

MinnesotaWest Community and Technical College
Electrician Program Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2017 5:00 p.m.
Key Largo Slayton, MN

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Chris Swabota (pres), Trevor J. Humphrey (sec), Gary Olsen, Dustin Olsen, Rob Arp, Bruce Gemmill, Jim Skjefte, Judy Drown, Lance Bauman, Bruce Peterson, Hans Ritter, Matt Victor

The previous minutes were approved.

*New Business

IV - Enrollment: Jackson and Canby have 11 in first year and Jackson has 12 in the 2nd Canby has 11 in the second year.

V - Industry Donations: Kahler Automation made a very generous donation of lighting and Allen Bradley Donated switchgear. ADM, Border States Electric and Muth Electric have also donated numerous items over the years.

VI - Leveraged funds: Proposals are being submitted to upgrade equipment including PLC labs and more specifically the computer systems and monitors that control them. Allocations donated to each college will be matched 1 to 1 by the State.

VII - Solar PV technical certificate: Minnesota West and Century college have partnered up to offer a Solar Cert. They have addressed the issue of people still in the industry by making this available as an online course.

VIII - Exam Prep: Trevor suggested taking the existing worksheets that MW currently uses to teach NEC code be used to teach a self-paced exam prep class that former student or non-traditional student can use.

IX - Open Discussion: This was an opportunity for attendees to discuss jobs, work in the industry. We talked with students and asked about how they feel the curriculum was meeting their needs. They brought up ITV class being more challenging to follow. The instructors acknowledged that and talked about possible solutions including adding power points to D2L.

X - Adjournment: 6:21 p.m.