

September 14, 2020

TO: State Iron Worker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Members & Consultants

FROM: Owen Smith, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
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SUBJECT: **State Iron Worker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Meeting**

DATE: **Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

TIME: **10:00 AM**

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Introduce attendees.
3. Review the roster.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **For action:** approve the minutes
 - b. Registered apprenticeship during COVID-19
 - c. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30
 - d. Federal grants to expand registered apprenticeship
 - e. Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs
 - f. Applicant outreach campaign and revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org
 - g. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program
 - h. Other
5. **New Business**
 - a. Mandatory registration in BASERS
 - b. **For action:** revising state standards, including applicant assessment requirements and ASVAB
 - c. 2020 Meeting of National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors (NASTAD)
 - d. 2020 National Apprenticeship Week
 - e. 2021 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference
 - f. Revising Transition to Trainer and Teaching Transition to Trainer
 - g. BAS leadership and personnel changes
 - h. Other

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6. WTCS Update
7. Review the program participants.
8. Schedule the next meeting.
9. Adjourn.

Draft Minutes of the
Ironworking
State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

March 5, 2020
Local 383 Training Center
Madison, Wisconsin

Members Present	Organization / Employer
Cyganek, Brad (Co-Chair)	Ironworkers Local 8
Davies, Barry	Local 512 (MN)
DeMinter, Tim	Ironworkers Local 383
Hayes, Peter	Red Cedar Steel Erectors
Otte, Kara	Boldt
Mayrhofer, Tony	Ironworkers Local 8
Riley, John	K.F. Sullivan Co.
Members Absent	Organization / Employer
Hager, Ben (Co-Chair)	J.H. Findorff
Hooyman, Chad	SPE Little Chute
Shultis, Andrew	Ironworkers Local 383
Consultants and Guests	Organization / Employer
Hanson, Rich	Ironworkers Local 8
Johnson, Josh	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Rogers, Milton	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Smith, Owen	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Stern, Pete	Ironworkers Local 383

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Co-Chair Brad Cyganek, in conformance with the Wisconsin open meeting laws.
2. A roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.
3. The committee reviewed the current roster. **The committee welcomed Mr. Pete Hayes and Ms. Kara Otte to the Employer side of the committee.**

4. **Old Business**

a. Review follow-up items from the previous meeting.

i. For action: approve the minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

ii. Assessing applicants with Accuplacer Next Generation

Owen reviewed how the Bureau determined that the Ironworker's required minimum ACT Math score of 15 crosswalks to a required minimum Next Generation Arithmetic score of 220. Owen asked attendees how well the score was working.

The state committee reported that the score works well and is accurate.

iii. Statewide curriculum standard model for WTCS

Owen reviewed that the state committee approved a motion to allow Pete Stern to make the final decision based on pending upcoming conversations with Mid-State Technical College and WTCS. Owen asked how the conversations proceeded.

Pete reported that conversations have been scheduled but have not occurred.

iv. Can pre-apprenticeship graduates receive direct entry into registered apprenticeship?

Director Johnson reviewed that local committees can submit selection procedures that it sees fit, such as direct entry, as part of the process for submitting local standards. He noted that the joint apprenticeship committees recently submitted new local standards but did not update their selection procedures.

The state committee agreed that the joint apprenticeship committees did not update their selection procedures in the recently submitted standards. Director Johnson then advised to the JACs to submit their revised selection procedures.

b. Implementing revisions to CFR 29.30

Director Johnson updated attendees on the Bureau's progress:

- The Bureau's overall approach is to educate and assist sponsors, not punish them.
- BAS plans to meet with sponsors this spring and summer to discuss diversity and inclusivity activities and expectations. Those meetings will likely be held via webinar.
- BAS updated the apprentice application to include the opportunity to disclose disabilities.
- BAS is updating its policy and procedures manual, too.

- More information on the revisions, including links to the law and the anti-harassment video provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, is available on the Bureau website.
- Sponsors should email their questions to Mr. Andrew Kasper.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

c. Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs

Director Johnson reported that IRAPs have been implemented nationally and the construction sector was not included. The Bureau, as the approving agency of all apprenticeships in Wisconsin, will deny IRAPs in Wisconsin and instead discuss flexible options available through registered apprenticeship. More information is likely to come, so the Bureau will keep the state committees informed.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. Federal grants to expand registered apprenticeship

The Bureau has three active federal grants. The first, WAGE\$, is proceeding well. The Bureau anticipates meeting all over its targets except total number of apprentices in new occupations, which is not a surprise because the first programs in new sectors grow slowly at first.

The second and third grants—the State Apprenticeship Expansion (SAE) grant and the Apprenticeship State Expansion (ASE) grant—will help integrate registered apprenticeship into the workforce system. Through the SAE grant, the Bureau will reimburse sponsors for hiring graduates of certified pre-apprenticeship programs. Through the ASE grant, the Bureau funded two full-time Apprenticeship Navigators in the Milwaukee area. The Navigators will connect registered apprenticeship sponsors with the workforce community—WIOA certified individuals, youth apprenticeships, certified pre-apprenticeships, offenders—and will reimburse registered apprenticeship sponsors for certain costs of on-the-job learning.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

e. Revisions to www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org

Director Johnson reported that the Bureau received permission from the Department of Workforce Development to re-revise its website to look and function differently than the DWD template. The request was influenced by claims from featured sponsors that the recent redesign made their contact information more challenging to access. The Bureau will revise the site this summer.

The state committee commented that the current site is neither helpful nor user-friendly; applicants have a difficult time finding information on the occupation and the contact information for sponsors.

f. Apprenticeship Completion Award Program (ACAP)

Director Johnson reported that ACAP continues to be a strong example of bipartisan support for registered apprenticeship. He reviewed the most recent totals and noted that the denied reimbursements will always be greater than awarded reimbursements because the maximum reimbursement is 25% of total costs or \$1,000, whichever comes first. The Department will request including ACAP in the next biennial budget.

The state committee commented that the ACAP submission process is confusing and unhelpful.

g. Other

Attendees did not have additional topics.

