

STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)

MINUTES

February 7, 2025

Call to Order: 1:03 P.M.

The SEAC meeting was held via zoom. Chairman Richard Geraci presided over the meeting.

Members present:

Rick Geraci
Charles "Richard" Blaty
Jim Burbridge
Roger Chapel
Amy Martindill
Keith Davis

Member(s) absent:

None

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels, Director, Office of Apprenticeship

Guest in Attendance:

Renee Doty, OSD
Michelle Hildreth, OSD
John Kuznar, USDOL

Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2024:

- Minutes of most recent meeting was reviewed. After a motion by Chapel and a second by Martindill the minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business:

Chairman Geraci asked Derrick Daniels if he had received any applications to fill the Committee's empty position. Daniels informed the committee he has not.

New Business:

- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair-**
 - **Vice-Chair** – Geraci opened the floor for nomination. Davis nominated Roger Chapel to continue in the Vice-Chair position. There were no other nominations. Davis made a motion to accept by acclamation; Burbridge seconded. The motion was approved. Geraci turned the chair over to Vice Chairman Chapel for the Chairman election.
 - **Chairman** – Vice Chairman Chapel asked for nominations for the position of Committee Chairman. Davis nominated Geraci to continue as Chairman;

Martindill seconded. The motion carried and Chairmah Geraci resumed chairing the committee meeting.

- **Mission statement review/approval.** The mission statement was reviewed by the Committee. Discussion was held on the mission statement. Blaty made a motion to approve the mission statement as presented with the change in the meeting date from January to February 7, 2025. Motion carried.
- **SEAC approval for members to receive a stipend.** Discussion was held on the agenda item. Chapel made a motion to approve a stipend for Committee members; Blaty seconded. The motion was approved.
- **ProScore technologies request to be a program in Arkansas.** The company would like for their program that is based in California to train workers through correspondence in Arkansas. There are no instructors with apprentices. They would like to come before the Committee to discuss their program. Geraci requested that Daniels reach out to ProScore to relay they welcome to present to the Committee, however Arkansas programs are classroom based at this time.

Experienced Credit:

- **Nicholas Kress** – ACE-Kress is requesting 1.5 years of experience credit. This is his third request. Discussion was held on his application and the documentation submitted. Burbridge made a motion to accept the experience credit; Martindill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chapel abstained from voting.
- **Heath Werve** – NAFT- Appealing the denial of his experience credit application. He has previously requested 3 years of experience credit. Discussion was held on his request for appeal and the documentation that he previously submitted. Blaty made a motion that the committee not approve the requested appeal. Chapel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Daniels recommended that in the guidelines the Committee included that solar panel work alone will not be considered as experience in electrical work.
- **Kelvin Obed Rapalo Moradel** – ACE- Asking for one year of experience credit. Discussion was held on his application. There are no OJT hours, Daniels pointed out the committee would be approving RTI hours only. Blaty made a motion to provide 144 house of experience credit; Martindill seconded. Chapel abstained from voting. The motion carried.
- **John Gonzalez** – ACE – requesting one year of experience credit. Discussion was held on Gonzalez's application and documentation by the Committee members. Davis made a motion to give him one year of experience credit; Martindill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chapel abstained from voting.
- **Dustin Dann** – NATDF – Requesting three years of experience credit. The committee held discussion on Dann's application and documentation. Davis made a motion to allows 288 RTI hours in alignment with the residential wireman program but no OJT hours; Burbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Doug Kersey** – is requesting 18 months of experience credit for OJT only. Discussion was held on his application and documentation. Davis made a motion to grant 18 months of OJT experience credit; Burbridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Daniels made the Committee aware of seven welders transfers from a program in another state. It is USDOL approved.

Reports:

- **USDOL Report.** John Kuznar gave the Committee an update of USDOL. A new Labor Secretary is not in office at this time. There is an ongoing review of programs and agencies. He will keep the Committee informed on any changes when they become clear.
- **Office of Skills Development Report.** Derrick Daniels presented a report on the activity of the Arkansas Apprentice Office and the Office of Skills Development. Daniels updated the committee on two new programs. A Cabot location for electrical pre-apprenticeship has been approved. While Daniels has had a lot of interest in having programs it will likely be late summer before they work to actively become onboard. He introduced Michelle Hildreth as the new program advisor. Derrick reported that Issue 1 is in rule making process. Hopefully, this will help with the lack of funds in the CT budget. It will be important to make programs aware of the opportunity to potential apprentices to take advantage of the funding.
- **ARDOL Report.** No report.

Adjourn:

- The Chair request that the committee remember that there is an open position to be filled. Davis made a motion for meeting to be adjourned, Chapel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

Next Meeting:

- Date: March 6, 2025.
- Location: via Zoom