



Minutes

Truck and Coach Technician Trade Board Meeting

October 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Centennial College – Ashtonbee Campus
School of Transportation – Meeting Room A107
75 Ashtonbee Road, Scarborough, ON, M1G 3T5

Trade Board Members in Attendance

Dave Farrington, Chair	James Pinder
Gord Charters, Vice-Chair	Rolf VanderZwaag
Dave Eisele	
Jainauth (Vish) Jadunauth	

Trade Board Members not in Attendance

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Frank Trianni

Resource Persons/Guests in Attendance

Pierre Valley, Centennial College
Catherine Paultney, Chair Motive Power Divisional Board

Staff in Attendance

Rottena Sparks, Program Coordinator¹

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., following a brief tour of the new facility at Centennial College presented by the Dean of Transportation, Allan McClellan.

2. Approval of Agenda

ON A MOTION MADE BY D. Eisele, SECONDED BY G. Charter, AND CARRIED, the agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

¹ Recording Officer.

4. Previous Minutes

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY R. VanderZwaag, SECONDED BY G. Charter, AND CARRIED, the draft minutes of the Trade Board’s May 16, 2014 meeting were approved as tabled.

5. Update on Trade Board Resolutions & Issues

Staff briefed the Trade Board on the new triage system that has been developed to move resolutions made and issues raised by the Trade Boards through the appropriate channels in a timely manner. Staff emphasized that the triage system will better facilitate resolutions and/or issues reaching the Divisional Board level.

6. College of Trades Update

6.1 Membership Update

Staff described the Affinity Program now being offered to OCOT members through which members can receive discounts on home and auto insurance, reduced pharmacy fees, reduced optical services, etc. If interested, members are encouraged to visit the College website for more information. Members are also encouraged to suggest other discounted services they would like to receive in future.

A letter was shared with the Trade Board reminding deemed apprentices of the September 19, 2014 deadline to renew their membership in the College. In response to a question, staff agreed to determine if statistics on cancelled Registered Training Agreements of apprentices in the Motive Power sector post-September 19, 2014 can be provided to the Trade Board at a future meeting.

6.2 Media and Communications Update

The Program Coordinator advised that the College has responded to more than 50 media requests (TV, radio and web/newspaper) over the past few months, many of which were from high-profile outlets such as the CBC, the Toronto Sun, the Toronto Star, CHCH and Global News. She advised that the College has been featured in various newspapers and magazines including Ottawa Life. The College’s radio ad with Ron Johnston and Peter Silverman was aired on 21 radio stations with an audience reach of close to 1 million.

The summer edition of the Trades Today magazine is available on the College website. Certain changes to the website (made June 2- 17, 2014) were highlighted. It was noted that the News Page has been redesigned and now contains sections on Featured News, Latest News, Public Advisories, a live Twitter feed and a link to the Trades Today magazine. The section on “Road to Apprenticeship” was also reviewed.

The Trade Board was advised that the College has engaged in a number of activities focusing on increasing awareness among young people about a career in the trades. The College sponsored and attended the annual Ontario Technological Skills competition in Waterloo, Ontario in May 2014. The College was also featured in the Toronto Sun’s “Your Future Choice” special supplementary as well as Metro newspapers “Trades and Apprenticeships” pull out career section. The concept for a new web microsite called “Earn while you learn” is being developed. This website will be youth focused.

6.3 Enforcement Update

Staff provided an update on Compliance and Enforcement Division statistics for the Motive Power sector. It was noted that the majority of site visits conducted by College Enforcement Officers are in the Motive Power Sector. She then discussed staff’s estimates on the number of uncertified

workers in the Motive Power sector today.

6.4 Trade Board Chair and Vice-Chair Training

The College held a half-day training and development session for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Trade Boards on September 11, 2014. The agenda focused on various governance topics.

6.5 OCOT Diversity Strategy

C. Poultney presented OCOT's Diversity Strategy to the Trade Board members.

7. MVIS/MTO

R. VanderZwaag provided a brief update on the status of the new Regulation 11B. MVIS (Motor Vehicle Inspection Station) legislation was recently passed. Effectively January 1, 2015, any facility performing vehicle safety inspections must adhere to the new standards. Reg. 611 is the old regulation in Ontario and is now incorporated into the National Safety Standard 11B. Handbooks will be produced for the new 2015 standard.

Safety inspections are a shortfall of training. Industry has expressed concern regarding a lack of proper safety inspection training. It has been suggested more time be spent on providing appropriate training in this area and perhaps it could be included in the last level of apprenticeship training.

ON A MOTION MADE BY R. VanderZwaag, SECONDED BY D. Eisele, AND CARRIED, that since the Trade Board has identified that there is a lack of time to teach the curriculum, the Trade Board recommends that MTCU consider increasing the hours of the in-school training.

8. Program Update

8.1 Mobile Refrigeration Technician

Since the last meeting, a few of the Board members visited Conestoga College to see the Mobile Refrigeration and Heating Systems training. This visit generated more discussion around whether or not it should be made a separate trade.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY J. Pinder, SECONDED BY J. Jadunauth, AND CARRIED, the Trade Board agreed that it will continue to discuss the possibility of new trade development for Mobile Refrigeration and Heating Systems Technician and these discussions will include more representatives from industry.

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY R. VanderZwaag, SECONDED BY J. Pinder, AND CARRIED, that due to the length of the new trade development process, the trade board recommends the college direct their enforcement to provide a temporary relief to the individuals (approximately 300 – 400) who are working on the Refrigeration Units attached to Trucks and Trailers without their 310T/310J license but are qualified by virtue of their experience or training provided by manufacturers.

8.2 Apprenticeship Trade Statistics

The Board received a summary of the apprenticeship statistics for the Truck and Coach Technician trade and the Truck Trailer Service Technician trade for the period April, 2013 to September, 2014.

The Board agreed that as the focus is now on completion rates for apprentices, it would also be important to know how many apprentices have been registered in the first year, second year, etc.

8.3 NOA Peer Review Workshop Update

The Red Seal Inter-Provincial Peer Review Workshop for the Truck Trailer Service Technician (310J) trade took place in August 2014. Once each jurisdiction has completed its peer review workshop, the exam will go for final editing and then be implemented. Expected date of implementation is late-2015.

9. Industry Update

9.1 The Trade Board recognizes that the industry has an interest in developing some specific guidance on “Professional Misconduct” and would like to receive some guidance on delivering safety inspections, hopefully in time for the next Trade Board meeting.

9.2 The Board would like to pursue the possibility of additional training being included in the Truck and Coach Technician Certificate of Qualification in the near future. There is also a concern around academic readiness testing prior to writing the exams. It has also been suggested that the College and industry may need to consider different types of examinations. These issues will be discussed further at the next Trade Board meeting.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting/Event

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Trade Board is scheduled for January 15, 2015.

11. Adjournment

ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY D. Eisele, SECONDED BY R. VanderZwaag, AND CARRIED, the meeting was adjourned.

“Dave Farrington”

Dave Farrington, Chair

February 6, 2015

Date