



ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TRADES
ORDRE DES MÉTIERS DE L'ONTARIO

Minutes

Heavy Equipment Operators Trade Board Meeting

November 6, 2015 at 9:30 am
Sandman Signature Hotel, Muskoka Room
5400 Dixie Road
Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 4T4

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Ken Williams, Chair
Craig Agar
Andrew McNally
Virgil Nose
Phil Robinson
Angelo Savoia
Kyle Shack

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

Eric MacDonald

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

None

Staff in Attendance

Risa Abella, Program Coordinatorⁱ
Ricardo Paniagua, Acting Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Trade Board welcomed two new members: A. McNally and C. Agar.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION MADE BY P. Robinson, SECONDED BY A. McNally AND CARRIED, the agenda was approved.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Previous Minutes

Quorum was not achieved at the previous meeting on May 8, 2015. However, the Program Coordinator and members in attendance at that meeting provided an update on the discussion that took place.

5. Trade Board Resolutions and Issues Update

5.1 Red Seal Designation process – Concrete Pump Operator

As a follow-up to the May 2015 meeting, in regards to the ongoing conversation regarding the process for designating a Red Seal trade for Concrete Pump Operator, the Program Coordinator reviewed information with the Trade Board on the Red Seal process. The Trade Board recommended initiating some inquiries with stakeholders/contacts in other jurisdictions including Manitoba, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Alberta and Newfoundland & Labrador.

5.2 Additional HEO Apprenticeship Programs – Grader and Loader

The Trade Board renewed its discussion of new trade development related to both Grader and Loader. The Program Coordinator advised that new trade development is on hold until after the completion of the Dean Review. The Program Coordinator will include this matter on next agenda.

5.3 HEO Transition to Red Seal – Resolution for Transitional Time Frame

As no quorum was reached at the May 2015 meeting, the Trade Board initiated the following resolution via email in July 2015 in regards to the transitional time frame for the HEO Red Seal implementation in Ontario:

ON A MOTION MADE BY V. Nose, SECONDED BY K. Williams AND CARRIED, the Heavy Equipment Operators Trade Board agrees that the transitional period leading to the implementation of the Red Seal Examinations for Heavy Equipment Operator – Dozer, Heavy Equipment Operator – Excavator and Heavy Equipment Operator – Tractor Loader Backhoe in Ontario should be the current period until the release of the interprovincial exam“.

This information was included in the messaging released on the website as well as through letters to apprentices, completed apprentices, journeypersons and stakeholders in fall 2015.

6. Fact Sheets

The Program Coordinator presented draft Fact Sheets for posting on the College website for all four trades under the HEO Trade Board for review and comment. The Trade Board made some minor adjustments and additions to the content. The Program Coordinator will send new drafts with changes. The Trade Board also raised concern that the graphics in the Construction sector Fact Sheets did not positively reflect the entirety of the trades within it. Specifically, the concern was that the construction graphic was more reflective of the high rise sector and the Industrial Commercial Institutional (ICI) sectors and did not depict equipment/machines and trenching. The graphics in the other three sectors were much more holistic and reflective of most trades within their portfolio. The Program Coordinator will raise this matter with communications.

7. Concrete Pump Operator – New Provincial Examination

1.1 Exam Development Working Group: The Working Group will be meeting in December 2015 to finish the exam drafts. The Program Coordinator will then organize a one-day peer review workshop in the new year for final review. The Program Coordinator requested referrals for new subject matter experts to attend the peer review workshop in the new year. Following final edits, exams will be sent for French translation. The Program Coordinator suggested that it would be beneficial for a couple of subject matter experts to review the French translations.

1.2 High Pressure Pumps: The Program Coordinator advised that there are ongoing discussions related to whether there could be a high pressure pump endorsement connected to successful completion of high pressure pump-related testing. The Program Coordinator will continue to provide updates as they come.

8. Concrete Pump Operator – Coroner’s Jury

The Program Coordinator provided a summary of the College’s response to the office of the Chief Coroner as required for October 2015.

9. Transition to Red Seal – Excavator, Dozer and Tractor Loader Backhoe

The Program Coordinator provided an update on the transitional process to Red Seal, including the fact that messaging (letters, website announcements and advisories) had been completed as per previous discussions. Final messaging was distributed electronically in October 2015 (as well as via mail for those without email addresses) to stakeholders, active apprentices, completed apprentices, and journeypersons. Messaging was also posted to the College website.

The Program Coordinator also provided an update as to the change in eligibility for the incentives. Since Ontario’s participation in the Red Seal is now active, the apprentices are no longer eligible for the provincial completion bonus. However, the Canada Apprentice Loan and eventually the Federal Apprenticeship Incentive Grant and Apprenticeship Completion Grant (once exams are released) would apply now.

10. Schedules of Training

The Trade Board agreed that a workshop would be scheduled in the new year to continue updating the three HEO schedules of training to adequately reflect the new National Occupational Analyses. The Program Coordinator will schedule the workshop.

11. College of Trades Update

The Program Coordinator provided general updates from the College.

12. Program Update

The Program Coordinator provided a statistics update on all four programs up to the end of October 2015.

13. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event

The next Trade Board meeting will tentatively take place on January 29, 2016.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

"Ken Williams"

Ken Williams, Chair

January 29, 2016

Date

i Recording Officer