STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES October 7, 2021

The State of Arkansas Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee meeting was held on Zoom meeting. Vice Chairman, Ronald Jarrell presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M

Members present:

Ronald Jarrell, Vice Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District

Steven Dewey, Master Plumber, Congressional District 1

Karen Breashears, Citizen Member, Congressional District 4

Rocky Mantooth, State Apprenticeship Program Adviser representing Cody Waits, Office of Skills Development, Department of Commerce, Little Rock

Members absent:

Kelley Sharp, Chairman, Master Plumber, Congressional District 3, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Emailed

Travis Allen, Journeyman Plumber, Congressional District 3

James Corser, Master Plumber, Congressional District 2 Emailed

Guests in Attendance:

Dr. Hamby-Director of SAO

Review of Previous Minutes: Minutes for August 5, 2020

Brashears and Dewey Approved

Old Business:

Working on filling Journeyman Plumber, Congressional District 2

Discussed New Code Books will be coming out soon.

New Business:

- National Apprenticeship Week November 15-19
- AACSC Meeting will have SAA Reps speaking on the issue
- Talked about school audits and what may be looked at by the State
- Experience credit:

Health Department Report: Ric Mayhan

Working on the Criminal Law to know what needs to be sent in to get approval. Karen gave some examples of approvals.

Apprentices 1342 Journeyman 1755 Masters 2157

USDOL-OA: Randy Prather reported: Total Apprentices 7506, current programs/ Active 137/122, new Apprentices 3001, Completed 582, cancelled 1232, Employers 727 to date. Get your app approved before you send it in to Rapids.

SAO Report:

Plumbing test has to be paid each time you test until you complete.

Dr. Hamby has been working with SAA states to get paperwork and information.

Adjournment was at 10:09 A.M. (Jarrell motioned to adjourn Breashears, seconded)

Next month's Meeting November 4, Cancelled December 2, 2021