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**KAMMA REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**March 19, 2019**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Kingman Airport Administration Building  
7000 Flightline Drive, Conference Room**

**March 19, 2019 MEETING SUMMARY**

- I. **Welcome:** John Hansen welcomed everyone and invited all to introduce themselves. The 23 attendees were:

John Hansen	Laron
Kenny Dean	Lomanco West
Jeff McKnight	I-Corp Arizona, Inc.
Dolly Moore	1-Call Staffing
Jaime Ramirez	J-M Eagle
Tom Beller	1-Call Staffing
Pat Farrell	JAVC (Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council)
Mike Hindenach	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Bennett Bratley	City of Kingman
Tim King	NACFD
Joe Throneberry	Labor Systems / Allied Forces
Carl Hays	M-14P, Inc.
Keli Hindenach	MCC
Beverly Valentine	MCC
Tammy Brown	Mohave County Workforce Development
Lisa Black	GEO Group
Della Gray	AZDES, ARIZONA@WORK
Kim Rogers	Goodwill
Kirt Lander	Lander Industries
Jason Millen	ARIZONA@WORK
Tami Ursenbach	Mohave County Economic Development
Mary Mendola	Mohave County Workforce Development
Michael Jimmerson	Arizona MEP (AZ Manufacturing Extension Partnership / ACA)

- II. **New Director Announcements – Vice President and Treasurer:** John Hansen introduced Jaime Ramirez; Plant Manager of J-M Eagle as newly inducted Vice President of KAMMA. Also introduced as newly appointed Treasurer was Nicole Hubbard-Szala, Human Resources Manager for American Woodmark (absent). John welcomed Jaime and Nicole and looks forward to working with them on the KAMMA Board.

III. The meeting minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved without correction or edits. All KAMMA Meeting minutes are posted on the KAMMA website: (<http://www.mohavemfgassociation.com/>)

IV. **Financial Report:** John Hansen confirmed the bank balances of:

<b>Beginning Balance (Through 1/31/2019):</b>	<b>\$10,488.94</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Through 2/28/2019):</b>	<b>\$10,488.94</b>

John reported that the annual financial audit was executed on February 19, 2019 approximately 3pm by Jeff McKnight and John Hansen. No errors were found in the records. John noted that Nicole Hubbard-Szala will take the Treasurer responsibilities within the coming weeks.

V. **Old Business:**

- a. **Membership Update:** Dolly Moore reported total membership at 43 which consists of 29 paid, 11 Ex-Officio and 3 comp'd members. Dolly noted that Laron's membership check was recently received and will be deposited later this week.
- b. **Training Update:** Keli Hindenach indicated that a meeting is set for Monday March 25 with the Kingman Fire Department to close details on First Responder Training. Also ready to be put in motion is the Certified Production Technician training being taught by Eric Johnson. It were noted that costs for incumbent worker training can be offset by 50% by the WIOA grant funds reducing the cost for employers to get their workers trained.

John Hansen described how the massive snow storm that pummeled our community on February 21, 2019 created a blockage to the entrance of the Airport & Industrial Park entrance. During this time entry and exit of the park was impossible and if there had been a medical emergency within the Airport/Industrial Park emergency services would not have been able to reach those in need. This one event alone proves just how important it is that we train more employees with First Responder training as well as continue the battle to gain a second entry/exit to the Airport and Industrial Park.

- c. **Website Maintenance:** Dolly Moore reported that new member; Shelves will have their web page setup once material is received. Dolly encouraged all to review their pages and consider updating content with new pictures and / or text content. The member pages are a huge asset as this offers more exposure and advertising for Member's businesses.

VI. **New Business**

- a. **Representative Paul Gosar – Roundtable Meeting in April – KAMMA Members Welcome:** John Hansen noted details of U.S. Congressman; Paul Gosar's visit to

exclusively meet the Members of KAMMA Monday April 8, 2019 at 3pm in the Kingman Municipal Airport Administration Conference Room. John shared his excitement for the opportunity provided by Representative Gosar to meet our group and hear concerns relative to our manufacturing challenges and goals. John encouraged all members to take advantage of the opportunity and attend the meeting and share thoughts and concerns.

