

## Area Affiliate Report 2-12-04

The winter meeting of the St. Croix affiliate was held on Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Hennepin Technical College hosted the joint affiliate meeting, starting with vendors and tours of their facilities. Hennepin Technical College has made strides to provide the most current technologies for their students to work with. The staff and students at Hennepin Tech were very friendly and welcomed use to their facility any time we would like.

After the open house, we moved to classrooms for our separate affiliate business meetings. Much thanks to the staff at Mahtomedi schools who put together an e-mail list of 147 teachers in the St. Croix area. Thanks also to Justin Scheider at Century JH in Forest Lake for kick starting the St. Croix affiliate website <http://mtea.net/stcroix/index.htm>, it has been up and running for about 3 months. Please contact Justin if you would like something posted on the site.

We finished the evening with a complementary provided by the Hennepin Technical College culinary students and a joint business meeting in the lecture hall. Dr. Mike Lindstorm provided the latest on NCLB and how this can possibly benefit our programs. Jim Mecklenberg reported from the MN DOE. Door prizes were given away and everyone got something! Many thanks to all the Hennepin Technical College staff and especially Dean Tom Tonkin for their efforts to ensure another successful joint meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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