



EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 2007
Omni La Mansion del Rio Hotel
San Antonio, Texas

Members participating:

J. Dally (RWMA Education Committee Chair), W. Love, (RWMA Education Committee Vice Chair), P. Adams, D. Beneteau, W. Burnette, J. Collins, D. Darrah, W. DeGroote, P. Dodhia, B. Domschot, G. Doneski, T. Fick, M. Gramelspacher, P. Harris, R. Hirsch, K. Hofman, A. Kennedy, E. Langhenry, Jr., M. Lara, R. Leibovitz, D. Maatz, R. Matteson, L. Moss, R. Pratt, H. Radcliff, Jr., B. Remmetter-Paar, R. Rhodes, R. Scodeller, N. Scotchmer, M. Simmons, T. Snow, D. Sorenson, D. Uszynski, D. Vassar, R. Vreeland, B. White, Jr.

Guest and AWS staff attending:

R. Wilson (Toyota Motor Mfg. Texas)
J. Mendoza (AWS Vice President and AWS District Director)
R. Shook, AWS Executive Director
J. Weber, AWS Deputy Executive Director and RWMA Secretary
F. Tarafa, AWS CFO
S. Hopkins, RWMA Program Manager

Minutes

I. WELCOME

- J. Dally called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and affirmed that the meeting would be conducted to comply with the Committee's anti-trust policy.

II. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The May 17, 2007 RWMA Education Committee Minutes were moved for approval by W. Love. D. Maatz and seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

III. EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Scholarship Subcommittee.** K. Hofman discussed the timing of the RWMA Scholarship. He felt that it was important to have the RWMA Scholarship be in sync with all the other scholarships offered by AWS. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea. R. Leibovitz made the motion to change the date of the RWMA National Scholarship to fall at the same time of the other AWS Scholarship. It was seconded by D. Maatz. Unanimously approved.
- It was discussed to place an advertisement in the *Welding Journal* promoting the RWMA National Scholarship. **ACTION.** AWS will help in creating the ad. S. Hopkins spoke to the Foundation Department and they reported that the deadline to submit an application for the scholarship is January 15, therefore it would be best to have the ad placed in the October 2008 *Welding Journal*.
- It was brought up that can we get the scholarship bigger than Ferris State? K. Hofman commented that the school of the recipient must offer one full-semester Resistance Welding class out of the four year program. Don Maatz commented that GM Kettering wants help to reinstate their Resistance Welding lab. Ferris State attracts students primarily from MI, IN, OH, IL. 70% of their students (15 of 25) go into a Resistance Welding job after school. The stats can be found on their website. The University of Waterloo in Canada has an RW Program - Nigel Scotchmer will look into this program.

- This year's RWMA National Scholarship was awarded to Alan Kirchhoff, a Ferris State student. **ACTION.** S. Hopkins will ask the AWS Foundation Department for a profile of the Mr. Kirchhoff to announce in the next RWMA Newsletter.
- **RWMA Committee Scholarship Fundraising.** J. Dally reported that there will be another raffle. It was suggested that a Corvette Jacket be the prize, since RWMA will be touring the Corvette Plant during its Spring meeting. *(UPDATE: The 2nd raffle commenced at the FABTECH International and AWS Welding Show at the RWMA booth. The prize was a \$500 gift card to either Home Depot or Lowe's, with the drawing taking place on November 30. A total of \$1,654 was collected, with \$1,154 going to the second RWMA Scholarship. The winner was Ed Langhenry, Jr., from Watteredge, Inc. The 1st raffle for the Harley-Davidson Willie G® jacket collected \$4,160. After the cost of the jacket (\$337.88), \$3,823.12 was put into the RWMA Scholarship fund. Therefore, the total contribution to the second RWMA Scholarship fund in 2007 was \$4,977.12)*
- **RWMA Weld School Subcommittee.** J. Dally reported that there are currently 37 students registered to attend the upcoming RWMA Weld School in Chicago. At the same time last year, there were approximately 25 registrants, The final attendance was close to 70.
- J. Dally and W. Love asked everyone to promote the Weld School to their employees and customers. S. Hopkins reported that multiple brochures were sent to all RWMA members for this purpose. If more brochures are needed, please contact S. Hopkins.
- **Table top exhibit space.** There is still space available to any RWMA member company if they would like to have a tabletop exhibit on the first evening of the Weld School. The cost is \$300 and only RWMA members may take advantage of this opportunity.

IV. CERTIFIED RESISTANCE WELDING TECHNICIAN PROGRAM (CCRW)

- **Progress Report.** J. Dally requested that all members contribute 20 questions with the correct answers as well as 4 incorrect answers to be used to build a test bank for a future CCRW test. References should be included with the questions submitted. These questions will go directly to the AWS Certification Department.

V. RWMA VIDEO

- Gary Gabriel, with Vmatrix, Inc., was introduced. Vmatrix was chosen as the production company for the new RWMA video. He involved the group in the discussion to finalize the script for this video. Gary took notes and changed the script as the discussion went along. Thanks to everyone who participated in this discussion.
- The purpose of this new video is education and marketing to young people. The target audience is welding engineers, manufacturing engineers, design engineers, production engineers, vocational-technical schools, high schools, state training programs, etc. We want young people to be excited about getting into resistance welding as a career. Gary commented to the group that "Is this a marketing or education tool? We need to decide."
- Several members were asked to be speakers on the video. The final list of speakers will be chosen as the video is put together, so if you are asked, please step up to the mic. It will be fun!
- We could have portions of the new video streaming on-line on the RWMA website.
- The following individuals volunteered to assist with reviewing the final script:
 - ❖ Roger Hirsch
 - ❖ Don Sorenson
 - ❖ Gerry Doneski
 - ❖ Tom Snow, Jr.
 - ❖ Bob White, Jr.
 - ❖ Bob Matteson
 - ❖ Jim Dally
 - ❖ Bill Love
- Vmatrix will take footage at the upcoming Welding School and Welding Show in Chicago.
- If you would like to see a copy of the draft script, please contact S. Hopkins.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

D. Beneteau motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by D. Maatz. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Hopkins
RWMA Recording Secretary