

“Electrical Construction Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes”

March 21, 2017

Called to Order 4:30 PM

Roll call: Present -Russ Penn (Chair), Dan Edman, Scott Stenvick, Brian Huschle, Jeff Olson, Russ Lee, Mark Lothspeich / Absent - Brian Coster, Chris Eken, Erik Shulind, Jody Beauchamp, Anne Bryson, Stan Kovarik .

Old Business – Review Meeting minutes from March Oct 26, 2016 – Motion to approve – Dan Edmund / Second – Jeff Olson - Minutes so approved.

Instructor Report –Stan Kovarik -1<sup>st</sup> yr First Semester – (Stan being ill was unable to make a report – per Dan students have remained the same as the fall semesters.

Instructor Report – Dan Edman - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Second Semester – 18 students last spring all still remaining in class – some have contracts with employers all ready.

Classroom caps are still set at 23.

New Business:

(Dean Hunter MN MEA Electrical Code Representative stopped in to meet students – he noted to Dan that it is possible that students could get out a month early in the spring –when they have a job in place – This Dan was unsure of and will look into – the student would still need to complete the his studies.)

These above comments from Dean Hunter – per Dan are still valid – if students can provide a letter from an employer – then that student still can go to work early. He must still comply with the requirements of the class – if not they will not graduate - and their transcript will reflect such. Select students would then be available the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dan asked if anyone had reviewed the Job Seeking and Keeping course - Russ did review it and felt he had no issue with the course – but Anne had said she would run this past her HR people from DSG – but have not heard from her is this regard. The course will continue in place per Dan.

Dan still having issues with student attendance – some show up for the morning classes –but seem to disappear - some have part time jobs – so they end up going to those jobs. They are still required to provide the course study’s

Dan suggested that he may want to look into providing a one year program – at issue is students not returning after working for the summer after the first year of class. It has been the norm that some do not return and stay with their summer employment – thus the drop of in class size in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Russ suggested a possible accelerated class for one year and also maintaining the current class structures. This may have possible issues with receiving credit from the state electrical boards. Russ will contact the N Board and Dean Hunter with the state of Minnesota and seek their thoughts into this possibility. Russ’s

thoughts were that there are some students that could benefit in such a program – that they get their feet wet into the trade – but learn with hands on better than the classroom settings. This would not pre-clued the student from meeting the states requirements for training – he would need to continue in another program – but at the same time give them some basics and allows for more of the hands on type exposure – which some excel in learning under that method.

Brian was not keen on this idea – since we currently have sustainable classes.

Committee does agree that the class needs to be sustainable – but an offer of another type of class may also be – Russ will have discussions with the state boards.

NICA continuous to provide student scholarships, which does help with student expenses., but can possible cause the student to become fully engaged – since they are not putting some skin in the game.

As it was nearing 6:00 and dinner was about to be started the meeting adjourned @ 6:00 PM.

Next meeting TBD ( Assumes October \_\_ 2017 )

Russ Penn – Chair