5. New Business

a. Lessons learned from DWD tour of Germany Apprenticeship Program

Director Johnson reported that he, Secretary Frostman, and several WI Apprenticeship stakeholders visited Germany to tour the Germany Apprenticeship Program. He stated the visit was invaluable in learning how WI Apprenticeship could improve and how it works very well already, within the U.S.

He noted several key take-aways:

- Apprenticeship in Germany is a socio-economic institution. Many, many industries and occupations train workers through registered apprenticeship, and students qualified for apprenticeships are tracked as early as fourth grade. These dynamics are possible due to greater government involvement in industries and the K-12 institutions.
- Similarly, apprenticeship in Germany focuses almost exclusively on preparing students and youth; apprenticeship is rarely used by adults to change careers because they would be far behind the skill level of youth. In contrast, Wisconsin Apprenticeship focuses mostly on helping adults prepare for careers and Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship focuses on broadly exposing participants to a career cluster or industry rather than prepare them in-depth for an occupation.
- WI Apprenticeship works very well within the contexts of U.S. society. Involving K-12 students in career and technical education is very important. Although the U.S. secondary school system would not accept "tracking" students early, students are now required to begin "academic career planning" in middle school. Therefore, the most feasible means of strategically positioning Wisconsin Apprenticeship in the K-12 system is to have it included as an option within academic career planning. Middle-school students could then prepare by taking the necessary academic subjects, such as math and science, and then pursue youth apprenticeship in high school.

The state committee asked whether Germany uses the "ranked list." Director Johnson replied, no. The ranked list is not used because there is no need for it; it's embedded within the structured relationship between the schools and various government structures.

b. 2021 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference

Director Johnson reported that the conference will be held February 22-24, 2021, at the Wilderness Hotel in the Wisconsin Dells. The planning team has begun meeting. The specific theme, workshops, and speakers are under discussion, but the primary focus will be that apprenticeship is for everyone, e.g. every sector, worker, student, partner, etc. The Apprenticeship Expo will be included. By summer the Bureau will launch the registration page and mail a save-the-date notice.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

c. 2020 National Apprenticeship Week

The 2020 National Apprenticeship Week was not yet announced nationally, so the Bureau will observe Wisconsin Apprenticeship Week the week of November 8-14.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

d. Revising Transition to Trainer

Director Johnson reported that the Bureau, Wisconsin Technical College System, and Worldwide Instructional Design System have begun revising "Transition to Trainer." The revisions will make the course more accessible to non-traditional apprenticeship occupations, update terminology and learning activities, and introduce on-line delivery of specific modules. The project is lead by WTCS and includes an industry focus group of trainers from traditional and new sectors.

The state committee strongly agreed that the course needed to be revised and strongly recommended it be delivered as occupation-specific, i.e. occupations vary too widely to mix in the classroom.

e. BAS leadership and personnel changes

Director Johnson thanked attendees for their letters of support for his acceptance as Bureau Director. He emphasized that his vision is to innovate registered apprenticeship by integrating it further with certified pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship, technical diplomas, and more.

Additional personnel changes include the following:

- Tommy Myles, Apprenticeship Navigator
- Dawn Pratt, Apprenticeship Navigator
- Milton Rogers, Apprenticeship Training Representative for Madison
- Corey Popp, Apprenticeship Training Representative for Madison
- Melissa Kendhammer, Apprenticeship Training Representative for La Crosse
- Chris Landerman, Apprenticeship Training Representative for Appleton

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

f. Other_

Mr. Owen Smith reported that the WI Dept. of Health Services will reimburse training centers for lead abatement training for apprentices and journey workers through its Lead Safe Homes program. He asked representatives of local committees and training centers if they would be interested in learning more. He is informally gauging interest during the state committee season and will email an official letter, background information, and interest survey in May.

The local committees stated that they do not perform the work regularly. Therefore, the local committees said they would likely not need the training but would prefer to receive the information.

6. WTCS Update

Owen will forward the WTCS report to the attendees.

7. Review the participants.

Participants included 267 apprentices and 45 employers with a contract in active or unassigned status as of February 21, 2020. The Bureau noted the Ironworkers' high percentages of minority and female apprentices: 13.9% minorities and 4.9% female.

8. Mr. Owen Smith reported that he will schedule the next meeting via electronic survey. The state committee stated it would prefer to meet in early September in Eau Claire.

9. The committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Submitted by Owen Smith,
Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards*

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WAGE\$ Apprentices and Sponsors by Occupation Fall 2020 Committee Update

The Wisconsin Apprenticeship Growth and Expansion Strategies (WAGE\$) grant is a 5-year, \$5 million grant from the US Department of Labor. The purpose is to expand Registered Apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing and develop new programs in Information Technology and Health Care. The grant started October 1, 2015, and will conclude September 30, 2020.

- The overarching goal is 1,000 apprentices in the occupations selected for grant support.
- The table below shows the number of apprentices by occupation and underrepresented population.
- Employ Milwaukee, Inc., applied for and was granted the same type of grant that BAS applied for. Therefore, BAS and EMI entered into an agreement by which EMI would be able to count certain apprentices for its own grant. As of the date of this report, the following number of apprentices are included in EMI's grant, not the WAGE\$ grant.
 - 9 Industrial Manufacturing Technician apprentices
 - 4 IT Service Desk Technician apprentices
 - 9 Pharmacy Technician apprentices

WAGE\$ Apprentices by Occupation and Underrepresented Status October 1, 2015 - September 2, 2020				
This report includes apprentice records for the report period: Industrial Manufacturing Technician; Maintenance Technician; Mechatronics Technician; Welder - Fabricator; Welder / Automated Welding; Software Developer; Medical Assistant; IT Service Desk Technician; Data Analyst; Broadband Service Technician; Cybersecurity Analyst; Pharmacy Technician; Medical Assistant (WTCS),				
Apprentices claimed by Employ Milwaukee have been removed.				
Occupation Name	Count	Female	Minority	Veteran
Report Total:	678	67	110	50
Industrial Manufacturing Technician - 77 completed; 32 cancelled; 9 apprentices counted by Employ Milwaukee	146	21 (14%)	42 (29%)	6 (4%)
Maintenance Technician - 21 completed; 88 cancelled	360	5 (1%)	36 (10%)	31 (9%)
Mechatronics Technician - 19 cancelled	90	2 (2%)	5 (6%)	9 (10%)
Welder / Automated Welding & Fabricator - 5 completed; 5 cancelled	36	1 (3%)	4 (6%)	3 (8%)
Broadband Service Technician	1			
Data Analyst - 4 apprentices counted by Employ Milwaukee				
IT Service Desk Technician : 3 completed	4	1 (25%)	1 (20%)	
Software Developer	2	2 (100%)		
Medical Assistant - 14 completed; 2 cancelled	39	35 (90%)	22 (56%)	1 (2%)
Pharmacy Technician – 9 apprentices counted by Employ Milwaukee				

195 (29%) of the apprentices identify with at least one of the underrepresented populations.

