



## **February 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

### ***Introduction & Opening:***

The February meeting was held at the Central Technology Center. Barry Brittain opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Ashley Furniture, Cemex, CTTC, Coleman, Comal ISD, Detex, Edisto Business Resources, FedEx Services, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel, NB Chamber of Commerce, NB Herald-Zeitung, Objective Maintenance, Priority Personnel, Star Manufacturing, and T-Bar M.

Guests present were: April Carles (T-Bar M), Belinda Nichols (March of Dimes)

### ***Officer Reports:***

Paul Webber updated the membership on the current account balances for the organization.

Barry discussed his role as President of NBMA and the direction of the organization for the year. He would like NBMA to focus on better public relations, membership involvement and retention of members. To accomplish this, we will be combining the Membership, Marketing and Fundraising committees into one entity to concentrate on these efforts. Mike Lovay has expressed interest in chairing the committee. Barry also said that the members should use NBMA as a forum for helping each other with common interests & problems. The NBMA board is open to suggestions for programs that would be more beneficial to the manufacturing community.

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

- Scholarship:
  - o The committee has one application for this year that is under consideration
  - o There is a vacancy on the committee when George Bal retires. Paul Webber has volunteered to fill this opening.
  
- Membership:
  - o No report
  
- Fundraising:
  - o The golf tournament will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. at the Bandit.
  - o Need 120 golfers, \$85 per person.
  - o San Marcos Manufacturing Association will also be participating.

***Chamber Report:***

Rusty Brockman said that there is a lot of activity and interest for companies moving to New Braunfels. The new GIS program is up and running with positive feedback. The Texas legislature has established an official manufacturing caucus that has over 100 members. The NBMA should tap into this caucus so that the needs of local manufacturers can be recognized and addressed by the state legislatures.

***Featured Program:***

Mike Morpew discussed the current changes and improvements at CTTC. CTTC has installed and is using a new Fanuc training robot, the only one currently in North America. Within the next few weeks, a curriculum committee will be organized to focus on the "Production Worker" training program. CTTC would like NBMA and the manufacturers to be involved in this committee. CTTC has purchased the materials to provide certification to the Manufacturing Skills Standard Council (MSSC). CTTC will be the first campus in Texas that is able to provide industry certification.

Robert Esquera is the account executive for CTTC. Robert provided an overview of new programs at the center. He will be visiting local companies to see how CTTC can assist in company training programs. Robert discussed some of the combined training classes, such as welding & ESL.

Joe Crowley is one of the trainers at CTTC. He provided an overview of the new training techniques and web-based classrooms that are being implemented.

***Next Meeting:***

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2007. The meeting will be at 11:45 am at the T-Bar M. The scheduled program is OSHA. Contact Rusty Brockman for reservations.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer