

## **MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB**

### **The General Meeting Minutes Nov 12, 2024**

**General Information:** The MAAC general meeting was held at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78701. Sandra Lawell called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

**Speaker Presentation:** The speakers were James Weimann (Warren Weimann's son) with Phoenix Innovation and Dr. Laura Marmolojo (via Zoom), Dean of Advanced Manufacturing at ACC. ACC and NXP have developed a strong collaborative partnership in education in Austin. James has been instrumental in connecting with Dr. Marmolojo regarding the Manufacturing Labs at ACC Highland. An NXP lab at ACC Highland was funded in part through a gift from the NXP Foundation. NXP not only provided \$150K to expand the mechatronic training equipment for the classroom lab space, but also dedicated \$100K to establish the NXP Foundation Endowed scholarship for students working toward an associate degree in advanced manufacturing or engineering technology. Key take aways from the presentation were:

- The program is directed towards students aspiring to enter semiconductor and other high tech technology fields.
- ARMA (Austin Regional Manufacturing Association) serves as the main connection between ACC and the local industries supporting the program.
- There are two curriculum paths – a rapid 12 month technician program and a 24 month associate program. The ACC Chevron Academy, an engineering path program, is not part of this program.
- Tuition is free for students in the ACC taxing district.
- The program has about 40 part time instructors, mostly engineers. MAAC members interested in mentoring or instructing for the program should contact Dr. Laura Marmolojo at [lmarmole@austincc.edu](mailto:lmarmole@austincc.edu).
- A copy of the meeting presentation will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** – Cal Gooden provided an updated treasury report.

**Scholarship Funds:** The UT Scholarship fund recently received a significant financial boost and now is funded at around \$56k. Bill Pfaff indicated we need to focus on additional funding for the MAAC Scholarship fund, current balance of \$1,230. Also, let Bill know of any new potential candidates for MAAC scholarships.

**Pizza Lunch:** The group enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch with soft drinks, tea and coffee.

**MAAC 2025 Officer Positions:** MAAC 2024 officers have all agreed to continue as officers in 2025 since we currently have no new volunteers for the positions. We also need volunteers to help with the annual Christmas party lunch. If you are interested in volunteering for anything, contact Sandra Lawell.

**Bingo and Scholarship Raffle:** Bingo and the usual scholarship fund raffle were enjoyed by all.

**New Business:** The MAAC Christmas party lunch will be at 11am – 2pm, Dec 9 at Maggio's. Cost is \$40/person. An invitation announcement will be forthcoming soon so we can determine the attendance headcount ASAP.

**Membership:** Annual dues of \$15 (\$10 for life members) and are due in January each year. Everyone is encouraged to invite new Motorola alumni to join the club.

**Newsletter:** If you are not receiving the newsletter, contact Danna Redford.

**Attendees:** There were 21 MAAC attendees at the meeting.