



February 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The February meeting was held at the Gruene River Grill. Ron Hamel, President, opened the business meeting at noon. The first item presented was the financial condition of the organization. The Treasurer reported that the organization holds over \$8,000 in its account.

The next item on the agenda was the lunch price. The membership was comfortable with the current price of \$12 per person and a discussion of contracting with a single restaurant for the majority of the meetings was entertained, but no formal motion was made to that effect. The treasurer offered to investigate contracts with local restaurants and get back to the membership.

The next item on the agenda was annual dues. A long discussion of the membership dues ensued. There was a motion by Quest Daniel to table the dues for the Membership & Marketing committee, which was seconded by Sunni Christon. There was further discussion of changing employment levels in our community and re-verification of that data towards structuring the annual dues. A motion was made by Roger Tuttle and seconded by Mike Lovay to maintain the current rate structure for annual dues and to charge Associate members the same as regular members, while allowing the Executive Committee the authority to waive charges as may be deemed appropriate. There was further discussion that annual dues needed to be separated from scholarship fundraising, but no formal motion was made. There was a further motion by Quest Daniel to amend the prior motion to maintain the fee structure and provide a new level of annual dues at \$50 for member companies with 1 to 10 employees. The motion did not carry.

Clifton Stapleton introduced the topic of **Committees**. The **Executive Committee** was identified with no changes. The **Membership & Marketing Committee** members are: Quest Daniel – Cemex, Tracy Crowther – TXI, Roger Tuttle – Great American Products, and Doug Toney – New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung. The **Education, Training & Development Committee** will be chaired by Henry Hahn – Alamo WorkSource Career Center and its first member is Rusty Brockman – New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. The **Scholarship Committee** will be chaired by Al Ranzau – Detex Corp., and will have as members George Bal – Detex Corp. and Sandy Neuse – Cemex. One Ad Hoc Committee – **Fundraising** – will be chaired by Lyndon Frame – Objective Maintenance and its first member is John Dewey – ITM.

Ron Hamel provided an update of the Texas Alliance of Manufacturers Associations.

Rusty Brockman provided an update on CTTC, informing us that Human Resources training will be conducted on 3 Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are continued efforts towards Tri-City Marketing to bring business to San Marcos, Seguin, and New Braunfels. The Chamber's website has been updated and all are encouraged to visit the new website.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2005, at the Gruene River Grill. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Paula DiFonzo of NBU.

Respectfully submitted: Arnold J. Cardenas, Secretary/Treasurer