- b. Laptop – Treasurer’s use:** John Hansen explained history relative to the internal use of the QuickBooks software that manages the organization’s finances. Kenny Dean, former KAMMA treasurer had donated a desktop PC in the beginning to utilize the QuickBooks software. At this point in time the Board suggests procurement of a laptop computer to utilize the financial software and allow portability, use to present at meetings and improve transparency.

Member, Kirt Lander suggested using the local company, K-Tek located here in Kingman as they can offer practical solutions to computing needs and work to provide more user friendly operating systems and economical printing solutions.

After a few minutes of group discussion member, Carl Hays made a motion to allow expense of up to \$1,000 for a laptop computer for the organization. Dolly Moore seconded the motion. Voting of the group was unanimous in favor of the expense to procure a new laptop computer.

- c. Partner Updates: JTED, MCC, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Kingman and Others:** Keli Hindenach, Community/Corporate Education Coordinator for MCC shared that the ACRC training was underway but with some adjustments to the section class dates and times. Keli indicated that changes were made to allow filling the classes with more students.

Beverly Valentine, Community/Corporate Education Coordinator for MCC Bullhead City Campus shared news of an event created by MCC that will build connections within the community (ConCom) to allow high school students to learn more about the many choices and options within the area relative to engaging the workforce. The ConCom will host over 1,000 students from surrounding schools, Show N’ Shine car show, job fair hosted by Goodwill and have opportunities to meet and greet MCC faculty and student groups as well as see mini-presentations from local businesses. Beverly encouraged all managers to consider participation in the event and handed out brochures with details.

Mike Hindenach, President and CEO of Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce shared Chamber news of recent ribbon cutting for new member, Arizona Summers Cooling and Heating. Other Chamber activities include the Workforce Development Committee’s preparation for the Reality Store that takes place in November.

Jason Millen, with ARIZONA@WORK One Stop and also on the Chamber Workforce Development Board indicated that there are more jobs than qualified people to fill

them. Jason noted that the group is looking for new ways to connect with today's youth, identify barriers and utilize all resources to find career pathways.

Bennett Bratley, Economic Development Manager for the City of Kingman reported ongoing efforts to collect information that feeds the Economic Impact Study. Work is being completed for the new website. Bennett noted creation of an Opportunity Zone Prospectus and were partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to outsource the task. An effort to petition four Industrial Park roads into the Mohave County Road maintenance failed to pass the Board of Supervisors with 2 votes for, 2 votes against with 1 absent. Bennett noted that he would look to take the issue back to the BOS at a later date when there is a full Board present.

Pat Ferrell, President – Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council (JAVC) Extended gratitude to the Mohave County Board of Supervisors for approving the acceptance of veteran housing that will be managed through the HUD-VASH (Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing) program that will combine Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless Veterans.

Pat also noted that the JAVC is raffling off a wooden motorcycle that has been manufactured and donated by the GEO Group from the prison. Pat encouraged all to support the JAVC and local Veterans.

Tim King, Interim Fire Chief for Northern Arizona Consolidated Fire District reported that the biggest incident recently was the massive snow storm that hit the community February 21<sup>st</sup>. Tim commended Golden Valley Fire for covering Chloride during the event as all roads over the mountain passes were closed. Tim did note that there was an Emergency Center open for the public during the time of need.

Joe Throneberry, Director on the Mohave / La Paz Workforce Board reported that work is continuing to get at least one KART (Kingman Area Regional Transit) bus stop possibly located near the entrance of the Industrial Park near True Value Distribution Center. Joe indicated the quest to capture funding through grants continues moving forward.

Mary Mendola, Workforce Program Supervisor - ARIZONA@WORK reported that they have been working heavily toward the ACRC credential with the help of MCC providing many of the courses.

- d. **Honoring Former Board Member Kenny Dean:** John Hansen presented Former KAMMA Director and Treasurer Kenny Dean with an honorary plaque commemorating his service to the organization. John and Board extended kind gratitude to Kenny for his many years of service as a founding member of the Kingman and Mohave Manufacturing Association.

**VII. NEXT REGULAR KAMMA MEETING:**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2018**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Location: True Value Distribution Center**

**4005 E. Mohave Airport Drive, Kingman AZ (Airport Industrial Park)**

**Upstairs Meeting Area**