

**MINUTES - 03/23/2005 MEETING
OF THE MN STATEWIDE AIRCRAFT
TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Members present: Bob Wold, Jeff Buzzell, Janese Thatcher, Jerry England, David Dyrud, Carla Stark, Beau Curtis, Jerry Buffington, Darhl Nelson, Kim Doebbert, George Bolon, Tim VanLoon, Mike Murphy, Pat Gregory, Chad Reed and George Hoxie

MINUTES of 03/24/04 meeting were reviewed and accepted

PROGRAM UPDATES

Minneapolis - George Hoxie
student enrollment is approx 18, with 2 instructors and one lab assistant; have added 4 new certificates to existing degree options

Northland - Bob Wold
student enrollment is approx 40, with 5 instructors; graduate placement continues to be strong; Northland will have a new president next year

Southeast Tech - Tim VanLoon
student enrollment is approx 18 with 2 instructors; new credit loads in diploma and degree programs; noted effects of recent media reports

Metro State University - Kim Dobbert
approximately 125 students currently in Aviation Management program; primarily adult learners, but now beginning to see younger students

INDUSTRY UPDATES

MRO - Jeff Buzzell
operators such as Regent are busy; WipAire is very busy and has recently hired additional maintenance personnel

Corporate - Mike Murphy
2004 was a turnaround year for bizjets; numbers and projections are up for Citation, Gulfstream, Bombardier and Honeywell; local corporate operators such as 3M and General Dynamics are doing well; Cargill flights are up

Regional - Carla Stark and Beau Curtis
Pinnacle has hired 14 maintenance personnel at MSP since 02/23/04; currently have openings at several other locations; always willing to talk to students

MATA - George Bolon
as MNSCU institutions shift toward the profit/loss model, we will see fewer students but better graduates; Tim and Beau noted pressures which work to reduce total numbers of aircraft maintenance personnel long-term

Major (NWA) - David Dyrud
currently training contract maintenance providers; significant pressures to reduce labor costs; Jerry England retired, but was not replaced

FAA

effective date of FAR 145.163 has been delayed until 04/06/06

STATEWIDE AVIATION ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS - Janese Thatcher

MNDOT/Aero continues to represent programs at events such as airport open houses and high school visits; current projects include an articulation agreement between MN high schools and MNSCU aviation programs; identifies 6 courses: Air Transportation, Aerodynamics and Flight, Aviation Physics, Aircraft Charts and Drawings, Aircraft Weight and Balance, and Intro to Air Traffic Control; articulation agreement includes required curriculum content and defines procedures for student transition to post-secondary institution; also consistent with Governors current initiative; discussion revealed support from committee, and suggested that internships also be available

NEXT MEETING - will be at MCTC Aviation Center; to coincide with 2006 MN aviation maintenance conference (mid to late March 2006)

Minutes respectfully submitted by George Hoxie