



Minutes

Plumber/Steamfitter Trade Board

Trade Board Meeting

May 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Mechanical Contractors Association of Ontario
10 Directors Court, Unit 103
Woodbridge, Ontario, L4L 7E8

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Michael Gordon, Vice-Chair
Steve Chiappetta
John Hulton
Bob Macklin
Shawn Stoughton
Charles Webb

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

Bill Ross, Chair
Mark Wielderhold

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Rainier Bratsch-Blundel , George Brown College
Vince Kacaba, UA Local 46
Brandon Pageau, Assistant Director, Mechanical Contractors Association
Brian Warner, Lambton College

Staff in Attendance

Gay Saunders, Program Coordinator¹

1. Call to Order/Welcomes

The Vice-Chair assumed the responsibilities of the Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. The Vice-Chair welcomed B. Pageau to the meeting and Trade Board members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY C. Webb, SECONDED BY S. Stoughton AND CARRIED, the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Previous Minutes

The Trade Board reviewed the previous minutes.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY B. Macklin, SECONDED BY J. Hulton AND CARRIED, the draft minutes of the Trade Board’s November 26, 2015 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. College of Trades Update

5.1 Registrar’s Report

The Program Coordinator provided copies of the Q1-2016 Registrar’s Report to the Trade Board and pointed out the report included the 2016 Strategic Priorities. She noted the potential for the College to assume additional responsibility for the apprenticeship system.

5.2 Trade Statistics

The Program Coordinator provided the trade counts for Journeypersons, Apprentices and Journeyperson Candidates in the Plumber and Steamfitter trades.

	Journeyperson	Apprentice	Journeyperson Candidate
Plumber	15,306	3,595	194
Steamfitter	4,197	775	22

The exam attempt statistics were also distributed to the Trade Board. It was noted that the pass rate for the Plumber trade is approximately 60% and the Steamfitter trade is just slightly lower. The Trade Board commented there has been a steady improvement in the pass rate for both trades in the past several years.

5.3 Communications & Marketing Update

The Program Coordinator provided the spring 2016 edition of “Trades Today” to the Trade Board. She advised that the College is testing a pilot job bank for its members and noted that more information can be found on the College’s website. S. Stoughton relayed his experience speaking on AM 740’s Fight Back with Libby Znaimer regarding the need to hire a certified plumber for any repairs or installations.

5.4 Compliance and Enforcement Update

The Trade Board reviewed Compliance and Enforcement statistics for the ICI and Residential construction sectors. The Trade Board asked several questions regarding the protocols Enforcement Officers must follow while on a site visit and agreed it would be beneficial to invite an Enforcement Officer to the next meeting to discuss how they deal with various compliance issues.

6. Dean Report

The Program Coordinator distributed the Executive Summary of the Dean Report and his recommendations to the Trade Board. The Trade Board discussed the recommendation for a Scopes of Practice (SoPs) review. The Program Coordinator noted that the Trade Boards have been highlighted to play a role in the review and updating of SoPs for all trades. The Trade Board questioned the Dean recommendation of core and fringe elements as part of Trade Classification/Reclassification reviews. The Trade Board also voiced its objection to the proposed review panels as recommended in the Dean Report and questioned how beneficial it would be to have review panel members who have no trade or background knowledge of a trade making critical decisions on trades.

7. Training/Curriculum Standards Approval

The Program Coordinator presented the revised Steamfitter Training Standard and a summary of the changes in the revised standard for Trade Board review and approval.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY S. Stoughton, SECONDED BY B. Macklin AND CARRIED, the revised Steamfitter Training Standard was approved as tabled.

The Program Coordinator presented the revised Plumber Curriculum Standard and a summary of the changes in the revised curriculum for Trade Board review and approval.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY C. Webb, SECONDED BY S. Chiappetta AND CARRIED, the revised Plumber Curriculum Standard was approved as tabled.

The Trade Board asked what authority the Heads of Apprenticeship (H.A.T.) has in regards to curriculum decisions and who gives H.A.T. its powers? The Program Coordinator will inquire and report back.

8. Ministry of Labour Announcement

The Program Coordinator informed the Trade Board that effective May 6, 2016 the regulatory and administrative oversight of the Ontario College of Trades will reside with the Ministry of Labour (MOL), however the College will continue to partner with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities with respect to apprenticeship matters. The Trade Board asked what it means to have MOL responsible for the College, and the Program Coordinator agreed to provide additional information as it becomes available.

9. Red Seal Update

The Program Coordinator provided an update on Red Seal harmonization activities. She advised that two stakeholder webinar/conference calls have been conducted with both the Plumber and Steamfitter trades to obtain approval on trade name, number of training hours, number of training levels and to reach consensus on the sequencing of training topics. It is expected to go to CCDA for final approval in September 2016.

10. Canadian Water Quality Association

The Trade Board discussed the claim that the Canadian Water Quality Association's Modular Education Program is now running and that the College has endorsed this program. The Program Coordinator advised that the College has not endorsed any program.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board will be scheduled in fall 2016.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

“Bill Ross”

Bill Ross, Chair

October 24, 2016

Date

¹ Recording Officer