Members present are listed in bold text.

Meeting Topics and Discussion:

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
   Co-Chair Will Wesolowsky opens the meeting with a welcome and introduces Sue Schlapp, a new board appointment representing KDOC.

II. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: Approve or modify agenda as needed. (Berger/Fornaro-Dean)
   Result: The agenda was approved as presented.

III. Board Composition
   Debra Franklin updated the BOD about the Director’s resignation and the search for an Interim Dean being conducted.

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 23, 2012, Board of Directors Meeting
   Motion: Approve or modify agenda as needed. (Wyssenbach/Davis)
   Result: The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Report and approval of Minutes from December 14, 2012, Executive Committee Meeting
   Motion: Approve or modify minutes as needed. (Fornaro-Dean/Lawing)
   Result: The minutes were approved as presented.

VI. Technical Advisory Panel members for December proposal evaluation
   Debra Franklin updated the board on the process for TAP evaluation of the forth competitive solicitation. There were five proposals reviewed by 14 TAP members. Debbie also noted that her stated number of 10 in the agenda packet was incorrect and the correct number of TAP evaluators was 14 and two TAP members were absent. Each proposal was evaluated by 14 TAP members.

VII. Program Highlights
   a. Competitive Awards
      i. Ross Jordan, Ocianna, development of a mooring and/or anchoring product for water-based vessels, gave an update on Ocianna’s progress. Mr. Jordan’s PowerPoint is available on the CIEE website.
Jordan answered questions about retention of future manufacturing in Kansas and whether he has encountered any regulatory constraints.

ii. Tony Guhr, Carbon Fiber Remanufacturing (CFR), development and demonstration of technologies and processes to move scrap carbon fiber to “remanufactured” fiber forms preferred by the composites industry, gave an overview of his progress. Handouts were provided to board members and are available on the CIEE website for review.

Guhr answered questions about the cost of his raw materials, pricing of donated product potentially increasing and market value of his output.

b. National Network of Manufacturing Institutes (NNMI)
   Debra Franklin provided reports according to the agenda.

VIII. CIEE Funding Update Reports
   a. Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant
      Debra Franklin presented reports from the agenda.
   
   b. Kansas Engineering Excellence Program (KEEP)
      Debra Franklin presented reports from the agenda.
   
   c. Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge (JIAC)
      i. Report on Funding
      ii. Industry Roundtable
      Debra Franklin announced the next event: Inventors Conference would be held at NCAT in mid-April. There was a request from Phil Wyssenbach for more information on that event.
   
      Reports received as presented and filed.

IX. Recommendation from Executive Committee for funding competitive proposals
Keith Lawing summarized the semifinalist presentations and shared that the innovators presented very good information and that the EC and technical panel asked questions that were answered by innovators. The Nitride proposal stood out as the most competitive. Mickey Fornaro-Dean expressed appreciation for TAP member technical support and expertise. Phil Wyssenbach talked about momentum that was in Nitride’s favor that tipped the EC towards the unanimous decision and recommendation.

Motion: The EC recommends to the Board of Directors to fund a $42,000 competitive technology development and business counseling grant for Jeremy Jones, Nitride Solutions, for the Development of Aluminum Nitride Substrates pending successful contract negotiations, legal review, and availability of funds. (Pett/Alfaro)

Result: The action was approved as presented.

X. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Next Meeting:
April 23, 2013, WSU Marcus Welcome Center, Room 102 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon

1 Approximately 88 percent of the grant proceeds will fund WSU laboratory expertise and services and the balance of the proceeds will be used by Jones (Nitride Solutions) for technical assistance and feasibility studies.