

Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

June 11, 2014

1:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus - BA101 Classroom

Type of Meeting: Steering Committee with Associate Members

Note Taker: Debbie Thompson

Attendees: **Bill Behme**-Bay Shipbuilding, **Derek Dachelet**-Southwest WI Tech College, **Josh Delforge**-Marquis Yachts, **John Hauser**-TES/Kohler, **Phillip Henslee**-MMC, **Brian Lancour**-NWTC, **Gary Langer**-Sintex-Wausaukee Composites, **Dean Stewart**, **Ann Franz** and **Debbie Thompson**-NWTC

AGENDA TOPICS

PARTICIPANT(S)

Member and Subcommittee Updates

All

- Derek Dachelet requested contacting members in regard to his PhD program dissertation. He is investigating the role of Dr. Jeff Rafn in the formation of the NCMMA. His goal is to complete 10 to 15 interviews. Participants and their responses will remain anonymous.
- Marinette Marine Corporation is in countdown mode for the LCS7 rollout by the end of summer.
- John Hauser of Total Energy Systems/Kohler shared that their large tier 4 John Deere product has been officially launched.
- Bay Shipbuilding has been very busy. Bill Behme stated they have had many damaged boats coming back, including some new Coast Guard boats. They continue to have a lot of activity with new vessels. Three petroleum barges and two tugs have been signed. They currently have three years' worth of backlog.
- Marquis/Carver is two months into working under their new company president, with many exciting changes. Josh Delforge stated they delivered their first three Van Dutch 40s and are currently building a Van Dutch 55. They are very busy and are also working on two new Carver projects.
- Gary Langer shared Sintex-Wausaukee Composites is comprised of several businesses in the Wisconsin/Michigan area. They recently opened in Gillett, WI with over 20 employees at the facility. Their Gillett location is a small contract manufacturing organization, with a unique product line. They have a logistics and tooling centers, and provide fabrication. They do business with local marine manufacturers, with Cummins their largest customer. They are currently hiring at their Gillett and Wausaukee facilities for design and mechanical engineers.
- NWTC Corporate Training & Economic Development (CTED) has put up \$1 million in grants for training this year, as reported by Dean Stewart. His department writes grants, as well as delivers training on grants. Round three of the Fast Forward Grant is slated to begin in a few weeks.
- There have been no new developments in the creation of the Excellence in Maritime Center.

Maritime OSHA Certification

Bill Behme

Currently there is not a local Maritime OSHA 10 training program, the closest being in Texas. Bill shared that Tom Carow from Bay Ship has been working with a provider of the training located in Texas to come to this area to deliver a train-the-trainer course for this summer. The cost of the program is \$9,000 and can be divided amongst enrollees. The cost does not include the training location; however, NWTC could be used as the training site. The training is one week, 40 hours. They can host up to 20 students, however students must have the OSHA 10 general training prior to enrolling.

If anyone is interested in being part of this training, please contact Bill Behme of Bay Shipbuilding. Ann will contact her partners to generate interest. The Port of Milwaukee and the Cleveland shipyards were also suggested as areas that may desire this training. Dean is coordinating with CTED staff and Northern Illinois University for program credentialing.

NWTC is also offering a new **maritime firefighting program** starting in fall 2014. Anyone going on a ship must be certified to fight fires. Dean shared that this certification is currently not offered in the Great Lakes region.

NCMMA Involvement in the NLUS Youth Program & K-12 Outreach

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Phillip brought an NLUS STEM Institute SeaPerch kit for members to evaluate. It is made of PVC and has three submersible propellers, with forward and reverse gear capabilities. The SeaPerch is an interactive, build project for schools to build

awareness of marine manufacturing careers. The SeaPerch teaches engineering, fluids, maritime learning, and teamwork. The cost per kit is \$150.

Attendees agreed it would be an interesting opportunity to reach out to schools about participating in this activity. Ann suggested doing a pilot with five schools. Winners will be able to go on to a state competition, with the possibility of progressing to nationals.

Attendees agreed to move forward with the SeaPerch student outreach. Ann will invite Nate Milsap to the August meeting for further group discussion.

	ABYC & SSPC	Joe Draves
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These topics have been tabled until the August meeting, as Joe was unable to attend today's meeting.

	WEDC Grant	All
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Ann reported the WEDC is offering the Alliance the opportunity to write a grant for up to \$50,000 for international trade shows. This grant is available to the boat builders and associate members, but does not cover travel costs. The Dusseldorf trade show was mentioned as an upcoming opportunity for this grant.

	Scholarship Program	All
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Ann reported there were no applicants for the two \$1,000 maritime scholarships; however, there are students enrolled in the programs. Attendees agreed to keep the scholarships designated for maritime students and offer them again for spring 2015. All agreed that the recipients can be someone older than a recent high school student. It was suggested to have instructors of the degree programs promote the scholarships more and to possibly tie them to the SeaPerch competition.

	Plan Agenda for Next Meeting	All
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The next NCMMA steering committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at NWTC in the Business Assistance Center's main classroom, starting at 1:00 p.m. There will not be a July meeting, due to the holiday.

Agenda topics for the August meeting include the following.

- Member and Subcommittee Updates
- Maritime OSHA 10 Certification
- NLUS SeaPerch and K-12 Outreach
- ABYC & SSPC