



# Minutes

## Plumber/Steamfitter Trade Board

### Trade Board Meeting

May 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.  
Centre for Health and Safety Innovation  
5110 Creekbank Rd.  
Mississauga, ON, L4W 0A1

#### Trade Board Members in Attendance

Bill Ross, Chair  
Michael Gordon  
Dick Brouwer  
Gary Burnell

Steve Chiappetta  
Bob Macklin  
Brian Maloney  
Mark Wielderhold

#### Trade Board Members not in Attendance

Shawn Stoughton

#### Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Vince Kacaba  
Rainier Bratsch-Blundel  
Brian Warner

#### Staff in Attendance

Gay Saunders, Program Coordinator

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#### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY B. Ross, SECONDED BY G. Burnell AND CARRIED**, the draft minutes of the Trade Board's February 24, 2014 meeting were approved as tabled.

**5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues**

The Program Coordinator read a reply from the Ministry of Education to the College regarding the certification of secondary tech teachers. Members also reviewed the comments the Trade Board submitted to the College regarding the Canadian Water Quality Association and the scope of the plumber trade.

**6. College of Trades Update**

**6.1 Enforcement and Compliance Update**

The Program Coordinator provided an update on the activities of the Enforcement and Compliance Division.

**6.2 Classes of Membership Update**

The Program Coordinator advised members that membership fees for deemed apprentices were due April 8, 2014.

**6.3 Compulsory Certification**

The Program Coordinator advised members that the Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer trade had received compulsory certification status.

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY G. Burnell, SECONDED BY B. Maloney AND CARRIED**, the Trade Board moves that congratulations be conveyed to the Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer Trade Board.

**6.4 Ratios**

The Program Coordinator confirmed that the changed apprentice-to-journeyperson ratios for plumbers and steamfitters are now in effect.

**6.5 Trades Equivalency Assessment (TEA)**

The Program Coordinator announced that, effective April 8, 2014, the College has assumed responsibility for all trade assessments.

**7. Program Update**

The Program Coordinator provided the latest apprenticeship statistics from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the College.

**8. Academic Entry Requirements**

The Program Coordinator told members that a public consultation on Academic Entry Requirements for the trades is being planned.

**9. Red Seal Update**

The Program Coordinator told members that a Red Seal workshop for steamfitters was held in March 2014. Work is progressing on the Red Seal steamfitter pilot project

**10. Industry Update**

**10.1 Safety Training for Employees**

A discussion took place regarding the responsibility of safety training for employees.

### **10.2 Exam Gas Questions**

The Trade Board discussed how gas relates to the curriculum and also to the responsibility of the employer to ensure that the apprentice has acquired this knowledge.

### **11. Training Delivery Agencies (TDA) Update**

A College TDA representative noted that there may be changes made to hours of the curriculum at some Colleges. The union TDA representative commented on the cutback of seat purchases.

### **12. Other Business**

#### **12.1 Private Career Colleges**

Trade Board members discussed the mandate and trade programs of specific Private Career Colleges.

#### **12.2 Powers of an Inspector**

Trade Board members discussed the fact that municipal plumbing inspectors are not necessarily certified. **ON A MOTION DULY MOVED by D. Brouwer, SECONDED BY G. Burnell, and CARRIED** the Trade Board recommends that any individual inspecting a plumbing installation be required to be a licensed plumber in good standing with the College of Trades.

#### **12.3 Curriculum Increase**

Trade Board members discussed the hours allotted for the in-school portion of the apprenticeship program and agreed to request that each level be increased by one week, as well as an increase of funding for per diems. **ON A MOTION DULY MOVED by S. Chiappetta, SECONDED BY D. Brouwer, and CARRIED**, the Trade Board recommends that the Plumber/Steamfitter in-school portion of the curriculum be increased by one week per level and that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities increase funding with respect to the associated per diems.

### **13. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for October 20, 2014.

### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

“Bill Ross”

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Bill Ross, Chair

October 20, 2014

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