



OCTOBER 30, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. EDT. Following self-introductions, Jenifer Grove gave a report on the Executive Committee.

FEWC Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Jennifer announced changes in the Executive Committee. Cindy Amor, TECO who has served as Funding & Resources Committee Chair is transitioning into a new role at TECO and will no longer serve on the Executive Committee. Her replacement is Jeannie McCall also with TECO.

Kevin Gay with Progress Energy will take over chairmanship of the Untapped Labor Pools Committee. Kathleen will remain involved with the Consortium.

The Executive Committee is working on the December 9, face-to-face meeting in Orlando. It will be held at the University of Central Florida, Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering in conjunction with IBM and hosted by Orlando Utilities Commission, represented by Dr. Audrey Brown. Thanks OUC, UCF and IBM! The lab includes a lot of virtual training equipment as well as diagnostic and simulation equipment that can be used by a variety of engineering and information technology programs. They have specific application to the energy industry. The December 9th meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude with a working lunch by noon. A tour of the facility will follow. Jennifer encouraged members to invite others from their company or organization to join us as this may be relevant to them. They may attend the FEWC meeting as well as the tour of the facilities. Jennifer will be bringing Gulf Powers Chief Information Officer, Assistant to the President and possibly IT managers.

Please let Rosanne know by December 4 if you and/or others plan to attend so we can get a headcount for the meeting.

The Committee has been following progress on the New Florida Energy Curriculum Framework and the USDOL Energy Grant submission which will both be discussed in following committee reports.

State and National Outreach Committee

On the last call, Jennifer reported on the August State Energy Workforce Consortium national meeting. Each of the 23 consortiums completed templates on each of their committees, partners, etc. The following link on the CEWD website has all this information:

www.cewd.org/stateconsortia.asp#National_Forum.

The FEWC website is in transition, switching host sites. Content will remain the same. It should be available by our next meeting. The address will remain the same: www.fewc.org.

Funding & Resources Committee

Andra reported on the status of the USDOL Energy Grant submission. It was sent it on October 16. Andra offered to share a copy of the abstract to members. Florida's title for the grant submission is State Energy Sector Partnership, FLAGSTONE – which stands for Florida Advancing Green Strategies Through Opportunities in Energy. It is a statewide endeavor and seeks maximum available funding - \$6 million. The grant was written as a joint effort between Workforce Florida and the Agency for Workforce Innovation. Workforce Florida will offer leveraged funds in the amount of \$3 million. WFI received support from the Florida Energy and Climate Commission to apply for the grant on behalf of the state of Florida. The grant required the formation of a charter and the development of regional teams who will implement grant activities. The Charter was signed by 39 high-level individuals (business leaders, state agency heads, education entities), which attests to their commitment to assist in implementation of the grant over a 3-year period. Organized labor will also play an important role. Award announcements should be made after the first of the New Year.

Another grant submitted from Florida provided an opportunity to better define green jobs in the Florida marketplace. Becky Rust, head of Labor Market Statistics, AWI made this application to deploy a survey that will help with defining green jobs. That grant award should be made before the end of this year.

Andra mentioned the President's visit to Florida hosted by FP&L solar facility. The President brought with him significant funding in Smart Grid Energy grants which many members received.

Jennifer reminded members to send in their dues payments for this year and to let the Executive Committee know if that will not be feasible.

Policy and Education Committee

Betsy's committee is working with the Career Awareness committee to decide how we want to participate in science fair recognition for the coming year. Once the website is up and running, a

compilation of education resources will be posted for teachers. Advise Betsy if you are aware of any resources that should be added.

Betsy thanked Kim McDougal and her team at DOE for their help in developing the energy curriculum framework. Jennifer's leadership was also appreciated and she provided further information on the process.

It was suggested that a course be added to help schools implement on-the-job training. Kim McDougal thinks that is a great idea and she will check on developing a similar course for the state.

Andra reported on the Employ Florida Banner Centers On-boarding meeting held in Orlando earlier this month.

Policy and Education Committee

Betsy Levingston provided this report in Carol's absence. The Committee is working on the banner stand, career progression diagrams, and our involvement with the Skills USA competition. If we want to be involved this year, a decision will need to be made before the holidays. The committee plans to conduct an audit of the FEWC give-aways to determine if more are needed and if budget is available. Carol is working on a presentation template and a calendar of energy events where we might make a presentation.

Untapped Labor Pools Committee

Kevin Gay has assumed leadership of this committee from Kathleen Woodring. Discussions are being held regarding the direction in which the committee should move. The next meeting will be November 12.

Details on the FEWC December meeting in Orlando will be sent out soon.