



Minutes

Construction Divisional Board Meeting

March 4, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.
Ontario College of Trades
655 Bay Street, 6th Floor, Room 604
Toronto, ON, M5G 2K4

Divisional Board Members in Attendance

Joe Dowdall, Vice-Chair
Denis Bigioni
Kevin Bryenton*

Divisional Board Members not in Attendance

James Barry, Chair
Michael Battye

Staff in Attendance

Tyler Charlebois, Manager, Marketing
Aysen Farag, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Governance
Meg Feres, Supervisor, Board Operations
Craig McCarten, Program Coordinator, Standards
Bob Onyschuk, Director, Compliance and Enforcement
John Poirier, Manager, Standards
Kevin Rabishaw, C-Manager, Compliance and Enforcement
Gay Saunders, Program Coordinator, Standards
Carolyn Schoenfeldt, Manager, Client Services
Royden Trainor, Director, Policy and Programs

*Chaired the meeting

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. and welcomed Divisional Board members and College staff.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair announced several changes to the agenda, including a correction to certain dates in the previous minutes, changes to the sequencing of items and presenters, and the addition of the item "Correspondence Update – Labour Mobility and the Quebec Exemption".

CDB20150304-01 ON A MOTION MADE by J. Dowdall, seconded by D. Bigioni and CARRIED, the Agenda for the March 4, 2015 Construction Divisional Board meeting was approved as amended.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

CDB20150304-02 ON A MOTION MADE by D. Bigioni, seconded by J. Dowdall and CARRIED, the minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. Industrial Exemption – Electrician Trades

B. Onyschuk described the circumstances and contexts in which the industrial exemption is used for electrician trades under the authority of Ontario Regulation 421/12. At its next meeting, the Divisional Board agreed to further examine the issue and the process by which changes to regulations are made.

6. Compliance and Enforcement Update

K. Rabishaw provided updates on the hiring of new Enforcement Officers, field visit statistics, and other enforcement issues related to the construction sector. A discussion took place regarding Enforcement's approach to overlapping scopes of practice on multi-trade worksites involving both compulsory and voluntary work, including how Enforcement Officers in the field analyze the work being performed and make determinations as to what part(s) of that work is compulsory and what is voluntary.

7. Vice-Chair Election

CDB20150304-03 ON A MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, D. Bigioni was elected Vice-Chair of the Construction Divisional Board effective March 4, 2015 to hold office for one (1) year.

8. Prioritizing Trade Board Appointments

CDB20150304-04 ON A MOTION MADE by D. Bigioni, seconded by J. Dowdall and CARRIED, the Construction Divisional Board recommends that none of the three inactive construction sector Trade Boards be prioritized for appointment at this time.

9. Trade Board Updates, Resolutions and Responses

The Divisional Board reviewed eight resolutions submitted by the Construction Craft Worker (CCW) Trade Board, developed and approved written responses to seven, and directed staff to research options for a written response to the eighth. The Divisional Board also approved a letter of invitation to the Chair of the CCW Trade Board to attend the next regular Divisional Board meeting to discuss any further questions or concerns regarding the resolutions and responses.

10. MTCU Ratio Form for Apprentices

G. Saunders and C. McCarten briefed the Divisional Board on the new Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) form that apprentices are required to sign when entering a Registered Training Agreement (RTA) in the construction trades. Among other things, the form requires the apprentice to provide names of journeypersons they will be assigned to by the employer in order to determine compliance with the established journeyperson-to-apprentice ratios set out in regulation. The Divisional Board discussed the impact the new form will have on multi-employer organizations and those within voluntary trades with no established ratio system. The Divisional Board directed staff to raise this issue at the next Co-Delivery meeting with MTCU.

11. Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer (SFPI) Update

R. Trainor advised that regulations were filed on February 2, 2015 that began the two-year implementation of the SFPI classification change from voluntary to compulsory. Communications efforts are underway to ensure that all of those affected by the classification change, particularly those that are eligible to take advantage of the exam exemption in the first year, are informed and know how to become compliant by February 2, 2017.

12. Special Advisor Review Update (Dean Review)

R. Trainor provided an update on the Technical Review of the College's trade classification and ratio review processes ("the Dean Review") and noted that the Special Advisor is accepting written submissions until March 13, 2015.

13. Brick and Stone Mason Pilot Project Update

J. Poirier briefed the Divisional Board on the current status of the Brick and Stone Mason request to explore an option of early exam writing. The trade is currently an hour-based trade and to qualify to write the exam, all the benchmarked hours as well as the in-school training must be completed. One of the options would be to consider adjusting the Brick and Stone Mason trade to become competency-based. This would allow individuals in this trade to challenge the exam when they are deemed competent which could be before the benchmarked number of hours have been accumulated. Further research will be done to explore this option, amongst others. The potential development of a practical test may also be explored.

14. Corporate Governance Update

M. Feres reviewed governance activity statistics for 2014 and updated the Board on the current priorities of the Corporate Governance department with respect to supporting the work of the College's standing and statutory Committees.

15. Harmonization Update

C. McCarten and R. Trainor provided an update on the harmonization project. Currently, 10 trades have been examined on the criteria of: trade names, total training hours, sequencing of training modules, and the number of levels of training. Stakeholders and Training Delivery Agents have been contacted to comment on those areas to provide feedback and suggestions. The 10 trades participating in this project are: Carpenter, Welder, Metal Fabricator (Fitter), Ironworker (Generalist), Ironworker (Structural/Ornamental), Ironworker (Reinforcing), Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, Mobile Crane Operator, Mobile Crane Operator (Hydraulic), and Tower Crane Operator.

A discussion took place concerning the appropriate approval process for updating the Curriculum Standard (CS) and Training Standard (TS) of a particular trade. The Divisional Board requested a presentation by College staff of all changes to any training standard or curricula to date in the Construction sector. The Divisional Board also questioned staff as it deals with changes to training standards and curricula in terms of its adherence to the established governance protocol of Trade Boards' actions requiring Divisional Board approval. Further, the Divisional Board requested that any and all changes to any training standards or curricula in the construction sector come before the Divisional Board for formal approval until such time as which the Technical Review of the College ("the Dean Review") is complete and/or the governance structure is outlined in a transparently developed policy or enhanced regulation of the College.

16. Membership Update

C. Schoenfeldt briefed the Divisional Board on College membership statistics, client services activities, and call volumes.

17. Communications and Marketing Update

T. Charlebois provided an update on the recent activities of the Communications and Marketing department, including new advertisements on transit vehicles and billboards in select cities, a new consumer protection video, and a new interview series with tradespeople.

18. Next Steps/Wrap-up

The Board will be canvassed to determine a date for a special meeting to develop responses to outstanding Trade Board resolutions, and a date for a regular meeting.

19. Adjournment

CDB20150304-05 ON A MOTION MADE by D. Bigioni, seconded by J. Dowdall and CARRIED, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

“Kevin Bryenton”

Signed: Kevin Bryenton
Acting Chair, Construction Divisional Board

June 22, 2015

Date

“Meg Feres”

Signed: Meg Feres
Recording Officer

March 13, 2015

Date