

**Plumber
Annual Trade Board Meeting
October 15, 2018
Davidson, Saskatchewan**

Board Members

Present:

Glenn Harbaruk
Brennan LeClair

Richard Pickering
Kirk Simms

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade
Certification Commission (SATCC)

Jeff Ritter, Chief Executive Officer
Loreena Spilsted, Chief Operating Officer

Chelsea Coupal, Director, Communications and
Marketing
Anna Robinson, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Dean Frey, Acting Director, Program Development
Quinn La Valley, Program Development Officer

Training Provider(s)

Steven Prickhard, Academic Chair, School of
Construction and Transportation, Saskatchewan
Polytechnic.

Wes Noble, Program Head, Saskatchewan
Polytechnic, Saskatoon Campus

Guest(s)

Kurt Touet

Call to order: 10:30h			
Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion	Action
1. Introductions and Approval of the Agenda		M/S Glenn Harbaruk/Richard Pickering to recommend approval of the agenda. Carried.	
2. Approval of the Minutes and the Business Arising From the Minutes		M/S Kirk Simms/Brennan LeClair to recommend approval of the following minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 13, 2017 CEDB meeting • October 17, 2017 Annual TB meeting • November 28, 2017 CEDB meeting • January 5, 2018 TB meeting • June 18, 2018 TB meeting Carried.	

