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**Members Present**

Kevin Powers Professor Palomar College

Dennis Lutz Professor Palomar College

Preston Buchanan Sales Rep Airgas

Josh Sprinkle District Man. Miller Electric

Erik Irvine Owner Finishline Welding

Kevin Smith Adjunct Palomar College

Matt Gomez Adjunct Palomar College

William Boffman HSE Man. Stabbert Maritime

Sam Lindsay District Director American Welding Society

Vinny Pedeson Manufac. Manager Steico Industries

Jenna Szuch HR assistant Steico Industries

Mark Seibel Welder SDISRA

Aaron Miller Welding Inspector Steico Industries

**6:15P.M. - Call to order**

Kevin Powers introduced himself and thanked the committee for attending. Opened with an opportunity for members to introduce themselves and which company they represent.

**6:20P.M.**

Kevin Powers- PowerPoint: Student success, program certificates, awards, course and program overview. Details on courses offered and how students earn certificates and degrees.

Sam Lindsey- Will the program teach basic skills such as reading, writing and job attaining skills?

Kevin Powers- Students Learn basic skills throughout the curriculum i.e. technical welding procedure documents, reading codes, etc.

Kevin Powers gave recognition to Adjunct Matt Gomez for implementing interviews at the end of the semester.

Matt Gomez- Assigned 3 choices for his students, Essay, Job interview, or examinations.

**6:45 P.M.**

Kevin Powers- Explained the program certificates and welding certification

Sam Lindsey**-** Asked about the school becoming an accredited test facility.

The committee agreed that in order to justify the expense and get the full value of becoming and ATF the school would have to take walk in welding test candidates. Kevin Powers explained that there are school liability concerns. The committee agreed that the school does not need to be an ATF in order to serve current students.

Erik Irvine- certifies his own employees and has never needed the use of an ATF

Josh Sprinkle: some very specific industries require welder qualification to be done at an ATF but it is for very specific industries.

**7:00 P.M**. Program Goals overview

Kevin Powers- NDT program has been written, approved, but never been offered. Is there a need for the program to be a separate program for welding, offered in modules, and an industry need?

Sam Lindsay- suggested instead of a complete program maybe make an NDT class that is an introduction to all methods. Committee agreed.

**7:15 P.M.**

Kevin powers opened the floor for comments or suggestions from committee members.

Josh Sprinkle- robotics would be good to incorporate but it is geared more towards programming rather than skill obtainment. He suggested to focus on incorporating more aluminum into the program as aluminum is becoming more and more popular in all areas of manufacturing and construction.

William Boffman- needs welders with aluminum GTAW and GMAW experience.

Committee- need to purchase an aluminum feeder to incorporate into the GMAW class.

Kevin Powers- explained the biggest hurdle to offer a lot of aluminum training is the expense of material

The committee discussed a recycling and donation program with industry partners.

Dennis Lutz- explained the needs of the program, funding, and the growth of the program at Palomar.

The committee recommended to incorporate manufacturing exercises to improve student potential, which Kevin explained is one of the goals of both the advanced manufacturing and welding programs.

Sam Lindsey discussed scholarship opportunities for students.

**7:40 P.M**.

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