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BIG EVENTS

Annual Members Meeting and Board Elections occured on Monday, November 7th. We had a little over 1/3 of the members vote. Only 5 people ran for the 5 seats available. The new board of directors is pictured LtoR: Matt Hansen (board secretary), Eric Bradford (board chair), John Tomascheski, Ralph Santos, and Zoe Miller. The board will meet every first Tuesday at 6pm at Bridgewire. Members can sit in but not participate.

Our 5 year Open House **Anniversary Party** was a success. We had many current and old members attend. In addition there were several guests who enjoyed tours, demos, and good conversation. In all we had upwards of 50 people at one time or another in the shop.

THE BOARD DECISIONS

The new board has appointed officers and committee chairs for 2016-2017. Our new President is actually an old president. Lee Elliott will return to the role after a 2 year hiatus from Bridgewire. The new Treasurer will be Ralph Santos. He will be transitioned into the role over the next month. Lastly, Matt Hansen will return as Secretary.

The new board will define roles and responsibilities for the officers and committee chairs in their next meeting. Expect the officers and committees to be given more independent authority to execute their plans. The board will be more focused on building long term plans and relationships with other organizations in our community.

EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

John Tomascheski has accepted the role as chairperson for our Education Committee. We are lucky to have John lead this cmte. He is a part time teacher at TMCC and works with Big Brothers/Sisters He has a passion to develop a schedule of classes which will help us meet our main purpose, education.

The inaugural meeting of the Education Committee will be held December 15, 2016 at 6:30pm. Please join us during this meeting and Open Space Night to share your ideas for learning

opportunities at Bridgewire, volunteer to be part of the Education Committee, discuss topics you would like to teach and more. This inaugural meeting is all about getting your input to help the Education Committee shape Bridgewire's future education efforts.

If you are not able to attend this meeting and have input, please send your input to John T. are renoscuba1@gmail.com. Your input will be shared with those members that are able to attend.

FACILITY HAPPENINGS

One of our newest members Matt Miller has accepted the role as chairperson for our Facilities Committee. Last year's cmte. made great progress for the shop and established good groundwork to build on. Look to our calendar for Matt's first Facility committee meeting to join him in an effort to improve our shop.

Charter Spectrum Business **faster internet speed** is almost here. Installation is scheduled for December 5th. Our internet access speed will increase from the current by 20X download and 8X upload. We will also have the capacity to handle more wireless devices. This will enable us to teach classes that unilized cloud resources. In addition to the

internet service, we will have a phone for emergencies and Bridgewire business needs. It is not meant as a phone for personal calls except to contact others when you forgot your cell or your battery died. It will be located at the front desk. Our number is 775-507-4063.

We have rearranged the woodshop a little to create storage for large projects and manage our dust

collection more efficiently. We will soon plumb more equipment into the dust collector on the big mill.

Lastly, our member Blake has launched a Safety + Hygiene project to feed us better food while

raising money for janitorial services. Prices are marked on the magenta label. He is using the honor system. Pay for your items in the Black Box under the orange cabinets.

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ALL MEMBERS, If you would like to add an event. Press the “Add Event” button on the calendar at bridgewire.org Schedule your event with details and contact info. The new event will be hidden until an officer reviews and makes it public. Your events can be any project you want to share or get help with.