

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

July 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
Jim Burbridge
Richard Shelton
Charles Blaty
Keith Davis

Member(s) absent:

Roger Chaple

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

David Gray- AR DOLL
Chris Bollinger
Stanley Sanders Jr.

Absent:

John Kuznar- US DOL

Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2024:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Davis and a Second by Blaty. Committee voted on approving the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

New Business:

- (00:02:50 Minute Mark)
Brian Williams resignation. The SEAC reviewed Brian Williams resignation letter and asked OSD to reach out to programs to see if anyone would be willing to serve.
- (00:04:50 Minute Mark)
Program question. A program had asked if a person could receive experienced credit if they started to work over the summer than leaving the profession and going to college for about 2 years then returning back to the profession. Since they would need to be registered to do so, the SEAC said that they only approve for the first time they are registered. The situation posed would be the 2nd time, therefore they would not approve.

Old / Other Business:

- (00:10:25 Minute Mark)
Amteck Electrical Apprenticeship Program discussion. The SEAC discussed the program. There was a Motion by Davis and a Second by Shelton to deny the program based on 100% correspondence being used for RTI. The SEAC voted and approved the motion.

Experienced Credit:

- (00:19:20 Minute Mark)
Justin Wilson- NATF- Asking for 163 hours of RTI and 1,332.75 OJT from prior US DOL experience. (3rd time). No new information was provided. There was discussion and a motion by Shelton to approve only the 163 of RTI. There was a second by Blaty and the SEAC voted and approved the motion.
- (00:27:00 Minute Mark)
Travis Renuk- Fort Smith JATC- Asking for 2 years. There was discussion and a motion by Shelton to Deny based on the military time provided did not meet requirements and the OJT in California was telecommunications. There was a second by Burbridge and the SEAC voted to deny.
- (00:32:53 Minute Mark)
Dalton Leach- Evers- Asking for 6 months. There was a discussion and a motion by Shelton to require verification of the school training be US DOL program and proof of license during the time the OJT was performed. There was a second by Blaty and the SEAC voted to ask for the additional information.

Reports:

- (00:00:00 minute mark)
US DOL: John Kuznar. Not Available.
- (00:50:11 minute mark)
AR DOLL: David Gray said they are trying to get the public comment meeting set. They are shooting for later in August. He had an application to test come in. SEAC had previously provided this person Exp. credit of 1.5 years. Fall of 2022 is when he started. He did not understand why it showed 13,000 plus hours for OJT. He thought his OJT should only note the hours received since having a license in Arkansas plus their experienced credit hours that were approved. The SEAC agreed. Programs should only note on the Release for Test the time approved for exp. credit plus the hours received after being licensed in Arkansas. David will inform the apprentice that he does not have the required OJT hours yet.
- (01:01:55 minute mark)
OSD-OA: Derrick said it had been busy since getting back from vacation. Funding guidelines had been approved and sent out to the programs. The forms were approved at yesterday's AACSC meeting. They have been sent out to the programs. This gives them a month and a half before they must be turned in. The annual training meeting is next Wednesday. US DOL Labor Standards representative will be at the meeting to discuss what a 16- or 17-year-old can and cannot do when working. He informed the committee that a youth apprenticeship program is what is required in order to receive OJT at that age.

Adjourn:

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

Next Meeting:

- Date: August 2, 2024
- Meeting held virtually.