## **MINUTES**

Date | time 4/3/2017 6:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Zachery Caccia

## Members Present:

Gene Fogle—Coordinator, DeKalb-Ogle Workforce Development Consortium Chuck Bergsmith—Maintenance, Sauber Mfg Zachary Miller—Superior Industrial Equipment Members Absent:

Eric Almburg—Custom Welding & Repair Robert Bailey—Swenson Spreaders Mike Walt—Walt Limited Mary Wright—HR Phillips Refrigeration Dave Elliott—DeKalb High School Others Present:

Due to curriculum changes, Zachery reports interest in offering an advanced certification but the lab as is, does not have the resources. Bernie has been working on possible floor plans to rearrange to add more booths into
the space we have. He has also been investigating other areas of the college that could be renovated to use as a welding lab. Bernie reports that doubling the booths that we currently have would be a substantial financial project (estimated \$350,000).
Committee brainstorms and discusses possible locations to lease, although renting space often has many logistic challenges.
Joanne announces a Manufacturing Grant meeting later in the week at the college and notes the need to consider welding, not just AET equipment. There is an industry desire to have more registered training programs in colleges. Joanne is not aware of monetary value of this grant at this time.
Zachery provides handout of new curriculum to committee members.  Joanne presents possibility offering the advanced certification as a summer series. There would be a maximum of 12

weeks to work with in the summer. Zachery believes it could be a possibility but due to the advanced nature

of the coursework, it would be difficult to cover the material in a short time period.

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11/6/2017 6:00 PM, Kishwaukee College, Room TBA.