

AVC Electrical Department
Advisory Council Meeting

Subject: Symbiotic Relationship with Electrical Companies

Date: February 3, 2011

Facilitator: Justin Shores

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: AVC, Building TE-7, Rm 123

Attendees:

Kirk Sennett - Instructor

Carl Cron – Water District Representative

Sam Jensen- US Breakers Inc.

Joe Sonner – Sonner Electric

Rick Sawyer- Consolidated Electrical Distributors

James Cippolone – Instructor

Eric Young – Instructor

Key Points Discussed

Topic: Solar/Wind

Highlights: AVC is gearing up for class room participation by offering new facilities with a change in class room structure. Possibly a three classroom, multiple labs which will triple the size requirements. Reference to Barrel Springs? A Mr. Fox. We are currently limited to a 24 student max per classroom. Justin mentioned to defer some of the cost the possibility of involving the public is on the table. The general conversation led to Sacramento's directive to do away with full-time faculty and hire more part-time employees to save cost. This will effect AVC only at this time.

Topic: Motors

Highlights: Carl talked about the infancy of the motor control program to the current one now. VTEA funding is still on the table but need advisory council established at least two per year. VTEA funding will also be used to update the labs. Carl further discussed our current dilemma with trying to cover code along with motor controls if we are tasked with a full blown motor lab.

Topic: OSHA

Highlights: New OSHA standards out but state is slow to update trainee and journeyman test to meet the new standards. Grant with Kern County Community College did not work out. Importance to provide formal training students need to comply with OSHA standards. Possible missile test and other programs based on our student and community needs. Kirk mentioned contractor hire is not improving. Rick mentioned out-of-state vs local employees to meet his company needs. Mainly out-of-state employees are hired.

Topic: NEC

Highlights: Justin explained the process for each electrical trainee and the importance of having the appropriate insurance. Justin mentioned a weekend type program to get the employee trained or certified with limited impact on the employer. Justin mentioned the difficulty in older electricians trying to pass the NEC tests. Also problems with student drops and obtaining books. This is where AVC can help them tremendously. To remind students to keep all books. NEC update for classes pertaining to the contractor. Carl mentioned the importance of having the students retake the test instead of the retreat by defeat mentality. More general discussion led to the possible seminar type class over a weekend to help meet requirements. Part of the OSHA requirement is the 75 hrs training which could be met by non-electrical courses exp. Forklift, crane, and confined spaces courses. Justin gave Joe, Susan Knapp information for student issues.

Action Items: To meet twice a year. Our next advisory meeting is slated for sometime in the summer.

Owner: Justin Shores

Meeting adjourned at 13:05 pm