



# Minutes

## Powerline Technician Trade Board Meeting

June 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.  
The Ontario College of Trades  
655 Bay Street, Suite 600, Room 601  
Toronto, ON, M5G 2K4

### Trade Board Members in Attendance

Jodi Engel, Chair

Dennis Smith, Vice-Chair

Frank Heerkens

Colm Maher

Steve McClinchey

John Wabb

### Trade Board Members not in Attendance

None

### Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

None

### Staff in Attendance

Dev Baichan, Program Coordinator, Standards<sup>i</sup>

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#### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The Program Coordinator officially welcomed the Trade Board and introduced himself. He welcomed newly appointed Trade Board member C. Maher to the Trade Board and a round of introductions took place.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

#### 3. Conflict of Interest

The Program Coordinator briefed the Trade Board on the terms regarding conflict of interest as stated in the Trade Board Orientation Manual. No conflicts of interest were declared.

#### 4. Previous Minutes

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY D. Smith, SECONDED BY F. Heerkens AND CARRIED** the draft minutes of the Trade Board's February 27, 2015 meeting were approved as tabled.

## 5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues

### **Municipal Electrical Association Reciprocal Insurance Exchange – MEARIE Certificate**

The Trade Board discussed the historical development and issuance of the MEARIE Certificate and advised that the MEARIE Certificate is issued to Powerline Technician apprentices who have received their training from Hydro One and who have achieved their Certificate of Apprenticeship (CofA) from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU). The Trade Board noted that there are a few areas of concern regarding the look and wording of the MEARIE Certificate. C. Maher agreed to follow up with the MEARIE group regarding the Trade Board's concerns and to provide an update at the next Trade Board meeting.

## 6. Program Update

### 6.1 Training Standard Update

The Trade Board reviewed and discussed the draft Training Standard. The Program Coordinator informed the Trade Board of the next steps in development process of Training Standard.

### 6.2 Curriculum Update

The Program Coordinator advised that the Curriculum Standard for the Powerline Technician trade is up for renewal and that the College has allocated resources for the development of this product. The Trade Board supports the development of the new Curriculum Standard. The Program Coordinator advised that the workshop will be held in the fall of 2015 and the Trade Board has been asked to nominate instructors that would be able to participate in the workshop.

### 6.3 Trade Fact Sheets

The Program Coordinator displayed the Earnwhileyoulearn.ca website and advised that the College will be developing new trade Fact Sheets – a one-page resource that serves as an introductory piece to the trade. The Fact Sheets will be used primarily by high school students, youth, and people looking to enter a career within the skilled trades. The Trade Board commended the College on the development of these products and in its effort to continue to fulfil its mandate of promoting the skilled trades to youth.

### 6.4 Trade Count as of May 3, 2015

	Active Apprentices	Active Journeyperson Candidates	Active Journeypersons	Trades Persons
434A	900	64	301	1

### 6.5 Red Seal Endorsement – RSE

The Program Coordinator informed the Trade Board of the RSE acronym. The RSE acronym is an enhancement to a journeyperson's professional title, representing his/her successful achievement of obtaining the Red Seal endorsement in his/her given Red Seal trade. It recognizes the knowledge, skills and experience of the journeyperson.

## 7. College of Trades Updates

### 7.1 Tony Dean Review – Update on Written Submissions

The Program Coordinator provided an update on the Dean Review. He advised that the written

submissions have been posted online and showed the Trade Board where to access the submissions on the Dean Review website.

### **7.2 Construction Divisional Board Update**

The Program Coordinator displayed and reviewed the draft minutes of the Construction Divisional Board's March 4, 2015 meeting.

### **7.3 Registrar's Reports**

The Program Coordinator distributed the Fourth Quarter 2014 and First Quarter 2015 reports. The Trade Board reviewed the documents which led to a further discussion around the College's newly developed trade Fact Sheets and the youth microsite (Earnwhileyoulearn.ca). The Trade Board sees these new resources as aids to help market its trade to youth.

### **7.4 Compliance and Enforcement**

The Trade Board was updated on the College's Compliance and Enforcement activities in the period May 2013-March 2015.

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

The Trade Board is next scheduled to meet on September 17, 2015.

### **9. Adjournment**

**ON A MOTION MADE BY F. Heerkens, SECONDED BY S. McClinchey AND CARRIED**, the meeting adjourned.

"Jodi Engel"

Jodi Engel, Chair

November 2, 2015

Date

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<sup>i</sup> Recording Officer