



January 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The January meeting was held at the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce in Honors Hall. This was the annual business meeting for NBMA. Barry Brittain opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Alamo Worksource, Alternative Benefits Solutions, Ameridrives, Cemex, Coleman, Comal ISD, Detex, Edisto, EH Systems, Fedex, Great American Products, NB Chamber, NB Smokehouse, Objective Maintenance, Priority Personnel, Star Manufacturing and TXI

Officer Reports:

Barry provided a re-cap on 2007 and what the organization has achieved. The emphasis on increasing manufacturing members was successful. NBMA currently has 36 members with 20 of them being manufacturers. NBMA paid out more in scholarship monies in 2007 than it had in prior years. This is mainly due to the guideline changes that increased the dollar amount. For 2008, NBMA should focus on expanding the scholarship program so that we can attain more applicants.

Paul provided a financial summary for 2007. Our current lunch and membership dues are sufficient to cover costs and scholarships. Paul recommended that we maintain the current dues for 2008. Our gross receipts were under \$25,000 so we are not required to file a tax return. A current bank balance was provided. A suggested program calendar for 2008 was distributed. Roger Tuttle suggested getting lunch sponsors that would cover lunch costs and help to increase the scholarship fund.

Barry announced that he and Paul would remain on the board if there are no objections. Since Kevin Kelley has moved, there is an opening for Vice-President. Al Ranzau from Detex agreed to fill the position. A ratification vote was taken to set the NBMA board for 2008 as follows:

President:	Barry Brittain (Coleman)
Vice President:	Al Ranzau (Detex)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Paul Webber (Star Mfg)

Since Al has joined the board as Vice President, the scholarship committee will be chaired by Jerry Negrete from Detex. Erin Kitt has volunteered to steer the marketing committee to work on publicity and promote the scholarships. Roger Tuttle offered his assistance with publicity. Caroline Gorman suggested making an updated brochure to promote scholarships.

Barry talked about the main goals for 2008:

- Develop a better direction and expansion of the scholarship program. Possibly expand the program beyond CTTC students, including employees for current members that are involved in continuing education and skills enhancement programs.
- Enhance our image and exposure in the community through publicity.
- Provide a program agenda that is interesting and involves people from the community that have a relationship and impact on the manufacturing community
- Expand the organization with manufacturers and associates
- Involve non-participating members in the organization.

Barry talked about the beginnings of NBMA when the meetings were more of a round table discussion on what is happening at the various companies. He would like to incorporate some method of conveying the news from member companies to the organization because companies face the same issues. A suggestion was made to have a mid-month newsletter (email) to inform everyone what is happening in the manufacturing community. If companies could send information to Paul, he would be able to provide it to the membership.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2008. The program and location is set for CTTC with a focus on the manufacturing academy.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer



2008 Program Calendar and Host List

Month	Speaker/Event	Host Company
January 22	Business Meeting & officer elections	NBMA
February 19	CTTC/MTA	CTTC
March 18	County Judge	Detex
April 15	OSHA/OSHCON	Star Mfg
May 8 (Thursday evening)	Joint BBQ w/SMMA State Reps	TXI
June 17	NB Airport	
July 15	NBISD & CISD	
August 19	NB Mayor & city Mgr	
September 16	4B or TXDOT	
October 21	NBU	
November 18	NB Chamber/EDC	
December 16	Doug Toney NB Herald-Zeitung	NB Herald-Zeitung