

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

April 12, 2024

Call to Order: 1:07 P.M.

The SEAC meeting was held at the Department of Commerce and via zoom. Chairman, Richard Geraci, presided over the meeting.

Members present:

Richard Geraci
Keith Davis
Roger Chaple
Richard Shelton

Member(s) absent:

Charles Blaty
Brian Williams

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

David Gray- AR DOLL
Jim Burbridge- OTC
Stephanie Isaacs- OSD Director

Absent:

USDOL representative John Kuznar

Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2024:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Chaple and a Second by Davis. Minutes were approved as written.

New Business:

- (00:01:27 Minute Mark)
John Kuznar was introduced as the new Arkansas State Director for US DOL. He looks forward to working with us all.

Experienced Credit:

- Eric Smith- NATF- Asking for 3.5 years. (2nd time)(Tabled) no new info provided. Derrick wanted to know their thoughts about only allowing time that had accrued during the last 6 years. Chaple said they added that about 14 years ago. Discussion ensued. No action took place.
- (00:23:40 Minute Mark)
Nicholas Russo, Jr.- NATF- Asking for 1.5 years. (2nd time) Discussion took place and there was a motion by Davis and a 2nd by Chaple to approve Nicholas for 6 months of exp. credit. The SEAC voted to approve Nicholas for 6 months of OJT and RTI credit.
- (00:41:47 Minute Mark)

Brandon Meetze- WAAP- Asking for 6 months. Derrick informed the SEAC while there was not enough OJT to approve any exp. credit, he would like for them to consider his Previous College classes for RTI hours only. WAAP has provided the transcript and provided a document laying out the classes he already took and how they match up with her program standards. She would allow 6 months of RTI based off his previous college credit hours. Derrick showed the SEAC all the info that had been provided. Discussion ensued. Derrick told the SEAC that OSD would allow the RTI hours only based off the previous school experience. The SEAC agreed that it would be a good practice to allow someone RTI hours only for their previous College Credit hours. There was a motion by Davis and a seconded by Shelton to deny Brandon any OJT hours but will approve 72 hours of RTI based off of OSD's recommendation. SEAC voted to deny the OJT credit but approve 72 hours for RTI as pre-apprenticeship credit.

- (01:14:20 Minute Mark)
Curtis White- OTC- Asking for 2 years. The SEAC had previously denied this apprentices credit back in January of 2024. The SEAC has been asked to review this info again per OSD Director etc. since it was the Programs fault on submitting the information within the time frame required. After review of the information, there was a motion by Chaple and a second by Davis to approve Mr. White for 2 years of exp. credit. SEAC voted to approve 2 years of exp. credit.

Reports:

- (00:01:27 minute mark)
US DOL: John Kuznar. John was introduced to the SEAC.
- (01:33:00 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray and Lindsay Moore
Lindsay said he wanted to thank the SEAC for reviewing Mr. White's exp. credit application.
David Gray. David said the 2023 Code would be up for vote in the May Electrical Board meeting.
- (01:34:15 minute mark)
OSD-OA: There were 30 journeyman completions and 6 RJ for the month of March. I have added up to about half of the programs being added to using the Arkansas Apprenticeship Portal. I will be meeting with John Kuznar on Tuesday with Mike Rogers. On Thursday, I will be at the Build My Future Event in Conway. OSD has a booth there. Derrick has started informing prospective apprentices who are looking to get into the electrical trade to contact a local apprenticeship program for a potential employer.

Old / Other Business:

- SEAC Guidelines for Industrial Maintenance Hours Exp. Credit statement. Due to the time constraints, the SEAC decided to move this discussion to next month's meeting.

Adjourn:

- 3:00 PM. Shelton motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- Date: May 3, 2024
- Meeting held at AR Dept. of Commerce with zoom option.