

**NEW Manufacturing Alliance
Board of Director Meeting**
April 5, 2017
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bemis Manufacturing Co.

Minutes

Attendees: Steve Anklam, Ron Buchinger, Josh Delforge, Mark Kaiser, Scott Kettler, Jerry Murphy, Bobbi Miller and Ann Franz

Ann started the meeting with a letter of congratulations from Rep. Mike Gallagher for the Frost & Sullivan Manufacturing Leadership Council's Talent award.

Topic 1: March recap & June planning for membership meetings

The comments from attendees was very good, especially for the presentation by Ann with Neenah Enterprises. Over 100 attendees.

The June 1 full membership meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Schenck is the sponsor. Ann will ask them what they would like to share at the meeting. Paul Rauscher asked Dan Ariens to present and he accepted. New North will be presenting on their supply chain directory and the new export manager. If there is time, a presentation from Sargento regarding receiving the Bubbler award for their engagement of millennial employees. Ann shared that David Kohler is also interested in speaking at an Alliance event. He will be asked to speak at the Alliance's full membership meeting in December, which is part of the New North Summit. Mark will ask Joe Quinn with Wal-Mart his interest in being one of the speakers at the New North Summit.

Topic 2: Review metrics

The Board reviewed the metrics and made adjustments for goals that have already been completed.

Topic 3: Membership recruitment

The following companies have joined from Board member referral:

Faith Technologies – Bill Bartnik
Rick Recktenwald – Precision Thermal Processing
John West – BelGioioso Cheese
Ron Buchinger – PanelTek
Jeff Strenger – Voith Paper

Topic 4: Review taskforce activity

- Solving the Skills Shortage in Marinette/Oconto – onboarding new college interns in June 2017 in partnership with the Marinette-Menominee Chamber of Commerce. The Board is in favor of financial supporting this event.
- STEM – including Get Real Math – new videos being filmed at Marinette Marine, Nercon, KI and Rockline Industries. Good news is Green Bay Public Schools will offset some of the cost incurred for hiring a math teacher to write the curriculum for 3 of the 4 videos.

Topic 5: First Business Bank account

Denee Mott with First Business Bank offered the Alliance some suggestions on improving its bank account. She can move the account over to an interest baring checking account. She also suggested moving some money into a money market account. The Board would like Ann to contact Denee about moving the money into a CD that may have a better interest rate.

Topic 6: Next steps and next meeting

The next Board meeting will include Gary Miller with UWGB at EMT International on 5/3 at 2 p.m.