

**COMBINED ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING & EVALUATION
WELDING TECHNOLOGY
March 25, 2009**

A short meeting of the Nondestructive Testing and Welding Technology programs was conducted in conjunction with an Acoustic Emission Workshop. The workshop was sponsored by MISTRAS Group Inc. with presenters Dr. Ronnie Miller and Bryan Barrington. Committee members attending the meeting included: Dawn Carney, Oscar Chaparro, John Forbis, Bill Hall, Sri Ramachandran, and Darrin Van Dell. Representatives from Amarillo College included: Jay Anders, Debby Carey, Ron Faulkner, Kim Hays, Ed Nolte, and Debra Russell. After a luncheon and the AE Workshop, the business meeting was opened by John Forbis.

Summary

Curriculum

NDTE: Dr. Hays explained the need to drop NDTE 2311: Preparation for Welding Inspection, from the current curriculum requirements. This class was ideally designed to prepare students to take the American Welding Society (A.W.S.) Certified Welding Inspector (C.W.I.) tests, which could possibly help any welding students, but has shown not to be beneficial to the NDTE students. The extra three hours credit will be spent on another class teaching advanced NDTE testing methods.

WLDG: The Welding program is an A.W.S. SENCE school meaning that Amarillo College teaches to the AWS curriculum standards. The entire Welding curriculum has been changed to meet these AWS standards and will be in effect fall 2009. Students successfully completing the Welding program will now be registered with the American Welding Society.

CCRA Grant

Amarillo College has been awarded a CCRA Grant by the Dept. of Education in conjunction with the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMT). Dr. Hays has been working with members of NMT to acquire various pieces of equipment to better enhance metallurgy skills and the NDTE program.

Online Collaboration

Industry input is very important to the operations of Amarillo College, but due to everyone's busy work schedule, it seems more difficult to gather members to have Advisory Committee meetings. Members were urged to have all contact information up to date and explained that there was the option to communicate with the college and with each other by electronic means.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra L. Russell