

NEW Manufacturing Alliance
INDUSTRY 4.0 TASK FORCE – WEBEX MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 1:30 to 3:00 PM

ATTENDEES: Aaron Koats-YASH Technologies, Adonica Randall-Abaxent, Amy Kox-NWTC, Ann Franz-NEWMA, Barb LaMue-New North, Brain Schauf-Schreiber Foods, Chris Lipski-Vantage, Chris White-CMD, Debbie Thompson-NWTC, Eric DeKorne-Greater Green Bay Chamber, Greg VandenLangenberg-Amcor, Jamie Lynch-SNC, John Katers-UWGB, Justin Vajko-Dialog Design Co., Sabrina Robins-Abaxent, Steve Straub-FVTC, Tim Heyrman-KI, Uli Unterriker-Optima Machinery Corp.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS – BRIAN SCHAUF

SURVEY REVIEW – JAMIE LYNCH

The 2019 Industry 4.0 survey was reviewed for updates. The survey will encompass immediate and far reaching changes, regionally and globally, post pandemic. The questions will be Industry 4.0 specific and not be so narrow focused that they exclude members from answering any of the them.

- The Industry 4.0 definition will be kept but shortened.
- Question 6 - 'Project Management' will be added.
- Question 6 - The categories will be replicated.
- Question 7 - Add Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality.
- Question 7, m. – Digital Twin & Simulation
- Question 9 - Add Project management.
- Question 9, f. – Add 'AI'.
- Question 9, o. – Change 'Robot Coordinator' to '**Robotics** Coordinator'.
- Question 9, q. – Add AR, Augmented Reality.
- Questions 9 & 11 – Mirror jobs.
- Question 13 – Establish year. 2019? Provide reasoning.

Upskilling Employees

- Ask how companies are upskilling their employees. Did they take the Data Analytics class?
- Measure where companies are at with employee upskilling.
- Are they participating in trainings that everyone is doing *or* are they doing trainings on their own?

COVID & Workforce Technologies

- How many of your employees do you allow to work from home?
- How many returned to work, after having worked from home?
- Remote Work – The same, increased or decreased?
- Define the roles your company allows to work from home.
- NEWMA's annual Vitality Index survey asks the broader remote workforce questions.
- 'Process Engineer' was defined differently by various organizations from the last time the survey was conducted.
 - ✓ Members are encouraged to contact Jamie and/or Ann with any questions or additional information they would like to share. Jamie and Ann will continue to work on the survey.

NEXT STEPS & MEETING

The next Industry 4.0 Task Force meeting is on July 29, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Members can attend virtually *or* in-person at [Tittletown Tech](#). Before the meeting, members are asked to think of technologies or innovation ideas that could be studied in partnership with Tittletown Tech. What is on the horizon? Agenda:

- ✓ Welcome & Updates
- ✓ Partnership with Tittletown Tech – Share technologies or innovation ideas that could be studied.
- ✓ Upcoming Alliance Events
- ✓ Next Meeting Date/Time/Agenda