

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

January 5, 2024

Call to Order: 1:04 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

Absent:

USDOL representative

Visitors:

Jamie Frakes- Arkansas Northeastern College (Electrical Apprenticeship Program Sponsor)

Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2023:

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

New Business:

- (00:02:30 Minute Mark)
 - Mission Statement approval. Motion by Shelton and a 2nd by Williams to approve as written.
 - Election of Vice Chair. Blaty motion for Chaple. 2nd by Davis. SEAC approved Chaple as Vice Chair.
 - Election of Chair. Shelton motion for Geraci. 2nd by Davis. SEAC approved Geraci as Chair.
 - Approval of Stipend. Motion by Williams. 2nd by Shelton. SEAC approved Stipend at the State Rate.
 - In-person meetings. SEAC agreed to have in-person meetings once a quarter this year.

- SEAC will review the guidelines and next month will bring to the table wording that would be added to the guidelines and Industrial hours and how they apply to experienced credit applications.

Experienced Credit:

- (00:43:00 Minute Mark)
Curtis White- NPC- Asking for 2 years. Discussion ensued. There was a motion by Shelton to deny because of the application being past the time frame allowed for approval. 2nd by Blaty. SEAC voted to deny the experienced credit.

Reports:

- (00:53:07 minute mark)
US DOL: Absent. No numbers provided. Cynthia retired at the end of December. Troy Johnson is assuming the responsibility for the time being while they are in the process of hiring someone else. US DOLL has sent out an 800 so page document outlining modifications they are wanting to make to the CFR that is over apprenticeship. We will see where this goes. January 11 they will be holding a 1-hour meeting to go over the CFR modifications.
- (00:59:55 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray. David mentioned that they had hired a new inspector for Northwest Arkansas. Board meeting on the 23rd and discussion will be about the 2023 code adoption. CEU law says they are to get their CEU's on the current code cycle before they can get their license. Testers are taking the test on the 2023 code.
- (01:14:00 minute mark)
OSD-OA: Derrick Daniels informed the committee about the updated completion numbers for November. Electrical- 31, Electrical RJ- 0. More reimbursable instructors were added yesterday at the AACSC meeting. January 16 is the date for the roll out for the Arkansas certified pre-apprenticeship program. NPC is the first program doing this. The DB is going to be rolled out to programs during the first of January. 5 programs to start and then after a month, I will add another 5 and so on. I have made templates for each individual program for their uploads with drop down boxes to make it easier. I completed the training video this morning. It will also be provided to the programs. CT grant money will be gone very quickly. It will not make it to the end of the year.

Old / Other Business:

Geraci asked about committee positions. 1 remaining open. Derrick has had a person reach out and plans on getting the info from them and have them attend the next meeting.

Adjourn:

- 2:35 PM. Davis motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

Next Meeting:

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