



Minutes

Sprinkler and Fire Protection Installer Trade Board Meeting

April 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Ontario Construction Secretariat
940 The East Mall, Suite 120
Etobicoke, ON, M9B 6J7

Trade Board Members in Attendance

John Borlase, Chair

Charles Gonsalves, Vice-Chair

Jeff Hubers

John Jamnisek

Jason Thompson

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

Bryon Reichstein

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Greg Mitchell

Matt Osburn

Sean Pierce

Steve Steel

Staff in Attendance

Gay Saunders, Program Coordinator, Standards

Shonna Petrook, Manager, Policy & Research*

John O'Rourke, Manager, Evaluations & Assessments*

Jason Bennett, Legal Counsel & Manager, Corporate
Governance*

*Attended by teleconference

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, 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 J. Thompson, SECONDED BY J. Jamnisek AND CARRIED, the draft minutes of the Trade Board’s January 28, 2014 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues

The Trade Board members discussed the version year of NFPA 13 being used for exams.

6. College of Trades Update

6.1 Classes of Membership/Fees Update

The Program Coordinator informed the Trade Board members that additional time for payment of fees is being granted to deemed apprentices who are trying to schedule an exam.

6.2 Compliance and Enforcement Update

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

6.3 Trade Statistics

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

6.4 Academic Entry Requirements

The Program Coordinator informed the Trade Board members that the College will hold a public consultation on Academic Entry Requirements. Trade Boards will be asked to provide feedback on the results of the consultation for their trade.

6.5 Construction Divisional Board Minutes

The Program Coordinator distributed minutes from the March 25, 2014 Construction Divisional Board meeting.

7. Red Seal Update

Four members of the Trade Board will review the National Occupational Analysis on May 8, 2014.

8. Program Update – Compulsory Certification Exemption Request

S. Petrook, J. O’Rourke and J. Bennett joined the meeting by conference call. S. Petrook reviewed the discussions and steps the Trade Board has taken to date. She noted the comments regarding ‘grandfathering’ written by the SFPI Trade Classification Review Panel and advised that the legislation for the College allows for a Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) exam exemption to be put in place if requested. The Chair outlined the Trade Board’s concerns, including the need to ensure that only individuals who can clearly demonstrate that they have the necessary skills are granted an exemption from the SFPI exam. College staff acknowledged this concern and explained how the Trade Equivalency Assessment (TEA) process works. .

ON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, the Trade Board recommends that the Construction Divisional Board endorses a proposal to the Board of Governors for a two-year implementation period for the reclassification of the SFPI trade in regulation as compulsory, including (a) a one-year C of Q exam exemption for the trade (i.e. a ‘grandparenting’ provision) which would apply to individuals who are engaging in the work of the SFPI trade who do not have a C of Q in the trade, but who have a Certificate of Apprenticeship (C of A) in the trade, or who have

qualifications and experience (minimum of 7200 hours) that are equivalent to a C of A in the SFPI trade (to be assessed under the TEA process); and (b) a second year during which, although the exam exemption would no longer be available, individuals could continue to work legally while they challenge the C of Q exam.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for September 22, 2014.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

John Borlase, Chair

Date