

**Steamfitter/Pipefitter
Annual Trade Board Meeting
October 07, 2019
Davidson, Saskatchewan**

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| <u>Board Members</u> | | | |
| Present: | Shayne Currie | Brandon Faul | Brad Funk |
| Apologies: | Greg Bergman | | |
| <u>Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC)</u> | 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 |
| <u>Training Provider(s)</u> | Lance Giesbrecht , Academic Chair, School of Construction, | Wes Noble, Program Head, Saskatchewan Polytechnic | |

| Call to order: 10:30h | | | |
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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Motion | Action |
| 1. Introductions and Approval of the Agenda | | M/S Brad Funk/Brandon Faul to recommend approval of the agenda. Carried. | |
| 2. Approval of the Minutes and the Business Arising From the Minutes | | M/S Brad Funk/Brandon Faul to recommend approval of the following minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 27, 2018 TB/CEDB meeting October 16, 2018 Annual TB meeting November 27, 2018 CEDB meeting December 6, 2018 TB meeting January 8, 2019 TB, CEDB meeting February 1, 2019 TB meeting Carried. | |

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| 3. Board Member Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Faul asked about OH&S response to safety training enquiry, Quinn La Valley explained that OH&S does not have the funding to standardize safety training. Quinn La Valley also explained that mines owned by different companies are allowed to require additional training as this is a private work site. Brandon Faul asked to compare end of level grades to those of the IP. Quinn La Valley to obtain these stats. Brad Funk mentioned issues with training. He felt hydronics and steam fitting were not covered in great enough depth. He also mentions apprentice's skills are weak in interpreting process piping drawings and standards of pipe. The board has major concerns that there is not Gasfitter training in the level 4 harmonized curriculum. The board feels this puts their apprentices at a major disadvantage when writing the Domestic Gasfitters License exam after level 4 training. Brad Funk asked about accommodations that are available to apprentices. Quinn La Valley explained the process to be given accommodations and the accommodations available to apprentices. Wes Noble explained to the board that steamfitting will be in level 4 harmonized curriculum. Currently Saskatchewan Polytechnic is using Alberta ILM's for training, they are developing their own material to replace ILM's. Wes Noble mentioned that math continues to be a struggle for apprentices, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is re-evaluating how math is taught. Brad Funk mentioned it is very hard to get students engaged, they are not interested in training that is above and beyond the minimum that is needed. Wes Noble agreed with this statement. The Board expressed interest in the Steamfitter/Pipefitter trade becoming a compulsory trade. Quinn La Valley explained the process to becoming a compulsory trade. The board requested Quinn La Valley supply them with the required application package. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to compare end of level training grades to those obtained by apprentices on the IP examination. Quinn La Valley to supply the trade board with the application required to apply for the trade to become compulsory. |
| 4. Discussion with the SATCC CEO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Ritter asked about industry outlook – Board members explained that there are not many projects moving ahead. Power plant projects have been shelved due to new emission standards. Apprentices have been sent to other provinces to find work. Growth will be found in apprentices replacing retiring workers. | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Ritter spoke to benefits of having Jolee Kambeitz (educational phycologist) on staff. Apprentices are able to get the required accommodations to help them be successful in their training. | | |
| 5. Discussion with the SATCC COO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered elsewhere in the minutes. | | |
| 6. Discussion with the SATCC Director of Program Development or Other Directors/Managers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board asked if there is an expiry on 4th year cards. There is an expiry date on the year card. The SATCC has the ability to cancel an apprentice if they are not active for three years, such as not writing their IP. Compulsory status for the trade was discussed, Dean Frey discussed the application for industry. Quinn La Valley to supply the application package to the UA. The board discussed that they feel it would be extremely beneficial to add a week of training to both level 3 and level 4. Additional weeks could focus on areas that apprentices are struggling with on the IP as well as adding Gasfitter training in level 4. Dean Frey explained that the board needs to submit a business plan that outlines why the additional weeks of training are required, and that there is support from both industry and apprentices. Dean Frey asked the board if the extra week can be online learning, the board felt face to face training would be more beneficial for the apprentices. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to provide the trade board information on the process of applying for additional weeks of training. |
| 7. Training Provider Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wes Noble provided information on apprenticeship and pre-employment classes, shop equipment, instructors, updating of training, products and innovations. Wes Noble explained that Saskatchewan Polytechnic is reevaluating how math and science is taught. Board members feel an additional week in 3 and 4 should be added. The following topics should be covered in the additional weeks of training. Level 4, the board wants Gasfitter training added. Level 3, more time spent on Steam and High Temperature Hydronic Heating. | | |
| 8. Program Development Officer (PDO) Report and HR Report for Board Members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley provided statistics on apprenticeship and examinations numbers, and Curriculum and Examination Development Board and/or Trade Examining Board meetings. The HR Report was distributed as an information document. | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. | | |
| 9. Harmonization Updates/Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley provided background regarding recent harmonization developments. | | |
| 10. Regulation Consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Frey discussed three specific regulations of SATCC's commission regulations. The board felt that reducing the wait time to rewrite the IP from 3 months to 1 month would be beneficial for apprentices. The board agreed that the current rules allowing apprentices to write placements one time only was fair. The board discussed the requirement of apprentices to write a placement exam after not being active in the trade for three years. The board felt this was an appropriate regulation. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Frey to compile information regarding Red Tape review for Commission Board review. |
| 11. Industry Growth Predictions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members indicated that they felt this industry will decrease the number of new apprentices in the coming year. The reason given was there are no new large projects that are expected to take place. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janise Lussier to note. |
| 12. Review Trade Time Credits (as required) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board was asked to consider giving credit for a steamfitter apprenticeship for individuals that are employed as Saskatchewan Energy Utility Workers. The board requires more information on the scope of the job. Quinn La Valley to obtain the job description of Saskatchewan Energy Utility Workers. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to obtain the job description of Sask Energy Utility Workers. |
| 13. Board Membership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No recommendations were made at this time. | | |
| 14. Election of Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brad Funk to continue as the Trade Board chair. | <p>M/S Brandon Faul/Shayne Currie to recommend the appointment of Brad Funk as Chair for the SFPF Trade Board for the coming year.</p> <p>Carried.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abby Schoonmaker/Vivian Adzanu to process. |
| 15. Adjournment | | <p>M/S Brandon Faul/Shayne Currie to adjourn.</p> <p>Carried.</p> | |

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| Adjournment: 14:30h | | | |