

Construction Center of Excellence
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2006 H-103

Present: Bill Bowser, Steve Ignac, John Schaufelberger, Rachelle McGinnis, Sandra Husband, Rebecca Harrison, Sam Samano, Melissa Helmenstine, Jim Elmore, Marc Kearns, Pinky Dale

Topics of Discussion:

Welcome/Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Updates

- Conference
- Math Book Update
- Tech Knowledge College Update
- Soliciting Contributions to the Newsletter

New Business

- Steering Committee Discussion of SB 6483 and HB 2789
- Washington Construction Workforce Network
- Speaker's Bureau

Other

Bill Bowser called the meeting to order. Minutes of last meeting were approved. Bill handed over meeting to Beth who was filling in for Heather.

Conference

Beth went over what has been happening with the conference plans.

Information on the Scholarship Booklet was handed out. We want to recognize students who have gotten scholarships. Everyone was asked to please send in names of students that they know. There is also a form for the student to fill out that gives us permission to publish their name and information in the booklet.

Need to get nominations for the Awards. We have not received many yet so cut off date has been extended to January 31st, 2006. On the website there are directions on what information we want; a project summary, a cover sheet, and a signed acknowledgement giving us permission to use their information. Everyone was asked to please forward it to all their colleagues.

Bill Bowser asked if we should form a sub-committee to go over the entries. Beth explained how we were planning on using the members of the sub-committee and if there were any conflicting interests that member would not participate in the voting.

We also need volunteers to act as monitors at the sessions. We have some but have spaces open. A copy of the agenda, showing all the sessions, was handed around to members so they could see what was available. Following individuals volunteered:

- Sam S./"How To Market Construction" (March 1st)

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- Melissa/ “Reflections From Women”(March 1st) – *note from HF – Melissa has been moved to a different session – Thank You Melissa!!!*
- Pinky Dale/Green Building (March 1st),

Steve suggested that Heather/Beth just take names of the members of the steering committee and put them in certain slots. John S., Jim Elmore and Rachelle said that they would not be available. Sandra Husband said she was interested in being a monitor but would first like to see the descriptions of each session.

Math Book

The “Laying the Foundation: Construction Math” booklet is now on our website. We also have CDs. Copies of the CDs were passed around to all interested people.

Tech Knowledge College

We had said that we were going to have a Non-Traditional event and was looking at the Tech Knowledge College to be held on the campus, but talking to the teachers in surrounding schools it was found out that they really didn’t want to take the students out of school at the time of year we were looking at. The teachers feel that the students need to be studying for the WASL test. We are now thinking of having a traveling Middle School Road Show. Other competing events make it hard to set a time on when to do it. We will need speakers for the road show. The CCE will be participating in the Open House that will be held on the Renton Tech campus in May.

Sam is interested in what the “Middle School Road show” would involve. Beth explained that we would like to visit a couple of middle schools in the spring. We have talked to the Kent School district and asked them what we could do that would be helpful to the students, what is a good time frame and what kind of classes would they want us to focus on. We definitely feel that the math classes would be good to visit. It is nice to talk to kids who really haven’t decided yet what they want to do.

We will have hands on activities even though it will be tricky to find something we can do in an hour and of course it would have to be something portable. When we get a better sense of what we will be doing we will contact the teachers and counselors.

John suggested that we have someone that is young, closer to the student’s age, who could talk about their experience in the industry and training.

Pinky suggested getting someone from either the Operating Engineers or Brick Building. Steve mentioned the “Pizza, Pop and Power Tools Group”. They were at Cleveland HS a while back and 70 kids attended.

Beth shared that we have a budget of between \$3,000 - \$3500 to spend on events for non-traditional fields.

Also, the committee was told that Rep Adam Smith sponsored a Math and Science Fair down at Intel in DuPont. Heather, Judy and David Grant went. Judy said it looked like there were about 125 – 130 students that attended.

Newsletter

The 2nd edition of the newsletter is ready and will be distributed today. Copies are passed to all the members. Everyone is encouraged to send in contributions to the newsletter. We want to know all the activities in the members regions. Short articles are always welcomed. Also, editorials on the construction industry are always wanted also. The newsletter will be put on the website in the next couple of days. Please forward it to all your friends and colleagues.

SB 6483 and HB 2789 Bills

There were two bills that came were brought up at the legislature recently. Beth reminded everyone that the CCE hosted a meeting in October that was put together by the Governor’s

Policy Office. Focus of that meeting was how we can encourage young people to go into the construction industry. It was agreed that we need to expand the opportunities to younger people, and to create better relationships between schools and the apprenticeship people.

We need to make members aware of the bill. Bill has had testimony within the committee and now will go to the full floor. It is not controversial and both sides of the aisle are in agreement on it.

Pinky shared how she had recently attended a Fremont Public Association meeting where the initiative was discussed and how it can work. She did not know yet how much would be connected to the bill, possibly \$1 million. A lot of the trade shops have been closed down so it will be costly to start them up again. Beth heard that they were going to attach \$5 million and that there would be 10 grants that would be run/handled by the WA State Apprenticeship Council. Interested groups will most likely be talking to the schools on how the money should be spent. Might be a good idea to have a regional school that is designated, like the Occupational Skill Centers.

Washington Construction Workforce Network

Construction Skill Panels have formed a Washington Construction Workforce Network with the CCE. This group will work together to procure funding, and share products and resources that can help all of us with larger “paradigm” issues, such as increasing the number of young people and diverse communities entering and completing construction training. This Network is comprised of CCE steering committee representatives, but it is not a subcommittee of the CCE steering committee. They will meet quarterly.

CCE will host a booth at the ConstructSeattle Expo March 21 and 22 at the Trade and Convention Center in Seattle. Members of the Network will also present information about the CCE and construction skill panels in a workshop at the expo.

Speakers Bureau

Forty people have signed up so far for the Speakers Bureau. We are working to develop training for speakers, and if enough attend the conference, we’d like to have a meet/greet after the event. Some other ways to get involved would be to: have tours of factories/companies. Jim Elmore is going over to Yakima and Bellingham area and he will pass out Speakers Bureau information.

Next meeting will be April 4, 2006. Location will be sent to members at a later date.

Steve reminded everyone that there will be a meeting of the sub-committee on February 1st, to go over the Awards nominations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

No Tasks Assigned at this meeting