

**ATIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
4-18-11**

Members Present:

Mark Hyde, Hyde Auto Service
Kevin Wallace, APS Automotive
Wayne Bristol, Star Automotive

Rich Steere, OCCC
Jason Ferguson, OCCC
Brad Walker, OCCC

Members Absent:

Joe Lytle, ONG
Kevin Rice, Bridgestone/Firestone
Juan Cisneros, Don's J&J Garage Inc.

David Bilodeau, Cherokee Hills Automotive

The meeting began at 6:30 pm in the ATIP Classroom with a welcome from Advisory Committee Chairman – Wayne Bristol. Refreshments were provided by the college.

Minutes from the Fall 2010 meeting were distributed and members were given time to read and recommend any changes needed. No changes were noted and Mark Hyde made a motion to accept the minutes with Kevin Wallace giving the second.

Rich Steere gave the report on the NATEF mid-review and told the committee we were on track for the next full certification in 2 1/2 years.

Jason Ferguson gave the facility and tool update report including that the college was still operating with sufficient tools for all 8 ASE areas. He also reported that the college had received a 2010 Malibu from General Motors and also that the college had purchased a 2010 ¾ ton Chevrolet PU for the students who use CNG for their electives. The curriculum had some new editions but we are still using the same Halderman series.

Brad Walker gave a summary of the Career Experience survey that we did in the last meeting. He indicated that the report was only a sample of all the shops and students who had participated. In the survey a total of 13 students had been sponsored in the last 6 years with on 3 still employed (as far as we know) This is about a 23% retention with the national average being around 50%. Brad indicated a need to review both the program and dealership climate that has contributed to the low retention of graduates at these shops.

Rich Steere then asked about the current business climate in light of the need for Career Experience Stations for the fall with anticipated increased numbers. Most of the committee indicated business to be steady but no real increases allowing for expanding the employee base. A discussion continued in regard to trying to give the students more time in the beginning of their training becoming competent in the General Service area. Kevin Wallace indicated he believed this to still be the best model for

growing entry level technicians. Mark Hyde indicated that after taking so many students and having them leave after they were trained he is willing to continue participating in the program, but will do things differently. Two models were discussed. In the past we have used two models - the first to allow students to “end load” the career experience at the end of the program. The second model would allow the student to get in a shop in the beginning and spend more time in the General Service area – allowing the student to become productive in the area before moving on to higher skill sets. It was noted that the student should be encouraged to understand the significance of the General service area.

Rich Steere indicated that the college was in the process of recruiting and has been to Moore Norman and would be going to two more in the next few weeks. Recruitment of students is going very well this year.

Officers were then determined to be elected by E-Mail as Juan Cisneros was unable to be present for this meeting and was in line to move up to the chair position.

The next meeting was set for September the 12th.

At 8:15 the meeting was adjourned.