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Motorcycle, Marine, Small Engine and Turf Technician Trade Board Meeting

December 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
Donalda Club, 12 Bushbury Drive
Toronto, Ontario, M3A 2Z7

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Brent Folco, Chair
Alessandro Mancino
Dave Shepherd
Scott Szollos*
Sue Warren
Warren Wybenga

Resource Persons in Attendance

Roy King, Centennial College
Rob Davidson, Georgian College

Guests

Jeffery Turner, Ministry of Transportation*

Not in Attendance

Dave Brown, Vice-Chair

Staff in Attendance

Alice Power, Program Coordinatorⁱ

* Joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Trade Board members at 9:40 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

An item called 'Sector Approach to Marine Industry' was added to the Agenda.

ON A MOTION MADE BY D. Shepherd, SECONDED by S. Warren AND CARRIED, the Agenda was approved as revised.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

4. Previous Minutes

ON a MOTION DULY MADE BY W. Wybenga, SECONDED BY S. Warren AND CARRIED, the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Trade Board meeting were approved as presented.

5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues

5.1 Technology Comparison Chart

R. Davidson provided a brief overview of the draft comparison chart of technologies. The chart will assist in the process of determining the placement of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), Personal Water Craft (PWC) and Snowmobiles that are not currently within the Training Standard or Curriculum Standard. As well, it will define and rationalize a name change for the Small Engine Technician trade as previously requested by the Trade Board. R. Davidson and S. Szollos will complete the work on the comparison chart.

After a review of the Scope of Practice (SoP) for the trades of Small Engine, Motorcycle, Marine Engine and Turf Equipment Technicians, the Trade Board agreed that these need to be significantly updated to reflect the new technology. It was noted that the SoP should be revised prior to updating the Standards. Although the new format for the SoP has not yet been determined, the Trade Board agreed to review the existing SoP for the trades it represents and be prepared to provide comment by the next Trade Board meeting.

5.2 Red Seal

The Trade Board discussed the viability of pursuing Red Seal designation for the Marine Engine Technician Trade. It was noted that the trade is referred to by various names across the country, and in some cases, the technology covered in the program is clustered differently from Ontario's program, thus making a comparison of the programs challenging. Currently, there are not enough jurisdictions running a similar Marine Engine Technician Apprenticeship to meet the criteria to become part of the Red Seal program.

The Trade Board had a lengthy discussion about the state of the industry. It was reported that Apprenticeship numbers in the program are declining and yet the industry is continually looking for Marine Engine Technicians. R. Davidson provided statistics that indicated that technicians work an average of five years in the trade. This is in part due to low wages and seasonal work. It was suggested that many Marine dealerships and Marina operators are not planning adequately for their staffing needs, laying off staff in the winter and then rehiring in the spring.

At the Boating Ontario Conference in early December 2015, the question was raised whether the Marine Engine Technician trade should become Red Seal. The general view from these participants was that they would prefer to become a regulated trade rather than pursue Red Seal designation.

The Trade Board considered the pros and cons of becoming compulsory, including possible changes to the trade classification process discussed in the Dean Report. The Trade Board agreed that the Marine Engine Technician Trade should not to pursue Red Seal designation at this time and that priority be given to investigating how the trades of Small Engine Technician, Marine Engine Technician and Turf Equipment Technician could be reclassified as compulsory trades.

ON A MOTION MADE BY D. Shepherd, SECONDED by W. Wybenga AND CARRIED the trades of Marine Equipment Technician, Small Engine Technician and Turf Equipment Technician will investigate the possibility of future compulsory classification.

6. Eligibility to Perform Work

6.1 Performing Motorcycle Safeties

The Trade Board provided the rationale to J. Turner from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) as to why Automotive Service Technicians (AST) should not be qualified to perform safety inspections on motorcycles. It was noted for example, that the performance technology on a motorcycle is far more advanced than the type of technology used on the majority of automobiles. It was questioned why an AST can work on motorcycles when Motorcycle Technician (310G) is a compulsory trade. It was further reported that the AST Trade Board agrees that only 310G Motorcycle Technicians should be allowed to perform safety inspections on motorcycles.

There are situations where Scooter dealers do not have 310G Motorcycle Technicians on staff. It was suggested that if only 310G Motorcycle Technicians were regulated to certify these vehicles, this situation would be corrected.

J. Turner reported that Ontario Regulation 199/07 'Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections' has recently gone through a complete review. The draft regulation is to be forwarded to the Program Coordinator for distribution to the Trade Board.

It was further reported that MTO is conducting a pilot project to allow three-wheel vehicles on Ontario's roads. The Trade Board asked to be consulted on the new regulation and to be kept informed on changes. This led to a discussion as to why a technician that works on "off-road" vehicles (ATVs) are voluntary, whereas technicians that work on "on-road" vehicles are compulsory, noting that there are still public safety concerns if "off-road" vehicles are not properly maintained.

