



***Opening & Introductions:***

The meeting was held at Honors Hall. Al Ranzou opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Members present were: Cemex, Central Texas Technology Center, Detex Corp., FedEx Services, Lionhaerat Assurance Solutions, N.B. Chamber of Commerce, NBU, Priority Personnel, The Coach Approach, LLC, and TXI.

Guests present were: Mark Gilstrap  
Matt Dirienzo

***Officer's reports:***

James updated the members on the financial status.

***Committee Reports:***

Scholarships: Jerry stated that he has finished the 1<sup>st</sup> draft for the 2011 Scholarship guidelines. This draft will be attached to the minutes as a PDF.



***Featured program:***

Patrick Felty from the First Robotics Competition was the guest speaker. The word “First” stands for:

F = For

I = Inspiration and

R = Recognition of

S = Science and

T = Technology

Patrick went on to discuss the many things that were happening within the program. They have different levels of competition within the age groups.

Junior FIRST LEGO League Grades K - 3 (ages 6 - 9)

FIRST LEGO League Grades 4 – 8 (ages 9 – 14)

FIRST Tech Challenge Grades 9 – 12 (ages 14 – 18)

FIRST Robotics Competition Grades 9 – 12 (ages 14 – 18)

As a manufacturing association, we could become involved with mentoring or plant tours for these various groups of robotic competition. The teams are looking for space for working and also help with fabrication work. It was also suggested that discounts be offered for equipment, tools or material lists. Recruiting or starting teams at a school level would be challenging but not impossible. The competition would require volunteers for training, crowd control, technical organizers, and etc.

***Chamber Report:***

Rusty Brockman commented on the following items:

The Chamber is looking for prospects for manufactures and locations.

The Baptist Health System and Fitness plans to build in the new Town Center at Creekside.

The new Creekside Cinemas and the new Longhorn Steakhouse has opened up.

The business plan for the airport has been presented. There has been some work at the airport, resurfacing and painting of runways and also lighting repairs.

Trying to resolve the issues with the downtown parking.

Cisco is moving along on the construction of their new building.

The Lacks Warehouse is being listed.



***CTTC Report:***

The support of local schools and different groups

***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting will be held on ... at 11:45am at... The scheduled program is ...

Respectfully submitted by:  
James Ross  
Secretary/Treasurer 2011

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The following is a draft of proposed changes / updates to the Scholarship Guidelines. Please review and email your suggestions to me at [jjn@detex.com](mailto:jjn@detex.com). Our goal should be to have the revisions finalized and approved by the next meeting on March 15, 2011.

Thank you,

Jerry Negrete

1) Scholarships will be offered for students in degreed or certificate programs in skilled trades offered at the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) or accredited college/university; other specific programs will be selected annually.

**Do we want to add language specifying manufacturing disciplines?**

2) The NBMA goal is to offer a minimum of four scholarships each year (including any continuing scholarships); and more will be made available as funding permits; any additional Scholarships will be decided year-by-year after review of NBMA finances and objectives.

**Do we want to remove the statement "...and more will be made available as funding permits..."?**

3) Scholarship recipients will receive up to \$1000 in funding payable in \$500 increments within a 12-month period on a reimbursement basis.

**Do we want to reconsider the amount, perhaps back down to the previous amount of \$500 per applicant, per semester? (I pose this question in consideration of helping as many students as possible.)**

4) Scholarships will be offered on an annual basis; recipients may apply for continued assistance for a maximum of two years of scholarship support to any one student.

**Should this statement be reworded to read: "...for a maximum of two scholarship awards to any one student." ?**

5) To be eligible, applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, and must be residents of Comal, Hays or Guadalupe counties at the time of application. Employees of NBMA member organizations, their spouses and children are eligible for scholarship support.

**Are there any suggestions for Guideline 5?**

6) To be eligible for continuing assistance, students must have made satisfactory progress towards the certificate or degree, including completion of one year of a full-time course load for the particular program, and grades of "C" or better in all classes.

**Are there any suggestions for Guideline 6?**

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7) Applications will be received and reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which will make its recommendations to full membership for approval.

*Are there any suggestions for Guideline 7?*

8) The approved applications and associated documents shall be given to the Secretary to keep with the official organizational records.

*Are there any suggestions for Guideline 8?*

9) The Scholarship Committee will work with the appropriate school counselors to accept applications for scholarships in order to compile a list of prospects for the membership approval.

*Are there any suggestions for Guideline 9?*

10) Scholarships will be awarded with consideration to: NBMA membership/affiliation, Discipline/area of study, previous scholarship recipient, availability of funds.

*Are there any suggestions for Guideline 10?*

11) Receipts for tuition, fees, books and bona-fide supplies shall be submitted to the NBMA Treasurer to obtain the reimbursement.

*Are there any suggestions for Guideline 11?*