

Members Present: Ekin, Lovett, Nichols, Nichols, Stanton, VanAvery, Varty, Wagner, Cooper

The minutes of 5/10/01 were reviewed.

Administrative Committee Report: The DMA brochure was carefully reviewed. Loraine Cooper has received all recommended changes and will mock up two formats for the brochure. It is important to have this brochure as soon as possible.

The Dallas presentation of DMA has been scheduled and Jim will follow up with the participants.

Web site software has been ordered to improve the presentation of materials on the web site. Josie will begin modifications as soon as the software arrives.

Barbara will be gone until July 2nd and Loraine will be on leave from later June through the first week of August. Office coverage may suffer as a result. Loraine will return to work on Monday, August 6th.

Industry Resource Committee Report: Jim shared Dave Barron's recent e-mail. Dave has taken a new position with Lear Corporation in the area of module manufacturing. Because of this he will likely be less available for DMA activity – at least for the immediate future. It will likely be necessary to identify a chair or co-chair to serve with Dave on this committee. The Council suggested that Jim describe the responsibilities of this position and begin talking to people who might be eligible and interested. Jerry Lovett, Bill Morelli, and Pat Kirby of Rapid Design were mentioned as possible co-chair candidates.

Karl Wagner reported on the National Standards Conference recently held in Washington, D.C. He indicated that his contacts with this committee would be interested in the regional application of these standards.

Professional Development Committee: Tom Sawasky will convene a meeting on 6/24/01 to begin planning of the ATEA-DMA joint conference to be held on Friday, September 28, 2001. Materials regarding the conference need to be in the mail by the 15th of August to ensure that they arrive in instructor boxes in time for the beginning of school. A postcard was not mailed before the end of school asking staff to reserve this date.

Jim reported on a proposal under development for further strengthening of high school design materials and the initiation of a series of training modules. Don Shook developed this proposal. We will have to present it to the Office of Career Development by mid-July at the latest. The training that is proposed could occur even if the broader supplemental materials component is not funded.

ASBE, with the assistance of DMA, is also working with the continuing education office at Macomb Community College to complete the development of its certification process for designers and to develop a series of training modules that would strengthen the skills of designers as they prepare for the certification testing. This proposal will also be submitted to the state for funding. Since the two

proposals, the high school design materials and training and the ASBE project, are related they may be connected into one proposal to the state. The feeling of the Council is that this direction should be pursued.

Articulation and Career Development Committee: Jim reported that both ASBE and SME have been approached on their willingness to work together to support design and manufacturing students in their fields. Both have expressed initial interest and willingness. It now appears that the conference on the 28th of September will focus the support afforded by both of these associations for high school and college students. The meeting planned with the Deans of engineering and technology and the associations will be scheduled for October. If the working relationship with these two associations is successful, we will work on affiliation with SAE as well in the coming year. Jim has already made some overtures in this direction.

A brief discussion of strategic direction followed. It appears that the committee organization is working and should be continued. Jim shared a listing of priorities as established by vote at the strategic planning meeting. It is clear that funding and a permanent location are considered as essential while the interpretation of career information and its communication were given the highest priority. This requires further discussion.

Tentative Meeting Dates:

Administrative Committee: Thursday, August 19th 8-10 am OCC, Auburn Hills, Rm. T-1,

DMA Council Meeting: Thursday, September 13th 8-19 am OCC, Auburn Hills, Rm. T-1

The Council meeting originally scheduled for August 19th will not be held.

A memorandum of summer activities will be e-mailed early in mid-August.