- 164 of them identify with one of the populations.
- 30 identify with two of them.
- 1 of them identifies with all three.

All ACAP Reimbursement Requests Processed (Time Period) - Summary

Apprenticeship Completion Award Program (ACAP)

Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

Division of Employment and Training

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Filters Applied: Determination Date between 7/1/20 and 8/31/20, Fiscal Year(s)= FY21

Type	Fiscal Year	# of RRs	\$Approved	\$Denied
Year One	21		\$5,500.00	\$48,091.51
Year One Totals		36	\$5,500.00	\$48,091.51
Completion	21		\$16,096.82	\$99,429.59
Completion Totals		34	\$16,096.82	\$99,429.59
Report Totals		70	\$21,596.82	\$147,521.10



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**STATE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS
FOR THE
IRON WORKER AND ASSEMBLER, METAL BUILDING TRADES**

FOREWORD

These Standards of apprenticeship have been formulated for the Ironworking Industry for the benefit and guidance of local committees, journey worker organizations and employers. The need for increased skills and versatility and to produce efficient mechanics in numbers that will adequately supply the Ironworking industry's needs dictates these consistent standards of training for apprentices in our state.

The purpose of apprentice training is to encourage careful selection of Ironworkers coming into the trade and to adequately train apprentices now in the trade to equip them for profitable employment and good citizenship; to further the assurance of qualified workers to the employer so that the public may receive the best possible workmanship.

The success of these standards will depend upon the willingness of the industry to cooperate with the state and local committees in every manner possible.

The state committee gives its services on a voluntary basis and is elected equally from journey workers and employers.

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I. Definitions

- A. **Apprentice** means any person who enters into an apprentice contract with the department and with a sponsor or an apprenticeship committee acting as an agent of the sponsor. Iron Worker apprentices are persons covered by a contract approved by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
- B. **Apprentice Contract** means any contract or agreement of service, express or implied, between an apprentice, the department, and a sponsor or an apprenticeship committee acting as the agent of a sponsor whereby an apprentice is to receive directly from or through the apprentice's employer, in consideration for the apprentice's services in whole or in part, instruction in any trade, craft, or business.
- C. **Apprenticeship Committee** means a joint apprenticeship committee or a non-joint apprenticeship committee designated by a sponsor to administer an apprenticeship program.
- D. **Assignment** means the initial placement of an apprentice with an employer.
- E. **Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards (BAS)** is the agency within the Department of Workforce Development charged with the oversight responsibilities of Wisconsin's apprenticeship program.
- F. **Cancellation** means the termination of the registration or approval status of a program at the request of the sponsor or termination of an Apprentice contract at the request of any party to the contract.
- G. **Certificate of Completion** means the department has determined that an apprentice has successfully completed an apprenticeship shown by a certificate of completion.
- H. **Certificate of Registration** means the acceptance and recording of such program by the department as meeting the basic standards and requirements of the department for approval of such program for federal and state purposes, as shown by a certificate of registration.
- I. **Competency** means the attainment of manual, mechanical or technical skills and knowledge, as specified by an occupational standard and demonstrated by an appropriate written and hands-on proficiency measurement.
- J. **Completion rate** means the percentage of an apprenticeship cohort who receives a certificate of apprenticeship completion within 1 year of the projected completion date. An apprenticeship cohort is the group of individual apprentices registered to a specific program during a 1 year time frame, except that a cohort does not include the apprentices whose apprenticeship agreement has been cancelled during the probationary period or who have transferred.
- K. **Department** means the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) which is the state registration agency for the purposes of 29 CFR 29. The Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards is part of the Department of Workforce Development.

- L. **Electronic media** means media that utilize electronics or electromechanical energy for the end user (audience) to access the content; and includes, but is not limited to, electronic storage media, transmission media, the Internet, extranet, lease lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic media and/or interactive distance learning.
- M. **Employee** – A person who is employed as journey level Ironworker/Ironworker (Assembler, Metal Buildings).
- N. **Employer** – Any contractor who is engaged in the ironworking business qualified to employ apprentices as outlined in Section VII of these standards.
- O. **Interim credential** means a credential issued by the department, upon request of the appropriate sponsor, as certification of competency attainment by an apprentice.
- P. **Joint Apprenticeship Committee** means an apprenticeship committee that consists of an equal number of representatives of employers and of representatives of employees who are represented by a collective bargaining agent.
- Q. **Journeyworker** means a worker who has attained a level of skill, abilities and competencies recognized within an industry as having mastered the skills and competencies required for the occupation and/or hold a State of Wisconsin certification.
- R. **Local apprenticeship committee** means an apprenticeship committee to which the department has delegated the authority to act under Administrative Code DWD 295.02 and 295.03.
- S. **Nonjoint apprenticeship committee** means an apprenticeship committee that consists of representatives of employers, but not of representatives of employees who are represented by a collective bargaining agent.
- T. **Quality Assurance Assessment** means a comprehensive review conducted by the department regarding all aspects of an apprenticeship program's performance (see section VI –Local Apprenticeship Committee Operations).
- U. **Reassignment** means the assignment of an apprentice from one employer to another within the same apprenticeship program.
- V. **Registration of an apprentice contract** means the acceptance and recording of an apprentice contract by the department as evidence of the apprentice's participation in a particular registered apprenticeship program.
- W. **Related instruction** an organized and systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with the knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to the apprentice's occupation. Such instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses, or by correspondence courses of equivalent value, electronic media, or other forms of self-study approved by the department.

