

## **Sheet Metal Trade Board Summary**

### **AGM Report**

Friday May 30, 2008

My name is Allan Awrey and I am currently a member of the Sheet Metal Advisory Board and the Sheet Metal Curriculum Board. Wes Shurnaik is unable to attend our AGM this year. I will be filling in for him to give you our report of what has transpired this year in the sheet metal industry.

2007 has been a year of learning for all trades in Saskatchewan and the Sheet Metal Trade is no different. High demand in the booming housing market and the construction of commercial buildings all over the province has proven to be a test for everyone. 2008 looks to be even busier.

In September, the Sheet Metal Curriculum Board met in Davidson and reviewed all 350 questions on the IP exam and found there were a few where the wording was not fair. About 20 in total were sent back to the National Board for Review and they were dealt with there. The new exam has had a positive outcome. We did encourage the instructors to make sure the students read the whole question before they answer.

The Sheet Metal Advisory Board met April 23, 2008. There was extensive discussion surrounding level performance and end level results including IP examination performance. There is a major challenge with students leaving at the end of the day and not taking personal responsibility for their success - the potential for success will diminish.

The Sheet Metal Board met with the head of the sheet metal department James Brockman in April. He was asking for the board's approval for funding for one more staff member which we endorsed. He is also in the process of writing a procedures manual for each year of schooling as there has not been one in place.

The Sheet Metal Board was informed the equipment that was given to Kelsey Institute by local businesses and suppliers has yet to be used due to the lack of space. This is a shared problem with all of the trades in the school. The Institute is looking for funds to add a mezzanine located in the plumbing department for space for all trade equipment. The head of the

Sheet Metal Department told us that all the department heads will be asking their boards to see what could be done.

In the sheet metal trade, 2007-2008 year had 50 first year apprentices put through - this is a good sign of people getting into the sheet metal trade.

Regards,

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