

# **New Mexico Public Education Department Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

National Elevator Industry Educational Program

Local 131

2835 Pan American Suite F

Albuquerque, NM

September 15, 2009

## **MINUTES**

A regular bi-monthly meeting of the New Mexico Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Chris Romero, Committee Chair, at 10:17 am on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at the National Elevators Industry Educational Program.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT:**

Elisa Gallegos

Greta Schouman

Rick Meyer

Chris Romero

Louise Williams

Renee Lowden

Nancy Reisbeck

Charles Schumann

Bec Rheins

Jerry Welch

#### **ABSENT**

None

#### **AGENDA**

Greta Shouman moved to approve the agenda as submitted, Ms Bec Rheins seconded. Motion passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Greta Shouman moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Ms Bec Rheins seconded. Motion passed.

#### **NM PED UPDATE**

Louise Williams referred to the handout listing all members of the Apprenticeship and Training Advisory Committee and the two vacancies; one in the voting section, vacated by Leslie Pharr, representing the Employers of Members of Apprenticeable Trades, and the non-voting position, vacated by Mike Adams, representing the NM College and University System of Vocational Education. Ms. Williams informed the audience to contact her at PED, as applications for applying for either of these positions are available through the Public Education Department.

Louise Williams introduced the new members of the committee; Mr. Jerry Welch, representing the NM Educational entities who teach or immediately supervise preparatory instruction, supplementary instruction, or related instruction courses; Ms. Bec Rheins, representing Organized Labor for Members of Apprenticeable Trades; and Mr. Charles Schumann, representing the full-time training directors or program administrators of apprenticeship committees.

Ms. Williams gave an update on the NM Administrative Code subcommittee.

Although legislative funds are available through the Apprenticeship Act, a rule was never developed. The New Mexico Administrative Code subcommittee was formed to specifically address this issue and develop a rule. The committee began work on developing a rule in December 2008 and completed a draft. It has been reviewed and edited through part of the pyramid of the Public Education Department including legal counsel and has yet to go to

the Deputy Secretary and finally the PED Secretary, Dr. Garcia. It is also being reviewed by the NM Administrative Code Authority who will be responsible for maintaining the rule upon completion. It will be published through the NM Public Register and in NM newspapers. The final stage will be presenting it at a public hearing. The public is welcome to attend public hearings and contribute their opinions or concerns on the issues discussed. The next hearing is scheduled for November 15 and we hope to get this heard at that time before the next legislative session.

Upon the final review and just before going to hearing it will be distributed to all.

#### **APPRENTICESHIP RULE TO THE PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Ms. Williams reminded everyone that PED is available to anyone needing technical assistance with the claims workbook so that claims are submitted in time. All timelines are indicated in the calendar, which is included in the rule. The procedures manual will be developed as the rule is approved.

Ms. Williams prepared a report (handout) on behalf of a request made by Nancy Reisbeck to look at apprenticeship and journeyman funding and expenditures made (comparatively) for both.

The report was based on 2008-2009 funding.

Committee member Rick Meyer raised a concern about one program spending 61% of their allocation on journeyman training. The intent of the Act is to supplement apprenticeship training.

Three of the nineteen programs reverted funds at mid year rather than have an unexpended balance at the end of the year. Their budget adjustment amounts in the chart incorporate their solvency amount as well as the amount they reverted. This was redistributed among the entire 19 programs.

Chair, Chris Romero suggested perhaps every program should be represented at the mid-year meeting and be ready at that time to inform the committee if they will be utilizing their current balance in the next two quarters or be reverting funds for reallocation; waiting till the end of the third quarter would not provide sufficient time for reallocation. Ms. Williams recommended perhaps keeping with the status quo of reporting at mid-year but not cutting the checks till after the third quarter so that those programs reverting additional funds can do so at that time. DFA requires all information be submitted by the end of April.

Several committee members expressed an interest in placing a limit to spending on journeyman training.

Ms. Williams recommended that the Rule Committee get together and discuss a plan on setting a cap to journeyman training. She also reminded everyone about the section in the Act referring to distribution of funds and the language about a reserve through March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a percentage of funds appropriated to be used solely for apprenticeship related instruction. Because of that, it should be incorporated into the plan. Ms. Williams will send out a proposed date for the Rule Committee to meet on this issue.

Several apprenticeship programs represented in the audience agreed to a cap.

A question from the audience described an unforeseeable situation in the economy, such as should programs begin losing apprentices, would the state consider making an adjustment to increase the hourly contribution for the students remaining? Another concern was if the legislature might allocate fewer funds the following year if there was a significant drop in apprentices.

A reminder was made that the Apprenticeship Act states the intent of the allocation was only to supplement programs for the cost in training apprentices.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Louise Williams announced that a draft on the Pre-Apprenticeship Rule has been completed. It also has to go through the regular procedure for approval and a public hearing. This bill provides high school students, while

enrolled in school, the opportunity to receive training in the skills needed to work in the apprenticeable trades. The local school districts, in collaboration with industry, will provide the training.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Rule Committee will meet (date and time TBD) at the facilities of the New Mexico Ironworkers Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 2524 Baylor SE, Albuquerque.

Ms. Williams reminded everyone of the Legislative Special Session to begin in October, and encouraged that it was not too early for them to begin talking with their legislators about the importance in keeping the Apprenticeship Act funded.

Mr. Romero suggested talking about having an Apprenticeship Day at the Roundhouse at the next regular legislative session. This can be discussed at the next Rule Committee meeting (time and date TBD).

Santa Fe Indian School will host a Career Fair within the next couple of months. A flyer will be distributed.

Larry Sonntag announced a meeting coming up next week involving all Mayoral candidates and their opinions specifically on construction trades issues. He encourages everyone in the construction trades to attend.

Leonard Bridge of NEIEP announced an initiative being promoted by the National Elevator Industry to get New Mexico to require licensing and inspection of all elevators in New Mexico. He encouraged everyone to speak with their legislators about considering implementing legislation for mandating inspections.

Member, Elisa Gallegos, announced that on September 21<sup>st</sup> the Women's Bureau of the US Department of Labor in Dallas will be hosting a Roundtable Discussion. The topic is Women in Non-traditional Occupations and Green Jobs. It will be held at the Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque at 1:00 pm. Ms. Gallegos expressed appreciation if apprenticeship folks would attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 10:00 am at the Plumbers and Pipefitters facility at 411 Arizona SE, Albuquerque.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Rick Meyer moved to adjourn, Charles Schumann seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:55.