- X. **Sponsor** means any local committee operating an apprenticeship program and in whose name the apprenticeship program is approved by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.
- Y. **Sponsor Training Center** an education source that provides related instruction as approved by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
- Z. **State Committee** - The Wisconsin State Iron Worker and Metal Building Trades Apprenticeship Advisory Committee is advisory to the Department of Workforce Development and the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards on matters of apprenticeship and to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) on matters of related instruction for apprentices.
- AA. **Transfer** means a shift of apprenticeship registration from one program to another where there is agreement between the apprentice and the affected apprenticeship committees or program sponsors.
- BB. **Unassignment** means the temporary interruption of an apprentice contract.
- CC. **Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Council** means the council created by WI Stats. 15.227 (13).
- DD. **Wisconsin Technical College System** is a publicly funded system of colleges subject to Chapter 38 of the WI State Statutes and Technical College System Administrative Rules.

II. Personnel of the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

This Committee shall be composed of no less than eight (8) nor more than thirty (30) members. The intention is to have fair representation from local committees on the state committee. The Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards (BAS) will ensure that all areas of the state are properly represented on each state trade committee.

- A. Employer representative names will include nominees submitted to the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards (BAS) by the appropriate employer associations.
- B. Employee representative names will include nominees submitted to BAS by the Ironworkers Local 8, Local 383 and Local 849.
- C. Members will serve for a term of three years and may be re-nominated for further terms. Committee memberships will be staggered to maintain continuity in functioning.
 - 1) Members must be currently and actively participating in the trade and are required to attend at least 75 percent of the meetings over the term of their appointment.
 - 2) Members must represent organizations that are actively involved with training apprentices at the local level; or
 - 3) Be involved in the development of emerging trades; or
 - 4) Have been involved in the training of apprentices in the last two years.

- D. Exceptions to these requirements can be made by the BAS in order to expand female and minority participation on committees.
- E. The BAS may also designate consultant members to serve as non-voting members, as needed. The WTCS representatives, industry apprenticeship coordinators, instructors and other interested parties in the apprenticeship program may advise and consult with state committee, but they are not allowed to serve as voting members
- F. The State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee generally meets at least twice each year and their membership includes equal numbers of employer and employee members who have been nominated by organizations involved at the local committee level
- G. The committee operates on a consensus based decision-making process. This means that there may be concerns after discussion, but the committee members may consent to the proposal anyway and allow it to be adopted. Therefore, reaching consensus does not assume that everyone must be in complete agreement, but that all members can live with the decision. When the committee cannot reach consensus, the BAS will make the final decision.
- H. The Bureau may remove a person from membership on a committee for one or more of the following reasons:
 - 1) Failure to attend at least 75% of the committee meetings over the term of the appointment, unless excused by the Bureau for good cause.
 - 2) Failure to meet the membership requirements under paragraph II C unless an exception is granted under II D as noted above.
 - 3) Violation of any state apprenticeship statute, rule or standard.
- I. Vacancies may be filled, or representatives changed in term, at the request of the appropriate association.

III. Duties of the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee

- A. Recommend/advise on policy and/or program changes in the trade.
- B. Formulate minimum state standards (and review them every five years) for the trade and make recommendations on changes to the Bureau including:
 - 1) the period of training
 - 2) minimum work process requirements
 - 3) related instruction
 - 4) probation period
 - 5) employer requirements to serve as a trainer
 - 6) journey level worker/apprentice ratios
 - 7) apprentice reviews
 - 8) apprentice selection process (AA/EEO requirements)
 - 9) local committee review-assist local committees and/or sponsors in developing selection procedures which are bias free and which ensure minorities and women are considered

- C. Recommend curriculum, related instruction and delivery service requirements for the trade to the Bureau and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS).
- D. Prepare policies for participating trades on proficiency assessment and testing devices for work experience and course work to be utilized by sponsors in determining credit for previous experience and education.
- E. Review and monitor local committee operations and activity levels and recommend changes in operations where appropriate, including Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. (AA/EEO).
- F. Prepare an apprentice layoff/transfer policy and procedures and assist sponsors in its proper use.
- G. Assist sponsors to work out programmatic and administrative problems.
- H. Assist in the formation and promotion of local committee structures where they currently do not exist.
- I. Assume statewide leadership for the purpose of improving conditions and expanding the number of employers using apprentices in the trade
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- K. Support the state program of training for apprentices.
- L. Prepare a policy for the trade on proficiency assessment/testing (for work experience and course work) to be utilized by local committees in determining apprenticeship credit for previous experience/education.
- M. Review and monitor local committee activity levels (including biennial reports) and recommend changes in AA/EEO operations where appropriate.
- N. The committee will follow these operational guidelines:
- O. Meet at least a minimum of two times a year.
- P. Elect of the Committee co-chairs; an employer representative and an employee representative.
- Q. Conduct meetings in conformity with Wisconsin open meeting law.
- R. A meeting quorum exists when at least two employer and two employee representatives are present.
- S. Official meeting minutes will be prepared by the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards.
- T. Committee recommendations will be made by consensus.

IV. Personnel of Local Committees

Local Apprenticeship Committees, either joint or non-joint, are created much the same as State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee. Each local committee has a minimum of four (4) voting members, generally comprised of employer and employee members.