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3. Board Member Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Pickering enquired on what stage the application for the College de Mathieu is in regards to them offering a French language plumbing pre-employment program. Quinn La Valley explained that the College de Mathieu still needs to show SATCC a completed training facility, including all of the equipment and tools required for instruction of the trade. Trade board members with consensus agreed that increasing the weeks of training for level 3 and 4 from 7 weeks to 8 weeks would be beneficial to the apprentices. The TB members expressed concern with the current pass rate for the IP examination. Glenn Harbaruk explained that apprentices are not given enough time to learn about hydronics in training. Wes Noble explained that harmonization will actually reduce hydronics training further, as training dedicated to hydronics will go from 3 weeks down to 2 weeks. TB members also expressed concern that in the harmonized model there is no time allowed for plumbing code training in level 4. With additional weeks added, the TB feels this would allow the training provider more time to go into greater depth of hydronic systems and plumbing code, and help increase the IP pass rate. Quinn La Valley asked about the survey that the Mechanical Contractors Association had presented to their members in the past to get feedback on extending training by two weeks. Glenn Harbaruk explained that they did not get any responses to the survey either in support or against the proposal. Glenn Harbaruk offered to send out the survey to the Mechanical Contractors Association members again, in the hopes to show that there is strong industry support to increase training weeks. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to inform trade board if there are any updates on the College de Mathieu application to deliver a plumbing pre-employment program. Quinn La Valley to follow-up with Glenn Harbaruk regarding the survey for members of the Mechanical Contractors Association to show support to increase weeks of training for the plumber trade.
4. Discussion with the SATCC CEO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Ritter discussed the stats that show the approval of the SYA program from employers that hire SYA graduates. Glenn Harbaruk mentioned he has been very happy with the students he has received from the SYA program. Jeff Ritter asked about industry – Glen Harbaruk sees a little bit more spending in private sector, Richard Pickering is not seeing an increase. Jeff Ritter discussed the new AMS program. Richard Pickering asked if the larger provinces will join onto the AMS program. Jeff Ritter explained that they are not currently. The board was positive on AMS, they feel it will make processes easier for both employers and apprentices. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Ritter explained the new legislation that has been put forward by SATCC, he explained that there has been strong industry support for the new legislation. The TB also agreed it was a positive step in ensuring that qualified individuals are doing the work in industry. 		
5. Discussion with the SATCC COO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loreena Spilsted discussed enforcement of compulsory trades. Apprentices must be overseen by journeypersons in compulsory trades. A journeyperson must be onsite not in the office. She explained that most of the non-compliance is happening in the residential new construction industry. 		
6. Discussion with the SATCC Director of Program Development or Other Directors/Managers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean Frey explained how the new Interprovincial exam will have all the information required supplied without the code book. Dean Frey explained this allows SATCC's training providers to teach to the code book that industry is using. Wes Noble mentioned that students are concerned about not having the code book to write the exam, Dean Frey explained that the code book will still be taught in apprenticeship training and that apprentices will have all of the information they need from the code book to answer questions on the IP examination. Dean Frey asked Wes Noble if he would like Quinn La Valley to meet with apprentices to answer their questions, and help put their concerns to rest. Wes Noble agreed this would be beneficial for the apprentices. Richard Pickering asked about getting the code book approval removed from the health inspector's hands and put into TSASKs hands. Dean Frey explained this is outside of SATCC's control. Glenn Harbaruk mentioned he has heard that the transition of plumbing inspections from health inspectors to TSASK is being considered. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to meet with level 4 apprentices to answer any questions they have about the new IP format.
7. Training Provider Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wes Noble provided information on apprenticeship and pre-employment classes, shop equipment, instructors, updating of training, products and innovations. Quinn La Valley asked Wes Noble if there is particular equipment that the plumbing department requires for training. Wes Noble said the program could use make-up air units, commercial roof top equipment or boilers for classroom demonstrations. TB members said they may be able to find used equipment that they are removing from jobsites for donation. Wes Noble was asked about the plumber upgrading course by Richard Pickering. Wes Noble explained that they have just started their second intake of students. Quinn La Valley explained that in the first class only 9 of the 25 students have completed the training. Students are not making the effort to complete the training. SATCC will have to discuss how to better motivate these apprentices to complete the upgrading training. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to email board members the article that pertains to FIATT training in Saskatchewan. Quinn La Valley to speak with Dean Frey about how we can increase the completion rate of the online upgrading course.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Domestic Gasfitter exam was discussed. Richard Pickering explained that apprentices are not writing this exam because they are not able to write the exam immediately after training. Apprentices are able to write the Domestic gasfitter exam after they have successfully completed level 4. The candidates need to provide the SATCC proof before they can be scheduled to write the exam. TB members asked how many hours are required to complete the Red Seal Gasfitter A and B exams. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley to email TB members the hours required for the Red Seal Gasfitter A and B.
8. Program Development Officer (PDO) Report and <i>Fast Fact</i> Sheet for Board Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley PDO provided statistics on apprenticeship and examinations numbers, and Curriculum and Examination Development Board and/or Trade Examining Board meetings. A <i>Fast Fact</i> sheet was distributed as an interim information document. Quinn La Valley PDO reminded the group that the information outlined on the <i>Fast Fact</i> sheet is not for public disclosure or circulation, as the 2017-2018 Annual Report has not yet been released. 		
9. Harmonization Updates/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley PDO provided background regarding recent harmonization developments. 		
10. Industry Growth Predictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members indicated that they felt this industry will not see an increase in the number of apprentices in the coming year. The reasons given were there is not a lot of large projects on the horizon, most of the work being completed is on a smaller scale and there is already a sufficient work force. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janise Lussier to note.
11. Review Trade Time Credits (as required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes were required at this time. 		
12. Board Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum and Examination Development Board Kurt Touet application to become a member of the CEDB was approved by the trade board. 	<p>M/S Kirk Slimms/Brennan LeClair to recommend the appointment of Kurt Touet to the CEDB</p> <p>Carried.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinn La Valley PDO to submit coordinates for all board member recommendations to Abby Schoonmaker and Vivian Adzanu for processing.

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13. Election of Chair		M/S Glenn Harbaruk/Brennen LeClair to recommend the appointment of Kirk Sims as Chair for the Plumber Trade Board for the coming year. Carried.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abby Schoonmaker/Vivian Adzanu to process.
14. Adjournment		M/S Kirk Simms/Richard Pickering to adjourn. Carried.	
Adjournment: 14:30h			