

State Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators
Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

Wednesday September 16, 2015

Gateway Technical College
Sturtevant, WI.

Draft Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:11a.m. by Mark Bartels in conformance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.
2. Attendees introduced themselves. Review of the committee roster was done and changes were made as needed. Mr. Owen Smith announced that there is a vacancy open due to the retirement of Dean Faulkner.
3. The minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written.
4. Mr. Owen Smith presented a review of the BAS Website and Wastewater Treatment web page to the members. The committee members stated that they felt that the site and web page was well done and that it is getting positive feedback.
5. The committee discussed changes to some of the wording in the work processes and tasks requirements of the State Exhibit "A" trade information. The changes were discussed and will be made.
6. **Old Business:**
 - a. Mr. Owen Smith informed the committee members that the **Apprenticeship Completion Award Program (ACAP)** has been approved and extended for the next 2 years until June 2017. There will be \$225,000 per year available.
 - b. Owen informed the committee that BAS has been awarded 5 million dollars from the Department of Labor **American Apprenticeship Grant**. The grant will be used to:
 1. Increase the pipeline of qualified applicants into registered apprenticeship from both the K-12 system and under employed/unemployed individuals.
 2. Bridge the Youth Apprenticeship and the Registered Apprenticeship Programs, which are both sponsored by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD).
 3. Expand Registered Apprenticeship into new occupational areas such as, health care and information technology.
 - c. **Apprenticeship Advisory Council News:**

Owen passed out copies of the new booklets that were created by the Apprenticeship Advisory Council which consisted of the "Pre-Apprenticeship Readiness" and "Successful Interviewing booklets. The reviews were positive and the booklets may be available on the BAS website in the future.

d. Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship Summit Review:

Owen discussed the outcome of the Summit and the direction and growth of Apprenticeship in Wisconsin.

New Business

1. Owen identified the duties of state committee members and discussed the need for advice and recommendations from them.

2. DNR Update:

The DNR provided an update on current and future policies and requirements and provided copies of their newsletter for review. The DNR also provide a Q&A session to discuss current issues and future concerns.

3. WTCS Update:

Wisconsin Technical College System discussed the current status of the related instruction for the Wastewater Treatment Operator Apprenticeships at both Gateway and Moraine Park Colleges.

4. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2016 at Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District Facility in Green Bay Wisconsin at 10:00am.
5. The meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Submitted by Burt Harding, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards