

STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

MINUTES

February 1, 2024

Call to Order: 9:31 AM

The SPAC meeting was held on Zoom meeting. Chairman, Kelley Sharp, presided over the meeting.

Members present:

Kelley Sharp, Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District 3

Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4

Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

Steven Dewey, Vice Chair, Master Plumber, Congressional District 1

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2

Member(s) absent:

None

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

Don Bellcock- Program Advisor OSD

Ric Mayhan- AR Dept. of Health

US DOL / ADH Absent:

US DOL Rep.

Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2023:

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Breashears and a Second by Jarrell, the SPAC voted and the previous minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- (00:02:11 Minute Mark)
 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Jarrell made the motion for Sharp Chair and Dewey for Vice Chair. There was a 2nd by Breashears. The SPAC voted to approve the motion.
 2. Mission Statement approval. Breashears made the motion to approve the mission statement as is submitted. There was a 2nd by Dewey. The SPAC voted to approve the motion.
 3. Stipend Approval. Jarrell made the motion to approve the SPAC members to receive the stipend at the state rate as allowed by law. There was a 2nd by Corser. SPAC voted to approve the Motion.
 4. Discussion about conducting in person meetings. Breashears made the motion to conduct a hybrid meeting in December. There was a 2nd by Corser. The SPAC voted to approve the motion.

Experience Credit:

- (00:16:50 Minute Mark)

Andrew Disheroon- NWA- Asking for 6 months. Discussion took place. Breashears made the motion to approve the requested 6 months. There was a 2nd by Dewey. The SPAC voted to approve the motion.

Health Department Report: Ric Mayhan

- (00:20:20 Minute Mark)

Ric reported 1,579 licensed apprentices, 1,697 licensed Journeyman, 2,289 licensed Masters. There were 120 tests conducted during the January testing date. Breashears asked Ric about having a Northwest Arkansas testing site the question was brought up by an employer. Currently, they must drive to Little Rock. Bellcock noted that he had that question from during a program review at WAAP. Ric said they would consider it.

USDOL-OA: No US DOL Representative.

(00:00:00 Minute Mark) No numbers provided. Bellcock noted that RAPIDS shows that Arkansas has 2,055 Active plumbing apprentices.

OSD Report: Derrick Daniels

- (00:26:50 Minute Mark)

He noted that 5 programs had been using the new DB since the first week of January. There have been a few corrections and modifications made since the roll out. It is going good so far.

CT funds, assuming all approved at today's upcoming AACSC meeting, will be exhausted today. Breashears asked about how many programs switched to the Modern Plumbing curriculum. She noted how that will help going into next year since the book is good for 4 years and you will not

have to be buying them every year. Derrick said he would have to get back to her on that. He has not had the chance to get that list ready.

Other Business:

- (00:00:00 Minute Mark)
None

Next Meeting:

- Date: March 7, 2024
- Location: Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified

Adjourn:

- 10:04 A.M. Motion by Breashears meeting adjourned.