



Minutes

Appliance Service Technician Trade Board Meeting

September 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
Toronto Airport West Hotel
5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 2L2

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Frank Rizzuti, Chair
Robert Beerman, Vice-Chair
Abdul Hamid
John Ripley

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

None

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Rolf Priesnitz, George Brown College
William Juranic, George Brown College

Staff in Attendance

Risa Abella, Program Coordinator¹

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed members, guests and staff.

2. Approval of Agenda

A draft copy of the agenda was presented to the Trade Board. **ON A MOTION MADE BY A. Hamid, SECONDED BY R. Beerman, AND CARRIED**, the agenda was approved.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Previous Minutes

The Program Coordinator presented the draft minutes of the June 17, 2014 Trade Board meeting. **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY A. Hamid, SECONDED BY R. Beerman, AND CARRIED**, the draft

¹ Recording Officer.

minutes of the Trade Board's June 17, 2014 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. Trade Board Resolutions and Issues update

The Trade Board received an update on its June 17, 2014 resolution recommending the expansion/clustering of this Trade Board to include representatives of the two pool, spa and hot tub trades (Pool, Hot Tub and Spa – Installer; Pool, Hot Tub and Spa – Service Technician). The Program Coordinator advised that the matter had been triaged for review and that a decision note is being drafted for review by the Service Divisional Board at its November 2014 meeting.

The Board was also advised that previous inquiries regarding whether Appliance Service Technicians (445As) without their Technical Standards and Safety Association ("TSSA") certification could work on the electrical side of a dual fuel appliance have been triaged and are being reviewed by the College.

6. George Brown College – Appliance Servicing Fundamentals Certificate – Discussion

R. Priesnitz and W. Juranic described the George Brown College Appliance Servicing Fundamentals Certificate program and discussed whether there could be an increase in its connection/interaction with the apprenticeship program. It was noted that this issue is connected to the concern that there is currently no Training Delivery Agency providing the in-class curriculum for this trade. Apprentices must therefore seek out other foundational learning alternatives for the purpose of prior learning assessment in order to complete their apprenticeship.

Attendees discussed various ideas for increasing the interconnectivity between the apprenticeship program and the fundamentals program including, but not limited to, attending the George Brown classes to increase knowledge of the apprenticeship program, Red Seal certification, and trade equivalency assessment.

A discussion took place with respect to the curriculum of the Appliance Servicing Fundamentals Certificate program and TSSA requirements.

7. Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit

The Trade Board once again discussed why the Appliance Service Technician trade and other service trades are not eligible for the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit (ATTC). The Trade Board was advised that the College has sent a letter to the Ministry of Finance requesting that the College be an active participant in discussions related to a review of the ATTC.

8. Hydronics

The Trade Board discussed whether, in a residential setting only, a certified Appliance Service Technician could work on appliances connected to hydronic heating systems including water heater and air handling systems. The Trade Board advised that there are some technicians who have attended training in this area. The question also arose as to whether there would be a distinction between retrofitting versus new installations and whether Appliance Service Technicians could work on cooling systems (air handling and air chiller). The Program Coordinator will triage these issues for review.

9. TSSA Discussion

The Trade Board was advised that the College's Director of Policy and Programs will be meeting with TSSA representatives later in the month.

10. Training Standard Update – Industry Validation

The Trade Board was advised that the draft training standard is in the final edit stages. Those interested in reviewing the draft document as part of the industry validation stage were asked to contact the Program Coordinator after the meeting.

11. Fact Sheets

The Trade Board reviewed the Fact Sheets for Appliance Service Technician that were transferred over to the College from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and suggested changes.

12. College of Trades Update

The Program Coordinator provided updates on the following:

- Enforcement statistics up to June 2014
- Service Divisional Board minutes
- Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer trade reclassification from voluntary to compulsory – implementation process
- Registrar’s Report – June 2014
- Communications update
- New Strategic Plan as of August 19, 2014
- Member benefits program update

13. Program Update

The Trade Board was updated on statistics related to its trade. There has been little change in the statistics since the last meeting.

14. Industry Update:

The Trade Board discussed a number of industry-specific issues and provided updates on industry trends and developments.

15. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event

It was confirmed that the next Trade Board meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2014.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

“Frank Rizzuti”

Frank Rizzuti, Chair

December 2, 2015

Date