



### ***Opening & Introductions:***

The meeting was held at Honors Hall on April 19, 2011 at 11:45 am. Al Ranzau opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Members present were: Alamo Work Force, Central Texas Technology Center, Chemical Lime, Detex Corporation, FedEx Services, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel Group, ITM, Lionhaerat Assurance Solutions, NB Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Smokehouse, Priority Personnel, Inc., Symons Corporation, and TXI

Guests present were: Luke Bellsnyder who is a Manufacturing Lobbyist in Austin. We also had Mark Gilstrap and Harry Billgray which are guests of Quest Daniel.

### ***Committee Reports:***

Treasurer reported that the NBMA had a balance of \$8,671.82. Treasurer is also completing and mailing out the Membership Invoices for 2011.

Scholarship Committee: Jerry Negrete handed out the new Scholarship Guidelines. Jerry urged the members that were present to look over the new guidelines and to provide some feedback on this.

### ***Featured program: Guest Speaker is Luke Bellsnyder who is a Manufacturing Lobbyist in Austin. He is also associated with TAM: Texas Association of Manufactures***

Mr. Bellsnyder started the meeting by discussing the type of Legislature we have at this time and that we have a rather large Freshman Class of legislators. He stated that the TAM-Texas Association of Manufactures mission is to promote quality jobs for Texans in the manufacturing sector. TAM represents over 400 large and small manufactures. TAM's website [www.manufacturetexas.org](http://www.manufacturetexas.org) is very well organized and is very knowledgeable. He went on to discuss the Texas Workforce, EPA regulations, the new Congressional Districts, the new Gun Law that is on the Books and that we have about 6000 Bills that have been introduced.



***Chamber Report:***

Rusty Brockman had a prior engagement but he asked the Secretary to pass along this information. The Chamber will holding their monthly mixer at the Dry Comal Creek Vineyard on Thursday April 21, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2011 at 11:45am at the Honors Hall. The program that is tentatively scheduled is Paula DiFonzo with the New Braunfels Utilities.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Secretary/Treasurer 2011