

Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

August 13, 2014

1:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus - BA101 Classroom

Type of Meeting:	Steering Committee
Note Taker:	Debbie Thompson
Attendees:	Jerry Clusen-NLUS, Josh Delforge- Marquis Yachts, Dave Geitner-NWTC, Jeff Guenther-Marquis Yachts, Phillip Henslee-MMC, Brian Lancour-NWTC, Bob Linder and Kyle Pfaffendorf-Crane Engineering, Curt Prokash-Marquis Yachts, Dean Stewart, Ann Franz, Debbie Thompson-NWTC

AGENDA TOPICS

PARTICIPANT(S)

Welcome & Introduction of Potential New Associate Members

Bob Linder & Kyle Pfaffendorf

Bob Linder and Kyle Pfaffendorf presented for **Crane Engineering**, a third generation family business located in Kimberly, celebrating 75 years in business. They have 25+ degreed engineers and over 80 employees. The company serves a broad range of markets; fluid system design, equipment sourcing & selection, fabrication, installation, field service and repair.

JA Moody focuses exclusively on the marine industry. They sell fluid control products nationwide. JA Moody is the exclusive distributor for Pentair and Nu-Torque products and are the national distributor for Farris pressure relief valves.

Member & Subcommittee Updates

All

- Ann requested the purchase of a new NCMMA banner and stand, as the previous banner stand is in disrepair. Members agreed to the purchase of a new, smaller unit. Ann will contact Aaron Beth of NWTC for options and pricing. Ann also reported the supply chain subcommittee is working to identify best suppliers and supplier gaps.
- **MMC** A) Ms. Jan Allman took over two weeks ago as the new CEO. B) Today was the last day of training for MMC's nine Fast Forward Grant (FFG) high school students. The students will start working tomorrow. C) Crane Engineering is providing the company's flushing equipment that will also serve as part of the student's work experience.
- **Marquis Yachts** A) In an effort to streamline, the company has new Lean Six Sigma initiatives. B) The 55 Van Dutch was tested in Green Bay waters this week. C) Two weeks from now, a new Carver will be brought to Miami. D) **Marquis Yachts currently has a need for painters.**
- Bay Shipbuilding currently has three years of backlog, including two cargo ships.
- Ace Marine is transitioning to be MMCs aluminum super structure for the LCS.
- **NWTC** A) A potential site is being tested for the Maritime Center of Excellence. The building has been modified to compliment the proposed site. B) Dean shared that 10,000 sq. ft. has been added to the NWTC marine training center in Marinette. The space will be flexible in an effort to respond quickly to employer needs. C) WAT and Fast Forward grants are still being administered. The WAT grant is now on a rolling calendar of funding until the \$8 million has been used.

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

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Jerry Clusen, NLUS volunteer, presented on the SeaPerch Underwater ROV Program. Members agreed to move forward with the purchase of two student kits (approximately \$143 each). Competitions will need to be formalized.

Next Steps:

- Determine what the NCMMA SeaPerch program will look like (cost, time, designs, targeted schools, etc.).
- Ann will arrange for the two kits to be purchased using NCMMA funds.
- Josh will create a flyer for the schools in an effort to spark interest.
- Members were asked to go back to their companies to estimate their level of involvement in the program. Students could begin the program with a tour of a boat builder.

Maritime OSHA Certification

Dean Stewart

NWTC has achieved OSHA Maritime Certification and is currently the only maritime training center in Wisconsin. Four courses are currently being offered. They are as follows.

- OSHA 10 Hour for Maritime Industry
- OSHA 5410 – OSHA Standards for the Maritime Industry
- OSHA 5400 – Trainer Course for Maritime – *offered on demand*
- OSHA 5402 – Train the Trainer Refresher for Maritime – *offered on demand*

This training can be conducted at NWTC or onsite. For more information, go to <https://corporatetraining.nwtc.edu> or call 920-498-6971.

	NWTC Marine Manufacturing Programs	Dave Geitner
<p>Dave Geitner reported enrollment numbers have doubled in the last two weeks. Enrollment numbers are looking good for the welding and engineering sections in Marinette and Green Bay.</p> <p>Discussions took place on how to boost enrollments, especially in the related composites and electrical courses. Suggestions included the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Rich Ryman of the Green Bay Press-Gazette write an article promoting maritime careers. • Find ways to get students excited about the building process. Utilize SeaPerch and other competitions. • Run an online and/or newspaper ad. • Work through the Job Centers and Workforce Boards. • Continue school outreach. 		
	Approve New Associate Members	All
Attendees approved Crane Engineering and JA Moody as new NCMMA associate members.		
	ABYC & SSPC	
This topic has been tabled until the September NCMMA steering committee meeting.		
	Plan Agenda for Next Meeting	All
<p>The next NCMMA steering committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at the NWTC Business Assistance Center, 1:00 p.m. Agenda will include the NCMMA SeaPerch program and Associate Member Expo.</p>		