

Meeting Minutes



Meeting: FPC General Members Meeting
Date: June 2, 2016
Location: Beam Engineering for Advanced Measurements (BEAMCO- www.beamco.com), Orlando
Attendees: FPC members, guests, presenters

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by FPC President, Alex Fong. Alex made some brief introductions and gave a short overview of the FPC.
2. US Congressman John Mica and his Orlando District Representative, Patrick Kelly were an honored guests at the meeting. Representative Mica is a strong supporter of the technology-driven economy in Florida and has been staying familiar with the photonics industry for many years, even knowing our FPC founder, Bill Schwartz and Bill's wife, Pat. Below is a brief outline of Rep. Mica's comments (not quotes, just items from meeting notes). You can get more information on what Rep. Mica can do for your company by contacting Patrick Kelly at Patrick.Kelly@mail.house.gov, (407)366-0833.
 - I do a lot of work with the Department of Defense.
 - If your company or organization is applying for a Federal grant from any source, if you send my office a cover page and summary of your proposal, I may be able to help.
 - My office's job is to help companies in any way possible.
 - I have a lot of contacts and experience in the US House of Representatives that can be of great use to my constituents.
 - I want to target specific programs, and optics/photonics is clearly one of high interest to me.
3. Dennis Pape, Co-Founder, Catalyst Spaces and FPC Secretary/Treasurer gave a presentation on "Coworking spaces – Workspace as a Service for Entrepreneurs and Startups." A copy of his presentation will be provided along with these minutes on the FPC website.
4. Fran Korosec, Director, Business Operations, ICAMR, gave an update on ICAMR – International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research & FAMRC – Florida Advanced Manufacturing Research Center. A brief summary of a few points in his presentation:
 - ICAMR and FAMRC are working on different materials and platforms than the AIM Photonics organization in New York.
 - ICAMR expects to need to hire ~8 technicians by the end of 2016 and maybe more in future years.
5. Nelson Tabirian, CEO of BEAMCO, gave an overview of BEAMCO. A copy of his presentation will be provided along with these minutes on the FPC website, but here are a few notes:
 - BEAMCO was started in 1996 in Boris Zeldovich's kitchen
 - MJ Soileau is one of the company Directors and was very influential in the early years of the company
 - Georgia Institute of Technology is one of BEAMCO's customers
 - Coatings and coating technology is the company's main focus.
 - The company has two facility locations – one off I-4 is for chemicals and the main Lee Road facility is clean rooms and coatings equipment.
 - The company makes "4th Generation Optics" (4GOptics). These are a full range of components made of thin films that can be produced at low cost and with a short (<10 minutes) fabrication time.

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6. The meeting concluded with a reception for networking, hosted by BEAMCO and the FPC. A no-host dinner was held at a local restaurant for further networking and discussions.