

**Plumber  
Annual Trade Board Meeting  
October 16, 2019  
Davidson, Saskatchewan**

Board Members

Present:

Chris Gerl  
Richard Pickering

Kirk Simms

Kurt Touet

Apologies:

Glenn Harbaruk

Brennan Le Clair

Alex Moebis

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC)

Jeff Ritter, Chief Executive Officer  
Dave Peters, Chief Operating Officer

Chelsea Coupal, Director, Communications and Marketing  
Dean Frey, Acting Director, Program Development

Quinn La Valley, Program Development Officer

Training Provider(s)

Lance Giesbrecht , Academic Chair, School of Construction, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon Campus

Wes Noble, Program Head, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon and Regina Campus'

Guest(s)

Mackenzie Johnson, Senior Program Analyst, Immigration and Career Training

Audrey Robertson, Senior Program Analyst, Ministry of Immigration and Career Training

<b>Call to order: 10:30h</b>			
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Introductions and Approval of the Agenda		<b>M/S Richard Pickering/Kirk Simms</b> to recommend approval of the agenda.  <b>Carried.</b>	
2. Approval of the Minutes and the Business Arising From the Minutes		<b>M/S Kurt Touet/Chris Gerl</b> to recommend approval of the following minutes:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 15, 2018 Annual TB meeting</li> <li>• November 6, 2018 CEDB meeting</li> <li>• November 16, 2018 TB meeting</li> <li>• December 3, 2018 TB meeting</li> <li>• December 13, 2018 TB meeting</li> <li>• May 22, 2019 CEDB meeting</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 6, 2019 TB Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	
3. Board Member Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kurt Touet informed the board that Gas Inspections is moving to TSASK in the near future. Plumbing inspections are believed to be moving to TSASK as well, time line is unsure.</li> <li>Board discussed the Domestic Gasfitter License examination. The board would like apprentices to have the opportunity to write their gas exam during training as it was done previously. The board has heard complaints that having to wait a month or more after training to write the exam is holding back apprentices from writing the examination. The board feels the current process for the General Gasfitter License examination is working efficiently.</li> <li>Board members have concerns that work is being completed based on a gas ticket in the office, not individuals that do not have ticket</li> <li>The board discussed Levels 3 and 4 of training. The board would like to see a week of training be added to both levels. The board would like to have additional hydronic training (troubleshooting boilers and controls) added, and Plumbing Code added to level 4 as this is removed from harmonization. Quinn La Valley explained that the board needs to build a business case that shows exactly what is needed to be added to training and that it has full industry support.</li> <li>Chris Gerl asked to have the harmonized curriculum sent to him for review.</li> <li>Quinn La Valley explained that the new Plumber IP Examinations will be released October 28, 2019. The board would like to follow closely how apprentices are doing with the new examination format.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quinn La Valley to investigate the procedure to change the time frame that apprentices are able to write the Domestic Gasfitters examination.</li> <li>Quinn La Valley to meet with the Plumber Trade Board and Curriculum and Examination Development Board to discuss the business case for adding weeks of training.</li> <li>Quinn La Valley to send harmonized curriculum to Chris Gerl.</li> </ul>
4. Discussion with the SATCC CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeff Ritter asked the board how industry is doing. Board members replied that industry is slow, they expect it to get slower as there is not a great deal of work to bid on.</li> <li>Jeff Ritter discussed the SYA advertising campaign. Board members have seen the SYA advertisements, and appreciated the exposure of the benefits of a trades apprenticeship has for young people.</li> </ul>		
5. Discussion with the SATCC COO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered elsewhere in the agenda.</li> </ul>		
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7. Training Provider Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wes Noble provided information on apprenticeship and pre-employment classes, shop equipment, instructors, updating of training, products and innovations.</li> <li>• Wes Noble asked the board on domestic gas training – should all BTU’s amounts be sized in domestic training. Should training include the whole gas code book? The board feels yes all aspects should be taught and systems with greater than 400,000 Btu’s should be taught.</li> <li>• Wes Noble asked for a wall hung boiler donation.</li> <li>• Wes Noble asked the board for donation of a set of plans (commercial) and spec books. This would be used for training.</li> </ul>		
8. Program Development Officer (PDO) Report and HR Report for Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quinn La Valley provided statistics on apprenticeship and examinations numbers, and Curriculum and Examination Development Board and/or Trade Examining Board meetings.</li> <li>• The HR Report was distributed as an information document.</li> <li>• Quinn La Valley reminded the group that the information outlined on the HR Report is not for public disclosure or circulation, as the 2018-2019 Annual Report has not yet been released.</li> <li>• The board discussed that they would like to compare our current Gasfitter Licensing examinations to those used by the Red Seal program to see if there is interest in using the red seal product in Saskatchewan for Gasfitters.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quinn La Valley to investigate whether the board can review the Red Seal examinations for Gasfitter.</li> </ul>
9. Harmonization Updates/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quinn La Valley provided background regarding recent harmonization developments.</li> </ul>		
10. Regulation Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean Frey discussed the difference in the ministry regulations and commission regulations.</li> <li>• The trade board felt that the current 3 month waiting period is appropriate.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean Frey to compile Commission Regulation information regarding Red Tape review for Commission Board review.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board members felt the current regulations allowing individuals to write placement exams only one time was fair.</li> <li>The board also felt the current regulations that require an individual that has not been active in the trade for more than three years be required to write a placement exam was an appropriate regulation.</li> <li>Ministry representatives Mackenzie Johnson and Audrey Robertson asked the board if they felt the current wage scale was appropriate, all board members agreed that the wage scale does not need to be changed. The board was also asked about their thoughts on the current ratio of 2 apprentices to every 1 journeyperson, the board would like the ratio to stay as it is.</li> </ul>		
11. Industry Growth Predictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members indicated that they felt this industry will decrease the number of new apprentices in the coming year. The reason given was a lack of upcoming projects.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janise Lussier to note.</li> </ul>
12. Review Trade Time Credits (as required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changes were required at this time.</li> </ul>		
13. Board Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No recommendations were made at this time.</li> </ul>		
14. Election of Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kirk Simms to stay on as chair</li> </ul>	<p><b>M/S Kurt Touet/Richard Pickering</b> to recommend the appointment of Kirk Simms as Chair for the Plumber Trade Board for the coming year.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abby Schoonmaker/Vivian Adzanu to process.</li> </ul>
15. Adjournment	Quinn La Valley thanked Richard Pickering for his service on both the Plumber Trade Board and the Plumber Curriculum and Examination Development Board.	<p><b>M/S Kirk Simms/Kurt Touet</b> to adjourn.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>	
<b>Adjournment: 15:00h</b>			