- A. Multi-trade local committees are authorized provided that at least one member of the committee is a member of the apprentice's trade that is being reviewed.
- B. The BAS requests nominations from associations that have apprenticeship programs and employer/employee organizations that participate in the Wisconsin apprenticeship program.
- C. Joint apprenticeship committees have equal numbers of employer and employee representatives.
- D. Employer members must currently work at the trade or represent those who employ skilled workers of the trade and have trained apprentices in the last five years. Local employer organizations representing contractors who employ journeymen and apprentices at the trade will nominate employer members.
- E. Employee members must be active journeymen or represent active journeymen. Local Labor Organizations representing skilled workers in the area will nominate employee members.
- F. Non joint apprenticeship committees consist of a minimum of four voting members that consist of representatives of employers that participate in Wisconsin's Apprenticeship program. When there is no area employer organization, the BAS will request the state-wide employers' organization or state trade apprenticeship committee to assist it in locating qualified employers to serve.
- G. Exceptions to these requirements can be made by the BAS in order to expand female and minority participation on the committees.
- H. In order for a Local Apprenticeship Committee to be recognized as advisory to the BAS, each member must be designated by the BAS. After nominations have been submitted, the BAS will finalize the committee membership. Before membership is finalized, the BAS will ensure that females and minorities are represented on the committee, where they are employed in the skilled workforce. Membership is finalized with a letter from the BAS confirming the committee membership to committee members. No person is considered a committee member until they have been so designated.
- I. Each Local Apprenticeship Committee is assigned a geographical area by the BAS. The committee may be expected to advise the BAS and the WTCS on all apprenticeship matters in the trades covered by the committee. The assignment of the area may be based on several factors such as; the union jurisdiction, WTCS boundaries, population centers, or others.
- J. Members will serve for a term of three years and may be re-nominated for further terms. Terms will be staggered to ensure that continuity of the committee is maintained.
- K. Members must attend at least 75% of the meetings over the term of their appointment, unless excused for good cause.
- L. The Bureau may remove a person from membership on a committee for one or more of the following reasons:

- 1) Failure to attend at least 75% of the committee meetings over the term of the appointment, unless excused by the Bureau for good cause.
- 2) Failure to meet the membership requirements under paragraph IV G, unless an exception is granted under IV E as noted above.
- 3) Violation of any state apprenticeship statute, rule or standard

V. Local Apprenticeship Committee Functions and Duties

- A. Ensure that employer and apprentice applications are processed in a timely manner. Ensure that apprentices are properly registered in conformity with Wisconsin Apprenticeship regulations.
- B. Establish Local Standards. The local committee must use the State Ironworker Committee Standards for their trade as a guide in the operation of the apprenticeship program in their area. Provisions drawn from local collective bargaining agreements must conform to the minimum requirements of the State Ironworker Standards.
- C. Development and implement selection procedure and an affirmative action plan to meet the requirements of DWD 295 and 296 and the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual. The committee processes applications for apprenticeship and this method must be spelled out clearly in the selection procedures. The selection procedures must also be available for applicants to review.
- D. Recommend to the BAS credit for previous experience/education in conformity with State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee policy and procedures.
- E. Recommend to the BAS conditions under which apprentices may be employed.
- F. A committee will have a written procedure for assisting apprentices in their area who are out of work, so that the best possible effort can be made to get them back to work.
- G. Approve employers for apprenticeship training purposes in accordance with State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Standards (and para. VIII E below). All employer applications for apprentices must be reviewed by the committee. Ensure that employers provide apprentices with the required range of work process experience and safeguard the training of apprentices on the job.
- H. Maintain records of each apprentice in the committee's program. The local committee must review and ensure that adequate classroom and work/on-the-job records are kept for each apprentice.
 - 1) Each committee must have a record of applications, active apprentices, apprentice progress records, affirmative action efforts, transfers, etc.
 - 2) Local committees must have a system for receiving progress records from each apprentice. These records must be received regularly.
 - 3) Local committees must get regular reports on each apprentice's grades and attendance from the approved training provider.

- 4) Review and make sure that adequate classroom and on-the-job records are kept for apprentices. All reviews should be in writing. All apprentice records must be maintained for five years after the last apprentice action.
- I. Review and evaluate apprentice classroom and on-the-job performance on a regular basis, as recommended by the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, (at least annually and a minimum of two times during the term of the Apprentice Contract, in person) and before recommending completion to the Bureau. All reviews must be in writing.
- J. Review the status and progress of every apprentice prior to the end of the probationary period and recommend any appropriate action to the employer. Apprentices should be interviewed in person by the committee at least twice during their apprenticeship, with one review prior to the end of their probationary period so their progress at work and at school can be discussed with the apprentice. Employers and supervisors should also be interviewed, so that all viewpoints are available to the committee.
- K. Encourage parties to Apprentice Contracts to bring their complaints before the committee. If either the employer or the apprentice has a grievance about their program, it is important to bring this matter before the committee first, rather than make an official complaint directly to the BAS. If the committee does not make a satisfactory adjustment, then the complainant must be told how to appeal in writing to the BAS.
- L. Local committee standards will have a consistent transfer policy that addresses the transfer of apprentices from one sponsor to another. The committee must assure that transfer forms are properly signed by all parties and forwarded to the BAS promptly.
- M. Recommend to the BAS, credit for previous experience and education in conformity with State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee policy and procedures.
 - 1) Credit should be granted prior to the end of the probationary period, or at least as soon as a proper evaluation can be made of the credit request.
 - 2) Apprentices may be granted credit for previous work or school experience.
 - 3) Such credit should only reflect actual work time that relates directly to the trade or school time relating directly to the trade related instruction.
 - 4) Any party to the Apprentice Contract may forward a request for credit to the committee (apprentice, employer, the BAS or the committee). Third parties may supply supporting information to the committee for consideration in the determination process.
- N. If the BAS approves the committee's recommendation of credit and such credit advances the apprentice to a higher wage, then that wage must apply. All credit recommendations of the committee, approved or denied must be made in writing and forwarded to the BAS. Work and school time credit served, under a prior Wisconsin apprentice contract in the same trade, must be credited at once, unless a written reason is presented and approved by the BAS.

