

Minutes
OSAC – Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 02, 2009
4020 E. 5th Ave., Columbus, Ohio

Welcome/ Introductions:

Due to the absence of Vice Chairman William McNally, the meeting was opened with a request for a Council member to conduct the April meeting.

Deborah Catri made the motion for Steven Lipster to conduct the April 02, 2009 meeting.

The motion was seconded Douglas Soma.

Council voted unanimously to allow Steven Lipster to conduct the April meeting.

The meeting was then called to order by Acting Chair, Steven Lipster at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman, Lipster welcomed all members, advisors, staff and guests. The Chair then acknowledged those present and requested all persons present to introduce themselves.

Roll Call of Council:

Chairman, Lipster called for a roll call of Council.

Present:

Members: Joshua D. Corna, Patrick McLaughlin, Steve Lipster, David Siravo, Deborah B. Catri, Ph.D., Doug Soma and Thomas Conley.

Advisors: Terry Worst, Director State Approving Agency for Veterans Training, Terry Thomas, Associate Vice-Chancellor, Adult Workforce, OBR, Bob Kennedy, Superintendent, Wage and Hour, Dept. of Commerce, Andrew Maciejewski, Executive Administrator, OSAC, OWD.

Staff: OSAC: Connie Sink, Annette Galli-Jones, Tara Burkhalter, Candy Welch.

Guest: Vince Irvin (Construction Craft Laborers), Randy Davis (ABC, South West), Joe Travis (Carpenters, South West), Joe Frash (ABC Central Ohio).

Quorum being present, Chairman Lipster continued with the business of the meeting.

Approval of February 2009 Minutes

Chairman, Lipster directed Council's attention to the February 05, 2009 OSAC Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lipster opened the floor for questions, revisions, and comments.

Motion was set before the Council by David Siravo to approve the February 05, 2009 OSAC Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Doug Soma.

No further discussion being heard nor said Chairman Lipster called for a vote.

Council unanimously approved the motion to accept the February 05, 2009 Minutes.

Old Business:

No new report given.

New Business:

Chairman Lipster turned the floor over to Andrew Maciejewski, Executive Administrator, OSAC.

Mr. Maciejewski informed the Council, of the fact that a full Council was not present, therefore he recommended that elections should be tabled until next meeting or when full Council is present. Deborah Catri made inquiry as to why the vacant seat had not been filled. Mr. Maciejewski explained that the delay was due to the timing of the Ohio State Building Trades elections, but that he had been assured the Council would be fully appointed for the June 2009 meeting.

Pat McLaughlin made the motion to postpone the elections until the next full Council meeting.

David Siravo seconded the motion.

No further discussion being heard nor said, Chairman Lipster called for a vote.

Council unanimously voted to postpone the elections until full Council was present.

Executive Administrator Reports:

Chairman Lipster turned the floor over to Andrew Maciejewski, Executive Administrator, OSAC.

Mr. Maciejewski turned the Council's attention to Tab 2 in the booklet for The Ohio State Apprenticeship Council Fiscal Report.

Deborah Catri questioned the funding in the coming years. Mr. Maciejewski stated that the Governor's Office was attempting to eliminate earmarks. OSAC will be funded under the 15% WIA discretionary funds. As well as advised Council that it may need to research avenues for other funding streams for the next biennium. Deborah Catri expressed concerns in the stability of the WIA funds. Terry Thomas remarked on the stability of WIA funds as opposed to general revenue funds. Mr. Maciejewski suggested the Council would need to take a proactive stance in funding in the future. Pat McLaughlin asked what options were available. Mr. Maciejewski commented on the availability of grant money, charging fees, becoming a line item as a few examples, but will research it further. Pat McLaughlin questioned the time line. Terry Thomas remarked the calendar year 2010 is when serious action needs to be looked into.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the Council's attention to Ohio State Apprenticeship Council's Compliance Report under Tab 3 of the booklet. Mr. Maciejewski discussed the findings from the previous audits. Marietta Plumbers and Pipefitters and the Portsmouth Area Cement Mason's have met their deadlines. Insulators Local 50 JAC have completed most of the required work to become compliant. The program has formally requested an extension on their time frame. The Northern Ohio Electrical Contractors Association is not meeting the deadlines. Mr. Maciejewski requested permission to send a letter of de-registration upon the failure to become compliant within the set deadlines.

A motion by Steven Lipster was made to extend the time frame up to 30 days for the Insulators Local 50 JAC to become compliant.

The motion was seconded by Deborah Catri.

No further discussion being heard nor said, Chairman Lipster called for a vote.

Council unanimously agreed to extend the time frame 30 days for the Insulators Local 50 JAC.

A motion was made by Doug Soma to allow Mr. Maciejewski the ability to issue a deregistration letter, on behalf of the Council, to Insulators Local 50 JAC at the end of the 30 day notice, if the sponsor does not meet his compliance obligations.

