

Construction Occupation Meeting
Friday, July 17, 2009
Houston Omni, Houston, Texas

1. Meeting was opened by Robert Salas
2. Special thanks were extended to:
 - Michael Cruz from Judson ISD (Skills State Carpentry Competition).
 - Bill Beck from La Mesa ISD (Skills State Team Work Competition).
 - Mike Benton and Robert Salas for working on Construction Trades TEKS alignment in Austin, Texas.
3. District and State SkillsUSA competitions were discussed
 - Mentioned that an advisor had given feedback to judge and entered contest area to talk w/ judge
 - Emphasized the importance of wearing official attire for competition (ie. Dickie khaki pants)
 - Discussed variations in district and state carpentry competitions (ie. make sure that district competition prepares students for state)
 - Robert Salas discussed benefits for SkillsUSA youth leadership
4. Pat Connor discussed cost and setup challenges at SkillUSA state competition in Corpus Christi
 - Fort Worth has facilities but cost is double that of Corpus
 - Houston hotels near conference center don't take state rates
 - Waco, Amarillo & other Texas cities would like to host but don't have enough hotel rooms
 - As it now stands, SkillsUSA state competition will be in Corpus Christi through 2013
 - There is a continued need for qualified judges at state competition
5. Announcements / general information:
 - Career Investigations will be moving to middle school
 - Upcoming TEKS revisions were discussed by Brett Dickinson and Robert Salas
 - Midwinter conference will be in San Antonio and summer conference will be in Houston
 - Bill Brockman mentioned that a new teacher orientation is usually held in October and the date/place is announced on the TIVA website
6. Robert Salas discussed next year's conference & additional training opportunities
 - Cost of a bus for travel to training / visitation sites would run \$1,000 and would need 50 teachers
 - Marvin Mack volunteered assist in helping organizing some events for next year
 - Jose Ortiz suggested bringing ShopBot down
 - Deadline for construction teacher's field trips is in February
 - Victor Marquez suggested that experienced teachers share program ideas with newer teachers
 - Jesse Garcia suggested safety training
 - Raymond Bannert urged teachers to respond or suggest presenters such as Power Tool Institute when Call for Presenters is sent
 - Other ideas: Mentoring Presentation, Best Practices
7. Randy Palmira suggested a mentoring program for younger teachers w/ a global mailing list and possible teacher forum on TCCIA web site
8. Brett Dickinson mentioned that a teacher resource list is being developed on the TCCIA web site (tccia.net) but teachers need to email information to the address posted on web site; Robert urged teacher to join TCCIA and stay for the upcoming meeting