

“Electrical Construction Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes”

October 29, 2013

Called to Order 4:35 PM

Roll call: Present -Russ Penn (Chair), Dan Edman, Stan Kovarik, Bob Kvitne, Scott Stenvick, Clair Zirnhelt Annye Bryson, Brian Coster, Tim, James Retka . Absent – Travis Harbott, Dan Boyce, Russ Lee & Mark Lothspeich.

Old Business – Review Meeting minutes from March 26th, 2013 – Motion to approve – Clair Zirnhelt / Second – Annye Bryson Minutes so approved.

Instructor Report – Stan Kovarik -1st yr – 16 students started with 17 – one dropped – have a group of diverse ages this year High school grads to 35 & 40 year olds. Stan feels that this is a good group of students this semester

Instructor Report – Dan Edman - 2nd yr – 20 students this semester – Dan provide handouts of supplemental instruction materials he uses for teaching along with the standard curriculum books.

Classroom caps are still set at 23.

Stan – will provide information regarding information he has read on the future projections for the need for electricians in the near future, and the shortages that the country will be facing – Russ requested that he forward that information to him for consideration – to address MSCU again as we did in April of 2007 regarding the reduction in cap sizes.

Committee again discussed the possibility of adding an additional session and instructor for such – Russ asked Dan and Stan to put their thoughts together on this and forward them to him for consideration.

New Business:

Classes will again be doing a House project this year. The instructors all feel that this project is an extremely important part of their program, as a training tool. Provides the students additional hands on experience.

Last year’s students were subject to testing on the National Standards (NOCTI) as an assessment to compare Northlands students with the rest of the country. Results were very good – and the students compared equally to the rest of the country. Students will continue to take this testing yearly since Federal Funding is a lined with this testing.

Bob Kvitne questioned how the school markets the class to the public – Tim responded with some TV adds – but most is done over the internet with the web page – and social media – since most students watch little TV – read the newspaper etc.

Discussion was held regarding instruction of PLC’s and if possible to get the suppliers mobile equipment to the school for the students view and inspect. Scheduling may be difficult since most of the factory

rep's are in the area for a pre-determined amount of time and generally providing instruction to the area contractors. Russ commented that this area of knowledge is not necessary for students to have – some awareness is OK but not a requirement of the 2nd year graduate to gain employment.

There being no other new business and Dinner was about ready to be served – Russ –adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Russ Penn –Chair