



## SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 MEETING SUMMARY

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. EDT. After self-introductions, meeting host Jose Farinos welcomed all. Mr. Al Roberts, Vice President of Flight Science and Technology and indicated a tour of the facility would be conducted following the meeting. He shared their commitment to energy and training technicians in the nuclear field.

Jennifer Grove stated that she has heard fabulous accolades about Jose and Indian River State College's willingness to share resources and ideas. We appreciate IRSC stepping up into this role for the industry in Florida.

### **FEWC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee – Jennifer reminded members that this group meets monthly by teleconference. The last call was held on August 26 and focused on prep for this meeting and work being done in the Policy and Education Committee on the creation of new energy frameworks for the state. There is a critical imperative to have a very clear talent development pipeline, seamless articulation pathway for students in Florida. More on this item will be reported in the Policy and Education Committee update.

The Executive Committee is also working on finalizing a date for the December meeting. It will be held at University of Central Florida at the IBM Lab for Complex Systems Engineering where they have state of the art, virtual and other tools for students to work on integrated and complex systems in the energy industry specifically. Audrey Brown from Orlando Utilities Commission will be the industry host for the meeting and IBM will provide the facility.

State and National Outreach Committee – Jennifer reported on the US Department of Labor State Energy Workforce Consortium meeting – a meeting that focused on bringing the leadership of each of the state consortia's together to focus on issues specific to the operation of the consortia. Several representatives from Florida attended. Opportunities were provided to break into groups to discuss topics of interest. Two working sessions were held by committee designation. Notes from the meeting are available on the Center for Energy Workforce Development website. A final working session focused on governance of the consortia, including the topics: impact of green on energy and workforce plans, memberships and partnerships, structure and organization, marketing and branding. Prior to the event each state was asked to complete a template that included a one pager on the consortia structure and governance, and each of the committees, significant accomplishments to date and plans for the future. The documents were compiled and will be shared with members. Others who attended added their comments.

Jennifer announced the upcoming Center for Energy Workforce Development's annual summit – October 7-9, in Indianapolis. More information can be found at [www.cewd.org](http://www.cewd.org). Carol Higley will be attending from Florida and will report back to the consortium.

The committee continues working with the Florida Energy Systems Consortium (FESC). FESC is partnering with the Consortia on the Florida Energy Sector Partnership Grant opportunity.

Jennifer reported on the Southeast Manpower Tripartite Alliance (SEMTA) August meeting. Unique to this meeting, the SEMTA leadership was able to bring in a vendor reception the night before the meeting. Training trailers were set up in the parking lot. Much information was shared/disseminated.

The National Commission on Energy Policy is in the process of drafting a release of the Commission's Task Force on America's Future Energy Jobs policy recommendations. It is enlightening to look at from a state perspective. Jennifer will make this information available to members.

Funding & Resources Committee - In the absence of Cindy Amor, Jennifer provided this report. Invoices for the coming year dues have been sent out. Thanks for prompt processing of the invoices.

She gave an update of the UDSOL Green Energy Grant that was submitted by the Agency for Workforce Innovation.

The Florida Energy Sector Partnership (FESP) is applying for a USDOL green talent development grant. It requires a very high-level committee/driving group for the plan. The state has been broken into four regions for this partnership as the grant requires state-level guidance in addition to regional implementation. Florida is applying for the maximum amount of \$6 million over three years.

Career Awareness Committee – Chair Carol Higley gave this report. Work is continuing on career ladders for the industry. Thanks to utilities who contributed. Regarding the Get Into Energy Florida website, significant investigation and continuous discussion has occurred during the past few months. Carol reported on best practices learned at the Atlanta meeting, particularly, Minnesota's efforts on DVDs – Get Energized.

Carol asked for advice on the "banner stand?" and suggested resources.

A consistent presentation for outreach is being discussed. Carol would appreciate input from consortium members, i.e., 1) is this a perceived benefit?, and 2) should this be a shell or more comprehensive?

Andra reported on the funding of a WFI Florida Stem Council in partnership with Enterprise Florida. This is a critical imperative. The grant was awarded to the Consortia of Florida Education Foundation in Tampa.

Policy and Education Committee – In Betsy's absence, Jennifer reported the majority of work in this committee is the development of new energy frameworks for secondary education in Florida. Florida DOE has moved on the development of an alternative energy framework. Four courses have been developed so far and will be placed in curriculum next school year.

The committee is also working on a certification that will result from students completing the courses. It can be counted as a CAPE career academy and will be a portable credential endorsed by Florida energy industry. The previously mentioned FESP application includes a request for funding to develop the actual curriculum and content that goes with the courses.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned for tours of the IRSC Banner Center for Energy.