

## FAME Pipeline Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2014

FLCC Stage 14

Attendees: Andrea Badger, Joyce Cymber, Sue Munson, Deb Coons, Eileen Rucinski, John Boronkay, Michele Sullivan, Susan Van Acker, Deanna Dominice, Greg Maine, Marisa Pannetta, Pete Boldt, Bob Lasch, John Donohue, Pat Gopen, Sam Samanta, Rick Murphy, Karen Springmeier

A THANK YOU to FLCC for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.

Review of minutes from 9/2014 meeting at WEMOCO

General enrollment updates, still a need for advanced manufacturing and skilled machining teachers, the video, the MCC trailers/mobile classes.

Speaker's Bureau: Team has worked to insert talking points for turnkey users. 12 speakers have committed to being involved. The plan continues to also get in front of school boards. Eileen described the term "gold collar" jobs.

Group discussed how to best store the complete FAME video for easy access but controlled access. JB advised putting it up with a DropBox .

The group reviewed the comment sheet that would be collected after speaker bureau presentations- along with steps that could be taken to prepare students so when a speaker did engage them, that it was received with enthusiasm. Also discussed how to use this opportunity to showcase employees in nontraditional roles

There was a slight increase in participation during manufacturing day. A thought is to next year break this up in to participation zones to avoid bumping into FLWWTH. The group agreed that a significant roll out time was called for to allow K-12 to prepare to participate.

FLWWTH enjoyed record participation. Monies are in place to fund the event for next year. Evaluations that have been reviewed have been positive. Nearly 25% of the participants are now nontraditional. Next year the event will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion rekindled about internships- paid, unpaid with respect to worker's comp issues. Eileen distributed a handout and people were given reference to a DOL web address. This topic continues to be orbited by unanswered questions

A request for a no cost extension for the H1B grant has been submitted. There is hope that a decision will be made in December. Eileen will be sending out profiles of students in the program slated to graduate in December of 2014 or May of 2015. Many of these students are interested in an internship/co-op. An internship/co-op benefits the student and the business. The business gets a chance to assess the student while they are in the internship/co-op to see if they fit their culture and their skills are a good match. The student benefits by being able to have a paycheck while completing their education. This is of particular benefit to the dislocated worker where they need a paycheck. It is hoped that internships/co-ops will help with retaining the dislocated workers in the program. In the past, some of these students dropped the program because they needed to go back to work.

January 28 will be the signature FAME Event at MCC with last year's speaker.

The next Pipeline meeting will be on December 5, 2014 from 8:30 to 10:30 at Optimax.