



# Minutes

## Powerline Technician Trade Board Meeting

February 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.  
Infrastructure Health and Safety Association  
5110 Creekbank Road  
Toronto, ON, M5G 2K4

### Trade Board Members in Attendance

Jodi Engel, Chair	Dennis Smith
Frank Heerkens	John Wabb
Steve McClinchey	

### Trade Board Members not in Attendance

None

### Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Tony Dean, Reviewer, Dean Review  
Samantha Anderson, Project Director, Dean Review

### Staff in Attendance

Loreen Barbour, Program Coordinator<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

**ON A MOTION MADE BY J. Wabb, SECONDED BY F. Heerkens AND CARRIED**, the agenda was approved as tabled.

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**ON A MOTION MADE BY J. Wabb, SECONDED BY D. Smith AND CARRIED**, the draft minutes of the

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<sup>1</sup> Recording Officer.

Trade Board's October 7, 2014 meeting were approved.

**5. Tony Dean Review**

Tony Dean led a discussion concerning the purpose of the review: (a) the scope of practice of trades, and (ii) the process and criteria for review panels discussing the classification or reclassification of trades as compulsory or voluntary.

A discussion followed on these issues as they relate to the Powerline Technician trade, and Trade Board members took the opportunity to share their insights and experience.

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

The Trade Board discussed the status of issues brought forward at the last meeting.

**ON A MOTION MADE BY F. Heerkens, SECONDED BY S. McClinchey AND CARRIED**, the Trade Board recommends that the Ontario College of Trades intercede with MEARIE regarding the language and format of their certificate, which includes a Red Seal and the language "Registered as a Journeyman Powerline Technician", as this information can be misinterpreted by apprentices and employers as indicating that a Certificate of Qualification has been obtained at the Red Seal level from the College.

**7. College of Trades Update**

**7.1 Enforcement Update**

An update on the current work of the Compliance and Enforcement Division was provided. It was noted that there are a number of Enforcement news items on the website. In 2014, 10,177 field inspections and compliance promotion visits were conducted across the province.

**7.2 Registrar's Report**

The Program Coordinator provided an overview of the November/December 2014 edition of the Registrar's Report.

**7.3 Communications Update/ Trades Today**

The Program Coordinator distributed the Winter 2014 edition of "Trades Today".

**7.4 Consultation for Academic Entry Requirements (AER)**

The Program Coordinator advised that given that there is a very high-profile consultation process underway related to the Tony Dean Review, as well as communications related to a trade reclassification (Sprinkler) and consultation related to harmonization, the College has decided to postpone the AER consultation for the time being.

**7.5 Bill 6**

The Program Coordinator introduced information concerning Bill 6, *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2014*, and advised of the requirement for apprentices to work on infrastructure projects. Specifically, Section 8 of the Act states: *The Government shall require that such numbers of apprentices as may be prescribed are employed or engaged for the purposes of the construction or of the maintenance by the Government of infrastructure assets.*

**7.6 Apprenticeship Financial Resource List**

The Program Coordinator provided a revised financial resource list, highlighting the new Canada Apprentice Loan available to help registered Red Seal apprentices cover the cost of their training.

**8. Program Update**

**8.1 Count from February 1, 2015**

	Active Apprentices	Active Journeyperson Candidates	Active Journeyperson
434A	1002	59	371

**8.2 Training Standard Review**

The Trade Board reviewed the Training Standard for the Powerline Technician trade and agreed to send it out to their industry partners for validation after an initial review with Hydro One is complete.

**9. Industry Update**

The Trade Board discussed a number of large scale transmission construction projects underway across the province, which is having a positive impact on the trade and the hiring of more apprentices. Aboriginal Apprenticeship Board of Ontario (AABO) is supporting the training and employment of apprentices to work on these projects.

**10. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board has been scheduled for June 19, 2015.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned.

“Jodi Engel”  
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Jodi Engel, Chair

June 19, 2015  
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