that are interested in potential membership in the organization:

- Member and Subcommittee updates
- Plan Supplier meeting
- Composites & Higgins Update
- Website & Marketing
- Set Next Meeting Date and Plan Agenda