The motion was seconded by Joshua Corna.

No further discussion being heard nor said, Chairman Lipster called for a vote.

Council unanimously agreed to grant Mr. Maciejewski to act on behalf of the Council, and issue the de-registration letter if warranted.

Dave Siravo stated he felt this type of action was good, because it proves Ohio only wants quality programs. Mr. Maciejewski explained in detail the process, which takes place after the letter of, de-registration is sent. Pat McLaughlin asked if apprentices could still be used. Mr. Maciejewski explained the procedure for apprentices. Deborah Catri and Dave Siravo expressed concerns that all parties involved understand of the consequences of deregistration. Mr. Maciejewski assured the Council that these Sponsors have been informed of the consequences.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the Council's attention to Tab 4, the Credit Voucher report. Mr. Maciejewski explained the report and what is acceptable for RTI documentation. Mr. Maciejewski informed the Council that sponsors have been advised on many occasions on what is proper submission for advanced credit, sighting the 2008 Apprenticeship Conference, regional town meetings, as well as the technical support given by the ASPs.

Mr. Maciejewski turned Council's attention to the handout on FIRPA. (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) He directed them to look through and read section excerpts Subpart A, General-Section 99.1, while he explained the details and concluded that RTI transcripts can be requested by OSAC.

Joe Frash requested examples of what is acceptable RTI documentation. Mr. Maciejewski gave the examples of transcripts and other supporting documentation as well as detailing the responsibility of the sponsors to provide the information to for advanced credit. Steve Lipster noted it was the sponsor's responsibility to deal with FIRPA issues. Dave Siravo was interested in the determination on how RTI will be credited. Mr. Maciejewski gave specific examples of what can be used to justify substantial evidence to support granting of credit. Deborah Catri noted the integrity of the Council's stance on what is acceptable documentation for advanced credit.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the Council's attention to Tab 5 of the booklet containing OSAC Status Report. Mr. Maciejewski commended the Field Staff for their hard work to update program Standards and register new programs. Mr. Maciejewski discussed the process for the sponsors who have zero apprentices. Joshua Corna asked about the two-year policy on zero apprentices in a program if they are automatically deregistered. Mr. Maciejewski stated the Department of Labor stipulates a program that continues for two years with no apprentices in the program shall be deregistered. Vince Irvin discussed issues with the inaccurate

RAPIDS reports on their active apprentice status. Mr. Maciejewski explained the issues and problems and the Office of Apprenticeship is working toward a solution.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the attention of the Council to the outlined bio on John Loomis. Mr. Loomis will be the ASP for EDR 3, 6, and part of 9.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the attention of the Council to the hand out with the Federal Regulations 29 CRF 29. Council members were distributed copies in a side by side with comments column. Mr. Maciejewski announced that the new rule would be discussed at the upcoming Town Meeting circuit that would be scheduled in the coming weeks. Deborah Catri noted Council attendance/presence is important at Town Meetings. Mr. Maciejewski informed the Council that the scheduling has just begun; they will be contacted with the actual dates.

Mr. Maciejewski then turned the attention of the Council to The Electrical Trades Statewide Articulation. The previous meeting was March 13, 2009 with partners from the community colleges, OBR, and Electrical Trades representatives. It was announced the next meeting would be held on April 15, 2009 to come to a consensus on credits to be awarded.

Mr. Maciejewski then opened the floor for discussion on the Council's stance on Pre-Apprenticeship. David Siravo felt it to be a good idea, stating there are many options available, noting the many youth programs. Mr. Maciejewski remarked the DOL might consider a direct entry program framework. David Siravo stressed that the skills should still be met. Steve Lipster commented many people are interested and have requested guidance from Council. Deborah Catri sited funding issues as a past barrier for a successful program. Joshua Corna stated there are juvenile offenders who are ready and interested in entry to real occupations in society. These juveniles need to know what classes need to be taken to enter the programs. Terry Worst commented on GI funding for Veterans in this type of program. Deborah Catri asked what the next step in the procedure. Dave Siravo commented the Pre-Apprenticeship programs have not worked well in the past due to a lack of industry standard. Steve Lipster stated the sponsor input was needed. Deborah Catri stressed the ability to successfully complete applicants; while taking care not just roll them over into a Registered Apprenticeship program. Steve Lipster remarked that most are intern status, so prevailing wage may not be a concern. Steve Lipster recommended community consensuses. Deborah Catri volunteered to gather information. Steve Lipster requested a show of hands on interested parties for a subcommittee. (Doug Soma, Bob Kennedy, David Siravo, Pat McLaughlin, Terry Worst, Deborah Catri)

Mr. Maciejewski discussed the Rule 5101:11 changes have been submitted and the March 20, 2009 deadline was met for filing and a hearing date is scheduled for April 28, 2009.

