



Executive Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2011

LNN Executive Board Members (Those Who Attended in Bold):

Barbara Canfield	Northampton CC	
Chris Kiely	Lehigh	
Gina Kormanik	LV WIB	
James Gilchrist	Lehigh	
Martin Harmer	Lehigh	
Justin Likar	Lockheed Martin	Commercial Space Sys.
Joe Lane	Ben Franklin NEP	
Hai Lin	Silberline	Vice Chair
Gene Lucadamo	Lehigh	Academic Chair
Shahri Naghshineh	Surface Chem. Discoveries	
Nancee Noderer	Mfrs. Resource Center	
Jim Marler	Mfrs. Resource Center	
Steve Melnick	LVEDC	
Smit Patel	ARDEC Picatinny	
Al Philpotts	Ben Franklin NEP	
Chuck Picardi	SP³	Industry Chair
Raj Pitchimani	Silberline	
Alan Snyder	Lehigh	
Joan Stanescu	Lehigh	Secretary
Nada Veskovic	Lehigh Carbon CC	
Bob Wert	Wells Fargo Advisors	

Discussion topics:

1. Executive Board Restructuring – We are initiating efforts to add 1 or 2 more industry members & reconfirm interest of current board members to continue serving. The EB mission will be outlined and distributed to potential board members.
2. CAMN PA DCED funding request Topics Jan 2011 (supports management of the LNN by CAMN). The following are included in the recent request which was approved in January 2011:
 - LNN expansion, subsidized summer internship support, advancement of Focus Group activities, and development of a jobs database for graduates from MatPAC schools.
3. New members and membership summary
 - New additions include FCI USA, SEMTech Solutions, 10 Angstroms (See most recent LNN newsletter posted on www.lehigh.edu/lnn for complete list of companies). Total current membership is 161.
 - Targeted 10% growth in sustaining membership to DCED by June 2012
4. Confirmation of member data (continuing action item)
 - Contacts for all members
 - Focus Group assignments
5. Member Fee Structure – small companies (< 20 employees) to have option to pay \$100/yr for Sustaining Membership. All current SM's to be grandfathered with existing payment structure. Future SM's larger than 20 employees must pay the one-time \$500 fee that will cover 5 years of membership.
6. LNN internships plan for 2011
 - Policy for eligibility, selection, assignment, and support was discussed and will be distributed to eligible Sustaining Members in February.
 - 2010 and 2009 intern stories will be posted on website as examples.
7. Expanding benefits to members

- The EB discussed the possibility of establishing a "Technology Assessment" panel so that entrepreneurs can have opportunity to obtain advice from experienced individuals on how to proceed with business plans for technology commercialization. This idea will be given further consideration.
- A website outline will be developed and posted to enhance navigation.

8. Coming LNN Sponsored Events

- Harrisburg BioEnergy Summit on March 15th =>Keynote speaker Dr. William Goldner of the USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).
- Spring 2011 Nano Conference with Drexel Nanotech Institute at Drexel.
- Three meetings/events will be scheduled between July 2011 to June 2012 (based on PA MRSEC commitments). An idea was brought up to consider a "Faculty" event in which professors will describe research interests to an audience of academia and industry, with opportunity for attendees to discuss commercial interests.

9. Executive Board next meeting – 10 a.m. on June 9, October 6, 2011, and February 9, 2012

10. Action Items in progress:

- Joan Stanescu to describe Executive Board mission in write-up to distribute to potential board members.
- Joan Stanescu will work with C. Picardi to define ideas and interest of members in joining and leading focus groups.
- G. Lucadamo will follow up with PANMCC (Pittsburgh) on potential for joint meetings and for webcasts.
- J. Stanescu will contact all members to confirm their membership status, update profiles and contacts, confirm member interest and Focus Group assignments, describe access to website and networking tools.
- J. Stanescu to communicate 2011 internship opportunities to our members
- Issues for future EB discussion:
- Direction, purpose, and vision – what is missing; what do members want?

- Draft a proposal from LNN Sustaining Members (small companies) to request funding from PA DCED to assist in using Lehigh facilities. Could submit letters of support from LNN Sustaining Members. There is potential to include DNI and community colleges and their partner companies in this request. Need to check on PA interest and support under next administration/budget.
- Can LNN have a role in working with DCED and others to promote nanotechnology-related industry and research in PA in line with PIN strategy and new initiatives (energy, life science, etc.)