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Executive Director's Report

May, 2016 – August, 2016

Misc. Activities:

- Working on gathering information from other RMAs relative to FLMakes
- Working with UWF on potential partnership with NWFLMNC and FLMakes on training opportunities
- Website up dates
- Greg and I are now on a statewide Leadership Council to implement the second year of the CareerSource contract to ensure we are understanding the specific workforce skill needs
- Working with UWF on a plan to be able to better utilize their assets and for them to use our assets
- Coordinating with schools on various CAPE funding potentials for additional training we are offering
- Approval documents for the CSFBMI (Done)
- Working on deliverables for the approved CSFBMI contract
- Collecting data on academies/programs for end of semester (Done)
- Editing QuickBooks for invoices to go out for annual dues (Done!)
- Working with the Board to determine how to allow credit cards for dues (Done!)
- Working with schools to determine if SolidProfessor is a viable investment for the manufacturing programs
- Working with FGNW to benefit from their work on workforce development and the Regional Economic Plan for NWFL to be presented to the Triumph Committee
- Working with the University of Florida Innovation Institute on the development of My Florida Shines using NWFL manufacturing as the model (i.e., manufacturing training assets in NWFL)
- Working with those county school districts that have nothing on their websites to direct students/parents towards the manufacturing related programs
- Audit questions

Committees

- Membership:
 - Working with Committee to develop manageable size recruitment lists
 - Continue to send out package with cover letter signed by Greg, Ed, Glenn and I, list of students enrolled in academies, brochure and all signatures" business cards. This is now being sent out to the various recruitment list and then an effort to begin following up with the various manufacturers
 - Develop a plan to incorporate the WaterColor annual event and a membership drive together
 - Save the Date mail-outs for October
 - Using the Student Tours as an opportunity to meet new companies
- Education and Training:
 - Setting up the process of gathering data on the programs to determine the successes and challenges (August 4 meeting)
 - Beginning to pull together data for Career Pathways for all counties (10 school districts, 4 state colleges, 1 University)
 - Continuing to work with on gathering deliverables with Jennifer (done!!!)
 - Working on getting Florida Ready to Work Program into manufacturing (Educators are now trained and ready to embed program into academies this semester)
 - Drafting Scholarship Application with Caroline for Board review



Meetings/Events hosted by NWFMFC:

- BOD Meeting August 17
- General Membership Meeting at Ft Walton Machining. Final tally was just over 60 attendees July 20 (agenda, sponsorship, food, ppt, reminders, multiple speakers, working with committee chairs for program, etc.)
- August 4 am meeting to training manufacturing educators in Florida Ready to Work
- August 4 pm meeting with educators, educational institution administrators, manufacturers and CareerSource Organizations to gather Next Step goals
- Preparing for BIG meeting in October at WaterColor!

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