6.2 Performing Work on Trailers

The Chair explained that Marine Engine (435B), Small Engine Technicians (435A) and Motorcycle Technician (310G) are not regulated to work on trailers that carry recreational vehicles. Currently this work is covered in the compulsory Motive Power scope of Automotive Service Technician (310S). Ontario Regulation 277/11 identifies trailers as a type of 'motor vehicle' when they have been issued a permit. The permit is evidence of its registration in the MTO database (Ontario Vehicle Registration System, also known as OVRS) and consists of two parts: the vehicle portion and the plate portion.

However, this material is covered in the in-school curriculum for these trades. It was agreed that the skill and knowledge to work on trailers is far less complex than the majority of the technologies that these technicians are qualified to perform. As well, it was noted that these trades (435A, 435B and 310G) have more exposure to trailers (carrying ATVs, PWCs, etc.) than the trades that are regulated to work on these trailers. J. Turner agreed to inform his colleagues at MTO about the Trade Board's concerns.

7. College of Trades Update

7.1 Registrar's Report

Highlights from the Registrar's Report Q2 and Q3-2015 were provided to the Trade Board.

7.2 Membership

The Trade Board reviewed the membership numbers by classes of members as of September 30, 2015. It was noted that College membership increased slightly during the third quarter of 2015 and

ended with a total of 230,732 active members. It was further mentioned that the Certificate of Qualification (CofQ) has been reformatted to provide a landscape view.

7.3 Communications & Marketing Update

An update on the Communication and Marketing activities was provided. Since the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Employment and Training Consultants are not coming out to dealerships to promote Apprenticeship and follow up with Apprentices, it was suggested that the College Enforcement Officers could assist in monitoring Apprentices. It was noted that Enforcement Officers have regularly been speaking to Apprentices at Centennial College.

7.4 Compliance & Enforcement Update

A brief update on Compliance and Enforcement activities in the third quarter was presented.

7.5 Trade Evaluation and Assessment (TEA) Update

The Trade Board reviewed the TEA update as presented in the Registrar's Q3-2015 Report.

8. Dean Review

The Trade Board members were aware that the Dean Report was released on November 20, 2015. The Program Coordinator highlighted how the report endorsed the College's mandate and recognized the importance of the Trade Boards in supporting this mandate. The College is currently reviewing the report to fully understand the nature and impact of the recommendations.

9. Divisional Board Update

The minutes of the Motive Power Divisional Board meeting on June 17, 2015 were provided.

10. Program Update

10.1 Program Membership Statistics

The recent membership statistics for the trades were presented for the period of April 8, 2013 to November 30, 2015. A summary of the examination pass rates for Motorcycle, Small Engine and Marine Engine Technician was also provided.

10.2 Harmonization

It was reported that Employment and Social Development Canada is currently proceeding with provincial and territorial consultations on the proposed harmonization recommendations for Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, Truck and Transport Mechanic and Agricultural Equipment Technician. These three trades are being harmonized at the same time due to high levels of common training in many jurisdictions.

11. Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) Update

Centennial College

R. King reported that Centennial is currently running the level one Motorcycle Technician program with 15 Apprentices. Level two of this program is scheduled to start on January 4, 2016 with 15 Apprentices. These numbers are considerably lower than previous years, where the average class size was 30 Apprentices.

It was noted that the Motorcycle and Power-Sports post-secondary program students are completing their first semester. There are 29 students registered in the 2015-2016 program.

It was also noted that Centennial College is a supporter of the Skills Canada competitions. Planning is underway for the Small Engine (Outdoor Power and Recreation Vehicle) qualifiers for the Provincial and National competitions for Skills Canada.

Georgian College

R. Davidson reported that Georgian College is now currently the only TDA in Ontario offering programs for Small Engine and Marine Engine Technician. Sault College ceased to offer the Apprenticeship program and the post-secondary program was suspended in September 2014. All levels are cancelled for 2015-2016. Georgian College is considering offering a general motive power program. The program would introduce students to various motive power technologies and help them determine which motive power pathway they might want to pursue.

It was mentioned that the block delivery of the Apprenticeship Program works well for the employers of Marine Engine Technicians that typically get laid off for four months. However, employers of Small Engine Equipment Technician Apprentices would prefer a day release delivery model as their Apprentices typically work throughout the year. With a core curriculum for the first two levels of the in-school portion of these trades, it is a challenge to be responsive to the needs of both these sectors. Additionally, with one TDA for the program, Apprentices can be travelling substantial distances to attend the program and thus it is not feasible to go to school for one day per week.

12. Industry Update

12.1 Industry Update

R. Davidson reported on the presentation that he made at the Annual Boating Ontario Conference on December 3, 2015.

12.2 Sector Approach to Marine Industry

R. Davidson reported on a conversation he had with a member of the Precision Machining and Tooling Trade Board who indicated that the International Association of Machinists, the Seafarers International Union and Steelworkers are currently working on a project to establish a sector approach to the maritime industry. The group is looking at what industry support presently exists for trades in terms of training, shipbuilding and port modernization with a goal to create jobs and build the industry. R. Davidson agreed to report more on the discussion by email and at the next Trade Board meeting.

13. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for April 8, 2016.

14. Adjournment

ON A MOTION MADE BY D. Shepherd, SECONDED by W. Wybenga AND CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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“Brent Folco”

Brent Folco, Chair

April 8, 2016

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ⁱ Recording Officer.