

Auto Body Collision Technology Advisory Meeting

October 31, 2019

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Members present: David Ilk, John McGinnity, Bill Keating, Judell Anderson, Mike Cox, Paul Thompson, Rickie Schmitz, Ken Sherping, Darrell Amberson

Staff present: Mike Netzinger, Ron Furchner, Mike Janovsky, Tom Phillips, Dave Duchene, Jeff Goergen, Alison Leintz, Susan Markes, Kim Urahn, Todd Carlton, Anna Poteryakhin

Three students from the Brooklyn Park program attended.

Introductions were made. We all sang happy birthday to Alison.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction on a motion by Judell, second by Jeff.

I-CAR – Brooklyn Park students are still doing the PDPEE program. Eden Prairie first year students are all signed up. There are fourteen modules to start. Mike's previous students can take the test. This is all at no cost to employers.

Student status – Ron 14, Tom 21, Mike N. 15, Mike J. 11, Jeff 36 total between three classes.

Recruitment – Tom goes out to high schools mostly in the spring when his students are out on internships. The college holds career fairs every year. Dave has developed a Facebook page for the program. He will do a demonstration at our next meeting. It was suggested to also get information out on Instagram and Snapchat. It is helpful if prospective students are told about grants and financial aid.

We have articulation agreements with several area high schools. High school students get partial college credit for some of our classes.

Lists of program equipment requests were looked at, discussed and approved on a motion by Rickie, second by Judell. It was mentioned that OSHA gives out grants we may be able to get for a new spray booth.

Judell was asked, and she agreed to, put an ad for student internship sites in the AASP magazine.

Industry trends – People are making more decisions on their own, rather than relying on insurance companies. Eighty five percent of repairs are done in independent shops. Shops are putting a lot of effort into calibrations. Every car is scanned before and after each repair. There is more technology being put into improving safety. We need electronics experts in the shops.

NATEF has changed its' name to ASE Education Foundation. We will be needing some advisory committee member involvement before our site visit in March.

An Auto Tech Club has been started through the Brooklyn Park program. Some of the members will be going to SEMA in Las Vegas on November 3, 2019.

This is the last advisory meeting for Ron and Mike N. They are both retiring at the end of the semester. Congratulations and good luck, we wish you well.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 2, 2020, at the Eden Prairie campus.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Paul, second from Judell.