



# Minutes

## Network Cabling Specialist Trade Board Meeting

June 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.  
IBEW Construction Council of Ontario  
61 International Blvd  
Etobicoke, ON, M9W 6K4

### Trade Board Members in Attendance

John Hogan, Chair  
Peter Olders, Vice-Chair  
Derek Andreoff  
James Stewart

### Trade Board Members not in Attendance

None

### Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

None

### Staff in Attendance

Joseph Pyringer, Program Coordinator<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

Vice-Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the Trade Board members.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**ON A MOTION MADE BY J. Stewart, SECONDED BY D. Andreoff AND CARRIED**, the agenda was approved as circulated.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY D. Andreoff, SECONDED BY J. Stewart AND CARRIED**, the draft minutes of the Trade Board's February 17, 2015 meeting were approved as tabled.

#### 4. Trade Board Resolutions & Issues Update

The Chair joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Staff advised that recommendation 8.1 of the previous minutes concerning moving the Network Cabling Specialist trade from the Service sector to the Construction sector would require a number of regulatory amendments, including changes to two Board regulations and one Minister’s regulation, and would be subject to the full regulatory review and approvals process. The representative that attended the Construction Divisional Board (CDB) meeting also requested more information regarding the rationale for changing sectors. Staff was informed by the representative that no response letter was generated by the CDB, but the recommendation will be discussed again at the June 22, 2015 CDB meeting. The Trade Board will design a description map showing how the majority of its work is in the Construction sector.

## 5. College of Trades Update

### 5.1 Draft Service Divisional Board Minutes

Staff reviewed the draft March 5, 2015 Industrial Service Divisional Board minutes.

### 5.2 Compliance and Enforcement

Staff provided compliance and enforcement statistics from the first quarter of 2015 as well as the period from May 2013 to March 2015.

### 5.3 Communications and Marketing

Staff reviewed the article “IPSOS Reid poll says public sees benefit of public register of skilled trades professionals”, which outlined that just over nine in ten (92%) respondents agreed that the College’s Public Register is an important tool that protects consumers. The poll also indicated that most Ontario residents (90%) agreed that being listed on the public register gives a skilled trades professional a competitive advantage, with just less than nine in ten (86%) saying they will use the public register the next time they hire a tradesperson. Staff also reviewed the Fourth Quarter 2015 Registrar’s Report, the Public Register, and the Trades in Ontario page on the College website.

## 6. Program Update

### 6.1 Trade Statistics

Staff briefed the Trade Board on statistics for the Network Cabling Specialist trade as of June 1, 2015.

### 6.2 Outdated Exam

The Trade Board discussed the exam and concluded that Apprentices are having difficulty with the exam because it is outdated and there have been advancements in technology.

**ON A MOTION MADE BY J. Stewart, SECONDED BY J. Hogan AND CARRIED**, the Trade Board recommends that the outdated 2003 exam be reviewed and revised in accordance with the recently updated 2014 Apprentice Training Standard.

The Trade Board noted that the pass rate for the outdated 2003 exam is less than 40% and that certain questions are no longer relevant to current industry practices. The Trade Board says it is imperative to have the exam updated to ensure that when current Apprentices complete their training, the relevant exam reflects their on the job training.

## 7. Industry Update

**7.1 Dean Review**

Staff reviewed the May Update on the Dean Review website.

**7.2 WHMIS 2015**

Staff reviewed the new requirements and timelines for WHMIS 2015 implementation and agreed to email an electronic copy of the information bulletin from the Chief Prevention Officer dated May 11, 2015 to the Trade Board.

**7.3 Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act**

Staff reviewed the June 4, 2015 media release titled “Building Ontario's Next Generation of Infrastructure” which advised that “Building modern infrastructure across the province as part of the largest infrastructure investment in the province’s history is part of the government’s plan to build Ontario up. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people’s talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.”

**7.4 Red Seal Endorsement Acronym (RSE)**

Staff advised that the new RSE (Red Seal Endorsement) and MSR (*Mention Sceau Rouge* in French) acronyms became active on June 1, 2015. The acronym should only be used by journeypersons who have obtained a Red Seal endorsement on their provincial or territorial Certificate of Qualification and Apprenticeship by successfully completing a Red Seal examination.

**8. Other Business**

**8.1 Promotion of the Trade**

The Trade Board commented that there is no budget for the Trade Board and a social media campaign for the promotion of the trade would be beneficial. Suggestions included investigating the upcoming Skills Canada competition in Waterloo to see if the trade can be included in future competitions and to request the College draft a letter of support. Employers could also be shown the benefits of apprenticeship including the recent reports on the benefits of Apprenticeship for employers on the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum website.

The Trade Board requested that marketing information to support participation the Skills Canada-Ontario Competition be sent on College letterhead to promote the Network Cabling industry, given that the Ontario College of Trades is a gold sponsor of this event. The Trade Board believes this would be an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness and participation in the Network Cabling industry.

**9. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for October 30, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**10. Adjournment**

The Meeting was adjourned.

“John Hogan”

John Hogan, Chair

October 30, 2015

Date

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<sup>i</sup> Recording Officer