

STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SPAC)

MINUTES

May 4, 2023

Call to Order: 9:32 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

Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

Ronald Jarrell, Master Plumber, Congressional District 4

Member(s) absent:

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

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2

Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:

Derrick Daniels – Program Advisor OSD

Guests in Attendance:

Don Bellcock- Program Advisor OSD

Tondra Love- Central AR Plumbing School

US DOL / ADH Absent:

Cynthia McLain- US DOL

Ric Mayhan- ADH

Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2023:

- Minutes were read. After a motion by Breashears and a Second by Jarrell, previous minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

- (00:01:50 Minute Mark)
Derrick presented the new 230 form to the committee. After a motion by Breashears and a 2nd by Jarrell, the form was approved to be used going forward and to send it out to all plumbing programs. Breashears asked Derrick if he wanted to send it to her, she could convert it to a fillable PDF. Derrick agreed that it would be a good idea.

- (00:08:00 Minute Mark)
Committee continued review of the Modern Plumbing Curriculum. There was a Motion to approve the Modern Plumbing Curriculum with the plumbing and the gas code being required for first year students and it to be allowed for reimbursement purposes through the CT fund starting July 1 by Jarrell and a 2nd by Sharp. Breashears abstained.

New Business:

- None

Experience Credit:

- (00:22:15 Minute Mark)
Lee Smith- NPC- Asking for 2 years. (Tabled to check with Ric Mayhan, ADH, to ask about the OJT being allowed that was submitted.)
- (00:38:23 Minute Mark)
Brandon Stodghill- NATF- Asking for 2 years. (There was a motion by Jarrell and a second by Sharp. Breashears abstained. SPAC approved 2 years.)
- (00:46:15 Minute Mark)
Breashears brought up the fact that Arkansas and Texas now have a reciprocal agreement for the Journeyman plumber license. She has recently had an apprentice to receive their TX license while attending her apprenticeship school then went and received his AR license via reciprocal agreement. She was wanting to find out how ADH felt about that situation and what they might do about it going forward and what she might need to do with the apprentice in Rapids. The SPAC agreed that Derrick should reach out to Ric about Mr. Smith and this situation before next months meeting.

Health Department Report: Ric Mayhan absent. SPAC was asking about Journeyman test results.

USDOL-OA: Cynthia McLain is unavailable.

- (00:55:57 Minute Mark)
Committee reviewed the numbers. Numbers as of April 30, 2023. new apprentices +227 (1,532), total apprentices 8,130 (+27), suspended +1 (14), cancellations +103 (908), completed +85 (442).

OSD Report: Derrick Daniels

- (00:59:17 Minute Mark)
Informed the committee that OSD is working towards closing out the end of the year. OSD has received some of the 236's for April currently. There has been a lot of apprentices coming in during the middle of the year.

Next Meeting:

- Date: June 1, 2023
- Location: Via Zoom, unless otherwise notified

Adjourn:

- 10:35 A.M. Motion by Breashears meeting adjourned.