- O. Recommend completions of apprenticeship to the BAS. The committee should review each apprentice's record and make a recommendation to the BAS on the apprentice's eligibility to be completed.
- P. Make reports and recommendations to the BAS and the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee. Each area committee must keep the BAS and the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee informed of their activities and their suggestions for program improvements.
- Q. Keep minutes of each committee meeting and submit copies to the BAS. The committee must submit a copy of the minutes of each of its meetings. Failure to submit copies of the minutes could result in the termination of the committee's designation and deregistration of the committee.
- R. Advise and inform the public on projected apprentice openings, where applicable.
- S. Advise the BAS and technical colleges or provider of related instruction on all matters pertaining to related instruction in the committee area. Assist in securing related instruction with the state and/or area WTCS districts.
- T. Respond to surveys and questionnaires sent by the BAS regarding information on participating employers, apprentices, meetings held, and AA/EEO progress.
- U. Meet in conformity with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
- V. Actively participate in statewide trade or industry marketing and apprenticeship promotion. Report back to the respective nominating organizations and keep them fully informed and active in promoting the local program.
- W. Recommend modifications to ratios in state standards to help meet area workforce needs in conformity with bargaining agreements, where applicable.

VI. Local Apprenticeship Committee Operations

- A. The committee elects its own officers.
- B. The committee is responsible for recording the committee's proceedings.
- C. All meetings must be called and conducted in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law.
- D. Notice of all meetings of the committee must be provided to all committee members, the Bureau Representative, and the WTCS School Representative, when appropriate.
- E. A meeting may be called by either a committee member, the Bureau Representative or the WTCS Representative.
- F. The Bureau, State or Local Committees may request interested organizations to have a representative serve as a Consultant. Consultants may include: WI Technical College representatives; Industry Apprenticeship Coordinators; Apprenticeship Instructors; Employer and Employee Organization representatives; appropriate Community Based organizations. Consultants, guests, Bureau

Representatives and WTCS Representatives are not permitted to vote; only designated members are permitted to vote.

G. Local committees will meet at least two times each year or as prescribed by the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee.

- 1) Joint Apprenticeship Committees. A meeting quorum exists when at least one employer and one employee representative is present. In the case of unequal representation, the members present shall vote for those absent from their group.
- 2) Non-Joint Committees. A meeting quorum exists when at least two members are in attendance.
- 3) When holding a local committee meeting, it is suggested that committees follow a formal procedure similar to the following:
 - i. Call to order by presiding officer. This meeting is called to order in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law.
 - ii. Roll Call of Committee members.
 - iii. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting.
 - iv. Reports.
 - v. Old Business.
 - vi. New business.
 - vii. Affirmative Action report.
 - viii. Communications and miscellaneous matters.
 - ix. Next meeting date.
 - x. Discussion.
 - xi. Closed meeting portion (motion to close the meeting must be made in accordance with the Wisconsin Opening Meetings Law). Include time.
 - xii. Adjournment.

H. Compliance Reviews

BAS staff will conduct periodic Compliance Reviews of local committees to determine whether local committees are complying with their approved Affirmative action Plan and Selection Procedures.

BAS evaluates the committee performance in accordance with chapter 7 of the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual in administering the committee's apprenticeship program to determine that all requirements are being satisfactorily met and that any necessary corrective action is being implemented.

I. Liability of Local Committees

- 1) Should the committee or any member be subject to any legal action as a result of recommendations made in the conduct of Local Apprenticeship Committee business, the BAS will, if it has concurred with the recommendations, assume responsibility for representing the committee or committee member.
- 2) The committee or member must have clearly indicated in writing to all affected parties that the recommendation was appealable to the BAS. Failure to do this may abrogate BAS's responsibility.

VII. Minimum Qualifications of Apprentices

- A. Must be at least 18 years of age at date of application and have a high school diploma, GED, or high school equivalency diploma.
- B. Must be physically fit and able to perform all tasks of the trade, with or without reasonable accommodations.
- C. Must furnish proof of age and educational background.
- D. Must be willing to accept safety and OSHA standards.
- E. Must be able to meet required norms on the ACT. Applicants without ACT scores or insufficient ACT scores must take the Accuplacer. Scores from all assessments will be valid for up to five years from the test date.

ACT	15 in Math	15 in Reading
Accuplacer	55 in Arithmetic	66 in Reading

- F. Must possess a valid driver's license at time of placement or prove ability to get to and from school and work.
- G. Applicants will be required to take a recognized substance abuse test at the time of initial job placement. They may also be subject to random drug testing while on a job site. The cost of the testing will be paid for by the employer or local committee.

VIII. Direct Entry

A. Acceptance Of Workers As Apprentices In An Organizing Effort

Individuals who lack journey level skills and become union members solely by organizing efforts, may directly enter into the apprenticeship program without regard to the present minimum program entry qualifications, an eligibility list, or passing a written apprenticeship entrance test, when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The Sponsor agrees to admit all workers without regard to race, sex and age and all workers receive equal consideration for entry into the program.
- 2) Apprentices must have a high school diploma, GED, or high school equivalency diploma prior to completion of the apprenticeship program.
- 3) Workers who do not qualify for previous experience shall not be eligible for placement in the apprenticeship program in this manner.

B. Veterans

- 1) Individuals who have been honorably discharged (includes anything other than a dishonorable discharge) from the military, including military veterans, active/reservists/National Guard can immediately submit an application and will

be ranked and an interview scheduled for the next JAC meeting. Upon application they must provide their DD 214.

- 2) The program sponsor will evaluate the military training and on-the-job learning experience received for the granting of appropriate credit on the term of apprenticeship and the appropriate wage rate.
- 3) Entry of military and veterans will be done without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex and other WI protected classes.

IX. Minimum Qualifications of Employers

- A. An employer, to be eligible to have an apprentice must be financially reliable and must be able to furnish the equivalent diversified training for the apprenticeship.
- B. The employer must have employed at least one (1) journey worker or a period of six months.
- C. In order to be eligible to employ an individual with an Apprentice Contract, the contractor must have facilities and regularly engage in and perform the necessary types of work to properly train the apprentice as specified in the "Schedule of Processes to be Worked" in the Trade Information.
- D. All employer applications for apprentices must be reviewed by the committee. The committee recommends approval or disapproval of each employer's request for an apprentice.
 - 1) The committee recommends approval or disapproval of each employer's request for an apprentice. This recommendation must be made within 40 days.
 - 2) If approval is recommended, the BAS may proceed with the preparation of the contracts.
 - 3) If, however, the committee recommends denial, the employer must be notified in writing of the committee's reasons and a copy of the notice must be provided to the BAS.
 - 4) The committee must also inform the employer how to appeal if the employer disagrees with the recommendation.
 - 5) All appeals must be investigated by the BAS and will be reviewed with the committee before the BAS makes its final disposition of the application.
- E. The employer must agree to the provisions of these Standards of apprenticeship. It is the employer's responsibility to maintain safe working conditions for the apprentice.
- F. The employer must provide evidence of and must maintain Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation coverage throughout the term of an Apprentice Contract.

X. Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers

- A. One apprentice may be employed for each four (4) journey worker structural and reinforcing ironworkers employed and one apprentice may be employed for each Ornamental Iron journey workers employed. Apprentices shall not work without journey worker supervision and at all times, work with the journey worker who shall be held responsible for their training.

- B. The apprentice to journey worker ratio and/or wage scale may be different from the ratio and/or wage scale specified herein to the extent provided, permitted or required by an applicable International or project agreement. The ratios and/or wage scale provided in such agreement shall be applicable in accordance with such agreement when certified by either the International Union or the applicable local union, and are not in conflict with the State Statutes or Ch. DWD 295 or 296.

XI. Apprentice Contracts

All apprentices shall have a contract in compliance DWD 295.07 with a local committee. Apprentices are assigned to an employer by a letter of assignment.

- A. Each copy of the contract will contain the term of the apprenticeship, the approved Trade Information (Exhibit A), the credit recommended (if any) and any special provisions.
- B. Individuals that make application and are registered through the application of Administrative Rule DWD 295.10 shall be registered directly with a local committee.

XII. Apprenticeship Terms

The term of apprenticeship shall be four (4) years of no less than 7,000 hours of employment (work and school) for Ironworkers and three (3) years of 6400 hours of employment (work and school) for Ironworker (Assembler, Metal Buildings) in an approved schedule of work experience. Hours of labor shall be the same established for other skilled workers in the shop.

- A. Competency-Based Approach. Local committees who choose to employ a competency-based approach to apprenticeship must comply with the following requirements:
 - 1) The occupation must be recognized and approved as a competency-based apprenticeable occupation. If the program is not approved by US DOL as a competency based program, the sponsor must consult with the BAS to determine if it is suitable as a competency based program.
 - 2) The on-the-job learning component of the apprenticeship program must be identified in the program standards.
 - 3) The related instruction component of the competency-based approach must comply with all of the provisions of DWD 295 as referenced in the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual.
 - 4) Program sponsors must identify within the program standards the required competencies that must be mastered within the program standards, and the required competencies that must be mastered by the apprentice during their apprenticeship.
 - 5) Successful completion of the term of apprenticeship will require that the apprentice demonstrate mastery of identified competencies.

- 6) Demonstration of the acquisition of the identified competencies must be determined by both written and hands-on proficiency evaluations.
- 7) All testing and evaluation of the identified competencies must occur in a controlled learning environment that permits accurate and verifiable results by a qualified proctor.
- 8) Program sponsors must identify and document the methods and means used to qualify testing and evaluation proctors.

B. Time Based Approach

The time based approach is the traditional term of apprenticeship and the term is stated in years, months or hours or a combination of thereof. This approach measures an individual skill through completion of at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.

C. Hybrid Approach

Local committee's that choose to use the hybrid approach to apprenticeship measures an individual's skills through a combination of hours of on-the-job learning and successful completion of competency as described in a work process schedule. The program must comply with the guidelines for the competency-based portion of the apprentice's term of apprenticeship.

XIII. Probationary Period

The probationary period cannot exceed 25% of the term of the contract. There shall only be one probationary period for each Apprentice Contract, regardless of the number of employers with whom the apprentice works during that period.

During the probationary period, the apprentice or local committee may void the contract by written notice to the Bureau.

- A. After expiration of the probationary period there must be good cause provided the Bureau for the cancellation of the Apprentice Contract.
- B. Employers may request cancellation of their Letter of Assignment with an apprentice during the probationary period upon written notice to the local committee. However, the local committee may choose to place the apprentice with another employer.

XIV. Related Instruction Attendance

Apprentices will attend the appropriate Technical College or other approved training provider and successfully complete the prescribed course of instruction required by the committee for not less than 400 hours for Ironworkers and Ironworker (Assembler, Metal Buildings), unless otherwise approved by the Bureau and the State Committee.

- A. Apprentices shall attend and satisfactorily complete night school courses on their own time as prescribed by the Committee and approved by the Bureau.

- B. Apprentices shall satisfactorily complete an approved safety and first aid course during the term of the Contract.
- C. An apprentice in his/her final year must participate in the Transition to Trainer, the Role of the Journeyworker course.
- D. Apprentices shall attend unpaid related instruction on their own time and take such subjects as the local committee requires as stated in Special Provisions.
- E. All Ironworker apprentices must take and pass the Wisconsin Structural Steel Welders Certificate Test before completing the apprenticeship. Ironworker (Assembler, Metal Buildings) is not included.

XV. Schedule of Work Processes

Apprentices shall be given instruction and experience in the ironworker trade which will enable them to qualify as a competent journey worker at the completion of their apprenticeship. See Trade Information (Exhibit A) attached or as approved by the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee.

XVI. Conditions of Work

- A. Apprentices will have the same hours of employment and be subject to the same conditions for overtime as the journeyworkers with whom they work. They shall work under the direct supervision of a journeyworker on all work normally performed by such journeyworkers. An apprentice cannot be placed in charge of a job or work alone.
- B. Hours of employment shall not conflict with the hours specified for related instruction or with Federal or State regulations.
- C. Under no circumstances shall apprentices supervise other apprentices

XVII. Continuity of Employment

- A. It shall be the duty of the Local Committee, insofar as possible, to provide the apprentice with reasonable continuous employment by the transferring of laid off apprentices to other employers who have work.
- B. When it is shown in the apprentice reviews that an employer cannot provide the required instruction in the trade, the local committee may transfer the apprentice to another employer, subject to the approval of the BAS.
- C. Contracts may be extended beyond one year of the expiration date. A request must be made in writing and approved by BAS.
- D. Exceptions to the application of the policy in para E. may be made, if consistently applied, for the following reasons:
 - 1) All laid off apprentices decline working for the employer requesting an apprentice;

- 2) The apprentice is a union member and the employer seeking an apprentice is not unionized or the reverse is the case;
- 3) The employer has an approved Affirmative Action (AA) Plan, has plans to hire to meet AA goals, but no appropriate laid off apprentice is available;
- 4) The Local Committee jurisdictional area is very large and available apprentices would have to travel a long distance to work for the employer requesting an apprentice.

