

TUMMA (The Upper Mississippi Manufacturers Association) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016

Location: Workforce Connections

Attendance - Roll Call

Board Members: Mark Glendenning, John Belmonte, Kurt Bear, David Scidmore, Joel Guberud

John Funke - On phone: Pat Rezin

Others: Beth Sullivan, Jenny Kuderer, Jerry Arndt

Roll call at about 3 PM and the meeting was called to order

Review of meeting minutes from prior meeting - correction to meeting start time - Motion to accept Mark, second, John - unanimous acceptance of meeting minutes

John Funke presented the Treasurer's report - the Wells Fargo account balance is \$7,368.67 - we have \$331.90 in outstanding expenses to be paid. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Kurt and seconded by John Belmonte - unanimous acceptance.

Joel presented his Executive Director's report including providing the status of the intern. Beth commented the intern may be useful to her work.

We did receive several membership checks and application forms - the form did not include the correct address for mailing - that has been corrected and posted on our TUMMA website with a link on the page

We spoke about the credentials and experience desired for the next Executive Director - organization and team building skills, business development skills, interpersonal skills - all those we feel are more important than being a "manufacturing expert" The new ED can rely on the Board Members for manufacturing content and experience

John Belmonte volunteered to call a meeting of the K-12 Subcommittee - since the meeting, this has been scheduled for April 27 in Sparta

There was discussion around the topic of encouraging technical training for young workers, not simply getting high school graduates into the workplace with no secondary training. Sometimes the technical training may occur in their last year of high school.

At the upcoming LADCO event - we will ask Jim Hill to provide an update on TUMMA to those attending the LADCO event. Mark and Jerry to follow-up on this.

We want TUMMA to be recognized as "The Voice of Manufacturing" in our region - this was something we learned from the NE Wisconsin Sector

There was much discussion around the topic of the Academic Career Plan which will be a part of the school system for K-12 in Wisconsin - TUMMA would like to engage with those completing the ACP to our mutual goals

The Board went into closed session

The next meeting is planned for 3 PM on the 11th of May - we are interested in meeting at one of the members locations - else we can meet at the Workforce Development/ Workforce Connections facility

Motion to adjourn was made and accepted about 5 PM