Mr. Maciejewski announced The Ohio Electrical Training Directors Association has graciously agreed to host an Apprenticeship Conference again this year. The

date is October 22-23, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Dublin, OH. A letter asking parties to “save the date”, will be going out soon from the Apprenticeship list serve. The results of the survey of opinion on the Apprenticeship Conference from 2008, have been tabulated and reflect an overall good rating. Multiple break out sessions has been requested/recommended. Due to the large amount of participants that did not stay for the meal, Deborah Catri felt the attendees should have the option for or against the included meal.

No further discussion being said nor heard, Chairman Lipster thanked Mr. Maciejewski for his reports.

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Chairman Lipster turned the floor over to Terry Thomas, Associate Vice-Chancellor, Adult Workforce, OBR.

Mr. Thomas formally thanked Deborah Catri for all her assistance with the development of the OBR’s Co-op Internship RFP. He indicated that stimulus money is hoping to be used to set up models for higher education and post secondary education. He announced the introduction of SECTORS. Mr. Thomas stated the OBR is excited about the initiatives of the Ohio Skills Bank. Deborah Catri expressed worries over match component in the co-op internship RFP. Joshua Corna noted times are very hard for the State to ask for such a large match requirement. Deborah Catri also stated concern with no consistent collection of data for the programs. No real proof of where money is going. Terry Thomas believes after the selections has been made those details can be implemented.

No further discussion being said nor heard, Chairman Lipster thanked Mr. Thomas for his reports.

State Approving Agency for Veterans Training:

Chairman Lipster turned the floor over to Terry Worst, Director State Approving Agency for Veterans Training.

Mr. Worst announced that the Agency for Veterans was well above the goal set for site visits. His staff is working on establishing a one to one match for GI Bill assistance. Mr. Worst distributed invitations for The Certifying Official Conference, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and The Ohio Women Veterans Conference 2009, to be held in Columbus, Ohio. He also handed out information on H.B. No. 62. Deborah Catri questioned the reason for escorts for Vets having to pay at the conferences. Mr. Worst explained disabled veterans needing assistance will need to purchase tickets for their assisting persons.

No further discussion being said nor heard, Chairman, Lipster thanked Mr. Worst for his reports.

Wage and Hour:

Chairman Lipster turned the floor over to Bob Kennedy, Wage and Hour, DOC.

Mr. Kennedy distributed a hand out on the new definition of apprentice that will be placed in the Department of Commerce Wage and Hour's regulations, showing the changes and revisions. Steven Lipster thought the wording was much better. Terry Thomas questioned the wording "regardless". David Siravo suggested replacing the word "regardless" with which ever is higher. Mr. Kennedy noted the suggestions.

No further discussion being heard, Chairman Lipster thanked Mr. Kennedy for his report.

Legislative:

No new report given.

Legal:

No new report given.

Attorney General's Office:

No new report given.

Hard Hatted Women:

No new report given.

Andrew Maciejewski the attention of the Council to Tab 8 of the booklet. An insert on Tradeswomen TOOLS, (training, outreach, opportunity, leadership and support) was submitted for the Council to view.

Good of the Council:

Chairman Lipster opened the floor for discussion and comments.

John Hughes questioned how many breakout sessions would be taking place at the next Apprenticeship Conference. Steven Lipster remarked tentatively two, a morning and afternoon on the second day.

Joe Travis questioned the lag time in registration and wage and hour. Mr. Kennedy answered by advising the sponsors that they need to submit paperwork in a timely manner.

Vince Irvin inquired if a Davis Bacon Certificate could be requested on situations where the Agreement has not been approved. Mr. Maciejewski informed the group that the Davis Bacon Certificates cannot be created with out having the apprenticeship agreement registered and the new Department of Labor regulations that will be implemented containing stricter time lines for those submissions. He further stressed the importance of the apprenticeship agreement and supporting documentation being submitted in a timely fashion and complete manner so there will be less issues.

No further discussion being said nor heard, Chairman Lipster thanked everyone for his or her comments.

Chairman Lipster announced the next meeting date as:

June 4, 2009
10:00 am
4020 E.5th Ave
Columbus, OH
Room M146

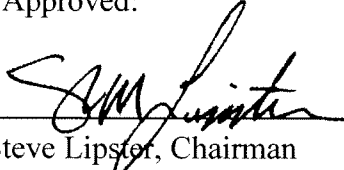
A motion was set before Council by Thomas Conley to adjourn.

Motion was seconded by David Siravo.

No discussion being heard nor said, Chairman, Lipster called for a vote.

Council unanimously approved the motion to adjourn at 12:05pm.

Minutes Approved:



Steve Lipster, Chairman

8-27-09
Date



Andrew Maciejewski, Executive Administrator

8/27/09
Date