

**MINUTES OF**  
**THE EDWARDS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**  
**MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

President Deaver opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. Directors in attendance: Deaver, Edmiston, Jamison, Johnson, Novinger, Pickard, Welling. Others present: Johnstone, Losancy, Novinger, Sipple.

**ECA PROJECT STATUS**

Land Use Compatibility: No new issues

Education: The Board of Trade Dialogue II is tentatively planned to be held at Mojave Airport. A decision will be made at the next planning committee meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chris Piercy, developer of the K-16 Bridge Program has agreed to lead the workshop on increasing the A-G qualified students eligible to attend the CSU or Cal State programs.

Mr. Piercy briefed the AV Career Prep Council and Antelope Valley College, on the K-16 Bridge Program this month. Both audiences were very supportive of the program. The next step has not been determined at this time.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

James Welling said the checking account balance as of November was: \$10,413.71. See attached.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Johnstone said he has reviewed a report published by the Aerospace Industries Association(AIA) called "Launch into Aerospace". This report discusses the shortfall of engineers and technicians in the aerospace industry and what actions AIA and its member organizations are going to take to improve the number of students entering into the industry. These actions, such as:

Partnering with existing programs such as Project Lead the Way, FIRST Robotics, and Team America Rocketry Challenge

Encouraging, supporting and motivating industry professionals to participate in mentoring and other volunteer opportunities in schools and community programs

Supporting the transition of retirees to K-12 science and mathematics teaching, certification and enrichment programs in paid or volunteer positions

Earmarking corporate grants to educational programs, and

Developing and managing company-initiated educational and workforce development programs.

All of the major aerospace companies in the Antelope Valley are members of AIA. Johnstone said the Math, Science, Engineering and Technology Consortium is putting together a proposal to take to member companies to see if we can work together to implement some of the suggestions.

The local chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) has developed a grant program of \$500 a year to support K-12 math and science classrooms. Proposals are due by close of business on Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Interested parties can contact Johnstone at 661-723-6103 for proposal information.

Mr. Johnstone requested ECA reimburse Dr. Les Uhazy for his trip to Wright Patterson AFB as a member of the Air Force Materiel Command civilian liaison committee. The Directors in attendance approved the request for reimbursement.

President Deaver requested that Assemblymember Jean Fuller be added to the ECA distribution list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

The next meeting will be on December 15th at Mojave Airport.

Sincerely,

Robert Johnstone

Technical Advisor

Attachment: Financial Report