

**WELDING TECHNOLOGY**  
**Occupational Advisory Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2020**  
**Location- Restaurant 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

In attendance: Meghan Cicchino, Sam Hirlehey, Neil Goldberg, Ray Saccarelli, Jason Tucker, Paul Lowry, Daniel Pizzoferrato, Scott Horan, Allison Larson.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved unanimously.

**IV. Unfinished Business: Penn State Medical Center Welder's Study**

- a. Hershey Medical Center is conducting a study on welders on how welding fumes affect brain function. Meghan is a participant in the study with follow up examines in 18 months and update discussion every 3 months. She informed the committee PSU is looking for approximately 50 additional participants. Contact info was passed to committee members.

**V. New Business**

- a. Chairpersons Meeting: Neil attended the meeting and reported items of note: 1) the schools has vans to transport students to sponsored events; 2) the school is at 87% capacity overall, with the welding program at 106%; 3) industrial robotics is a new curriculum being offered next year.
- b. Student Certifications: Meghan informed committee members all students will graduate with two certifications: OSHA 10 and S/P2.
- c. RTF: Remote testing facility was renewed this year ( 2nd year as a remote test site), with two students testing and receiving their D1.1 certification. Cost is approximately \$145.00 for the D1.1 cert.
- d. Open House: Open house and OAC brunch is scheduled for 1 March. Meghan expressed her appreciation for OAC members who attend and assist in answering perspective students and parent's questions about the welding program. Meghan will be contacting OAC members about support.

- e. Awards: Meghan reviewed student awards. The Adam Weissner award is in its last year, Scully Welding award is its last year. Several committee members stated they would renew their awards. The account balance for awards is \$275.00. Awards are given to seniors who have excelled in performance during the school year as determined by the instructor. Meghan will reach out to committee members for their support.
- f. OAC Membership: Committee members discussed the OAC table membership openings for a Safety Representative and Forman. Welcome new member Daniel Pizzoferrato to the OAC.
- g. NOCTI Exam: A call was made for NOCTI evaluators from committee members; a minimum of 2 evaluators is needed for the end of April practical test. Meghan stated test areas of concentration for the test are:
  - oxy fuel practice
  - weld symbol understanding.Meghan to follow up for evaluators.
- h. Annual Report was distributed to committee members.
- i. Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO's): Update- Students toured Derbyshire Machine Company (courtesy of Tony Taurino). The tour was regarded as a great success. Steve Catherman provided a presentation from his company, Rhodes Manufacturing, to welding students. Trip to Boilermakers training facility is scheduled in March 2020. The students will set up a booth at a manufacturing expo in Oaks on 10 March. Paul Lowry invited a small group of students to his shop for a tour. Meghan to coordinate.

#### **I. Dates of Meetings for 2019-2020**

Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Welding Technology Theory Room

#### **II. Important Dates for 2019-2020**

- **OAC Chairpersons Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:00 pm
- **Advisory Appreciation Brunch- On-Site**  
Sunday, March 1, 2020 11:00-12:30 pm  
SNOW DATE- Sunday, March 8, 2020 11:00-12:30 pm
- **Open House- On-Site**

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- **Awards Night-** Location UMHS Auditorium  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:00 pm

**III. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.