

**Apprenticeship Advisory Board  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8, 2012  
Minnesota Room – Department of Labor & Industry  
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**Members Present:**

Roslyn Robertson, *Secretary*  
*Director of Apprenticeship*  
Harry Melander, *Chair*  
Jeni Blaylock  
Everett Pettiford  
Dale Narlock  
Stan Theis

**Members Absent:**

Mike Mitchell  
Todd Ferrara  
Mathew McDowall  
Mark Christianson

**Staff Present:**

**Visitors:**

Jeff Motschenbacher  
Dean Mills  
Don Bandelin  
Sam DiPaola  
Bill Lombard  
Ed Nelson  
Paul Krompotich  
Mary Kay Piltz  
Jim Nimlos

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melander at 1:35 p.m.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Harry: Are there any changes to the agenda?

Roslyn: Yes, I have invited Michelle Dreier to give a Prevailing Wage update, I would like that update after the DLI Reports.

Motion to accept agenda Everett Pettiford , Stan Theis to second.

All to Accept, non to Oppose.

### **III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion to accept previous minutes, second.

No discussion, no correction. All to Accept, non to Oppose.

### **IV. New Business – Membership Update** (Robertson)

The new members have been appointed; they are Mathew McDowall, employer representative and Mark Christianson, an employee representative. Everett Pettiford and Todd Ferrara have been reappointed as well. I would like to thank you for your continued service.

### **V. DLI Reports** (Robertson)

#### a. Total Apprentices

Currently we have 6583 apprentices.

#### b. Total woman and people of color

Currently there are 1166 woman and minority apprentices.

#### c. LEAP Grant

The LEAP Grants have been awarded to the following agencies; MUL, CCF and Goodwill/Easter Seal.

#### c. The Legislative Session has begun.

Dale N: Are the new programs listed under new occupations?

Roslyn: Yes they are.

Dale N: Can you provide the Company name and occupation?

Roslyn: I can provide that information.

Harry: Please provide this to the entire counsel.

Roslyn: Yes, I will provide a copy to the counsel. Are there any other questions?

Harry: Hearing none we can move onto the next item.

Roslyn: I can move into the OA report.

Harry: Ok.

I am Michelle Dreier Prevailing Wage Supervisor; currently there are 4 prevailing wage investigators and 1 administrative specialist in our unit. Since receiving clear enforcement authority on July 1, 2007 the Prevailing Wage Unit has collected over a Million Dollars in back wages and closed 287 cases. In 2011, our unit collected \$325,000.00 in back wages and closed 79 cases. So far this year we have collected \$230,000.00 and have 50 open investigations. Our average age of investigation without finding is approximately 60 days.

Question from the group: Do you find a certain age of individual prevalent during your investigations?

Michelle: No, the age of the individuals who have been harmed from prevailing wage violations range from young adults to retired adults.

Question from group: Do you find any particular trades in which there are violations?

Michelle: Any of the trades can be affected. Recently we have had a lot of investigations regarding drywall contractors. Misclassification of labor is a common way of violating prevailing wage regulations.

Harry: Thank you Michelle, are there any other questions? Hearing none, next we have Don Bandelin from the MNVA.

## **VI. Office of Apprenticeship Report** – (Robertson)

Minnesota has finally received feedback from the OA regarding its 2010 applications of continued recognition as the State Approving Agency; notification was received on November 28, 2011. The response will require additional statutory changes in or to conform to 29.29. The additional changes are mostly limited to the changes in terminology, including the changes to the terms;

- Laborer or Craft to All occupations
- Young man to All workers
- Journeyman to Journey worker

Additionally we will have to address the de-regulation of programs and the sponsors right to appeal.

Roslyn: I have invited Don Bandelin, Veteran's education & training specialist with the State of MN Department of Veterans affairs, to give an update on Veteran OJT and Apprenticeship. Prior to 2007, DLI administered a contract with the Federal VA, that contract was transferred to the MN/VA to consolidate veteran's services to allow veterans access to services through one agency.

Don: Hi, I am Don Bandelin, I have worked for the Veterans Administration for the 32 years, for the past 5 years I have been with the MN/VA. I have brought a handout for everyone to look over, an OJT Application handbook. This is a guide for trainees as well as employers who are seeking approval for their desired training program. I have also included a sheet that addresses the benefits to employers who participate in OJT/Apprenticeship training under a GI Bill.

## **VII. Board Discussion/comments** (Melander)

**X. Announcements**

- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting
  - i. Wednesday April 18, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. Minnesota Room DLI
  - ii. Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. Minnesota Room DLI
  - iii. Wednesday October 17, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. Minnesota Room DLI

**VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made to Adjourn, seconded and Approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Roslyn Robertson*

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