

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

February 2, 2024

Call to Order: 1:05 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
Charles Blaty
Roger Chaple
Brian Williams
Richard Shelton

Member(s) absent:

None

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD
Don Bellcock- Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

David Gray- AR DOLL
Jim Burbridge- OTC

Absent:

USDOL representative

Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2024:

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

New Business:

- (00:01:55 Minute Mark)
Jim Burbridge was introduced to the committee. He is seeking the opportunity to sit on the SEAC. The members talked with Jim. After discussion Chaple made the motion to accept Jim as a member of the SEAC. There was a 2nd by Shelton and the SEAC voted to approve Jim as a member with the approval of the Career and Workforce Development Board.
- (00:23:00 Minute Mark)
Discussion was had about the SEAC guidelines and Industrial hours. Next meeting the SEAC is going to finalize the statement they think is needed in the SEAC guidelines about Industrial Maintenance time not meeting the requirements for an apprentice's OJT in regards to receiving their Journeyman's license.

Experienced Credit:

- None

Reports:

- (00:42:27 minute mark)
US DOL: Absent. No numbers provided. Derrick said they have not hired a full time Arkansas Rep. at this time. They are going through the process of hiring at this time. He is going to be getting in touch with them to see if Troy Johnson or Dudley Light
- (00:44:25 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray. David said the 2023 Code would be at comment period at the meeting in March of the Electrical Board. There will be some opposition of the GFCI for the range, oven, or cooktop by the Home Builders Association. Hopefully will be adopted some time this summer. Also, that if any programs are needing help doing renewals to contact them and let them know.
- (00:51:15 minute mark)
OSD-OA: Derrick asked David to pull up the number of the active apprentices he shows in his system. He said Ric noted yesterday the number of active apprentice licenses and Don then went and looked in RAPIDS and the number was off 500 or so more in RAPIDS than active licenses. As of yesterday the CT fund is exhausted. We used some Skills Development funds to pay the CT grants that would have not of been paid without it. Notified all program earlier of this. There are multiple reasons why the budget is already exhausted. More programs submitting applications, Change in plumbing curriculum and being able to buy code books for their 1st and 2nd year this year only, Programs that had previously held on to the application to the last minute to submit had submitted earlier. There are 6 programs using the OSD DB since the first week of January. David circled back and said it looks like they have 4,458 active apprentice licenses. Derrick said there was only around 1,500 plumbing apprentices. David said there is 10,725 that are expired. He does not know how many of those are expired that are completed or are still in school.

Old / Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

- 2:18 PM. Shelton motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

Next Meeting:

- Date: February 2, 2024
- Meeting held via zoom.