**NPC Energy and Industrial Technician Advisory Council**

**April 18th, 2019**

Attendees: Michelle Finch, SJUSD; Dan Leeds, TEP; Scott Newby, TEP; David Krouse, TEP; Mick Colwell, NPC; Kevin Westfall, NPC; Josh Anderson, TEP; Matt Weber, NAVIT; Robin Palmer, Novo Bio Power; Lacy Greer, SRP; Andrea Charley, TEP; Aaron Finch, TEP; Nicole Ulibarri, NPC; Rhonda Fransico, TEP; Josh Plicque, SRP; Jeff LeFever, TEP; Kenny Keith, NPC; Shawntel Skousen, NPC

Welcome and Introductions – Kenny Keith.

Minutes from October 2018 were approved.

*Industry Updates*:

**Dan Leeds –** Discussed on-going training efforts for control room operators and scrub room operators as well.

**David Krouse -**  Currently have 6 E & I apprentices with 4 that will finish in July or August and 2 more that are about 9 months in,. There are also 4 mechanical apprentices also about 9 months in.

**Mike Colwell –** Stated that recent hiring has sparked interest in the program and shared that fall 2019 registration would be opening April 22nd.

**Nicole Ulibarri –** Currently preparing for the fall semester.

**Michelle Finch –** There are currently 2 students interested in the EIT program for the fall and are hoping for more at St. Johns High School.

**Scott Newby –** His area is trying to hire 4 welders.

**Josh Anderson –** There are 12 new hires and he believes all are former NPC students. They are looking to hire 6 or so in the next year.

**Lacy Greer –** Almost done with gas turbine class that has 8 students. They are looking at offering that course once a year. SRP is still not hiring until all the employees from NGS are placed. He thinks there are about 155 still. They are understaffed in operations but they are waiting for the NGS employees to be placed before hiring.

**Josh Plique –** They have 3 mechanical apprentices this year. He also has equipment from NGC to help with training.

**Kevin Westfall –** The job posting for Apache County faculty is closing May 1st.

**Robin Palmer –** The additional plant they hoped for did not work out but they are running well as is.

**Jeff LeFever –** He is excited for the 12 new hires. TEP is aleays looking for new ways to train and engage new hires. He showed a sample of a some learning modules they have recently acquired.

*A PowerPoint Presentation was presented on the following:*

**Enrollment –** Fall 2018 and spring 2019 numbers were shown. They reflect the uptick in enrollment following the recent hires at TEP. It was also discussed that current employees should visit the local high schools to share their experiences going through the program and getting hired.

**Recruit Adjunct Faculty –** Stated NPC is always looking for adjunct faculty to teach courses.

**Student Hires –**Since 2006, the following number of students have been reported as hired by local industry partners:  **APS – 51, SRP – 72, SES – 14, TEP – 86.**

**Next Meeting –** Possibly September 12th, 2019 11:30 – 1:30 at PDC. Kevin will send out more information.