XVIII. Evaluation and Completion of Apprentices

- A. Local committees are expected to require apprentices and their employers to keep the committee informed of the progress of each apprentice. This information must be provided so the committee can review the apprentices' progress at least once annually.
 - 1) The first such review of an apprentice shall be done in person prior to the expiration of the probationary period.
 - 2) The BAS, the employer of record, and/or the applicable area local apprenticeship committee must be provided with timely reports on attendance, progress, and grades on each apprentice. Local committees shall make arrangements with the school that provides related instruction to receive grades and/or progress reports on each apprentice so these records can become a part of each apprentice's review.
- B. Local committees are required to maintain a current "apprentice work record" system so that the committee can get feedback from each apprentice as to the type of work experience they are receiving and the hours of school they are attending. These records are required to be submitted at least monthly.
- C. Local committees shall maintain an apprentice evaluation system so that the committee can get regular feedback from the employers on each apprentice's progress. These reports should be received prior to each apprentice's review.
- D. A summary of each apprentice's review shall be made in writing to the apprentice and where deficiencies exist, a clear defined goal set for correction of the deficiencies and an indication of the penalty (i.e. cancellation) if the goals are not met.
- E. Within six months before expiration of the apprenticeship, the local committee shall review the apprentice's work and school records.
 - 1) If the apprentice successfully completes such review or examination, the committee shall recommend to the BAS that a Certificate of Completion be granted by the BAS.
 - 2) If the apprentice fails to meet all provisions of their Apprentice Contract, the final review and/or examination, the committee may recommend to the BAS, that the apprentice's apprenticeship should be extended for a period of time, not to exceed one calendar year.

XIX. Cancellation of Apprentice Contracts

The State Committee and the BAS require that each local committee maintain clear records to substantiate a recommendation for cancellation of an apprenticeship. When a party to the contract requests cancellation of the contract, the BAS will send a 20-day Intent to Cancel Notice to all parties to the contract. The notice states that the contract will be cancelled 20 working days from the date of the Notice, unless the BAS receives written objection from any party within the 20 day period.

- A. Employers are required to provide the local committee with written cause for terminating an apprentice (to include reductions in force) to the local committee.
- B. Apprentices may request cancellation of the program by providing a written request to the local committee.
- C. A local committee may request cancellation of the Apprentice Contract after the probationary period has expired by making such request with reasons to the BAS and Committee in writing.
- D. The BAS will consult the local committee before taking final cancellation action.
- E. The local committee may recommend cancellation to the BAS of an Apprentice Contract on its own motion, after proper notice to the parties of the Apprentice Contract.

XX. Right of Appeal

In the case of a dispute between the apprentice and the employer with regard to an Apprentice Contract, either party may appeal in writing to the local committee to adjust the matter. Either party thereafter may appeal the recommendations of the committee to the Bureau regarding any part of the Apprentice Contract.

- A. In cases of a problem or dispute involving a matter of policy or local standards, the matter shall be referred to the State Ironworker Apprenticeship Advisory Committee for review.
- B. If the State committee cannot satisfactorily resolve the matter, it will provide the BAS with its recommendations.
- C. All applicants, employers or apprentices have the right of appeal to the BAS on any recommendation or action taken by the local committee. The advisory status of a local committee shall include the following statement in their disciplinary actions or denial correspondence:

"Should you feel the recommendation or action taken by the local Apprenticeship Committee to be contrary to the area apprenticeship standards, you have the right to appeal in writing to the Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards, stating the specific section of said standards or addendum to same which you feel was violated."

- D. Any party to the contract may file an appeal in writing within 20 days of the final decision. When an appeal is received the BAS Director will review the appeal and issue a written determination within 40 days of the appeal.

- E. If requested in writing within ten days by one of the parties, the Bureau Director's decision may be appealed in writing the DWD Legal Counsel. The DWD Legal Counsel will review the case and issue a final determination within ten days.
- F. Right to Hearing. A dissatisfied party may file a written request with the BAS or the DWD Legal Counsel for a formal administrative hearing to review the reasonableness of a DWD order as outlined in Chapter 5 of the Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual. DWD shall respond to a request for an administrative hearing within 20 days. DWD has the discretion to determine whether or not it will hold a hearing. DWD's final decision is reviewable in Circuit Court.
- G. Items not Subject to a Hearing. Actions of the employer that involve the employment relationship and not the apprenticeship program are not subject to a hearing. Violations of employer work rules may not be subject to a hearing contingent upon a review that the employer is not illegally discriminating in its administration of apprenticeship policy.

XXI. Modification of Standards

- A. Local standards may be modified by the local committee if such modifications are in conformance with these State Standards and approved by the BAS.
- B. The minimum requirements set forth in these Standards shall not be altered by virtue of any collective bargaining agreement or unilateral action by either employers or journeyworkers.
- C. In the event any part of these standards may be declared illegal, the balance of the standards remain in effect.



WTCS System-Wide Activity Update September 2020

WTCS Apprenticeship Enrollment Trend

WTCS enrollments across all apprenticeship programs increased from 7588 to 7910 unduplicated, and 7696 to 8038 duplicated, students by the end of 2019-2020 academic year. That is a 4.1% and 4.25% increase, respectively, in one year.

Ascendium Education Group Tools of the Trade Scholarships Increased Again in 2020

For the 2020-21 academic year, Ascendium Education Group has committed to awarding an additional 50 scholarships to industrial and construction sector apprentices who receive their related instruction through a WTCS college. A total of 250 awards of \$1500 apiece will be granted statewide in March 2021, with the scholarship application period open from late August until mid-October 2020.

WTCS Systemwide Apprenticeship Curriculum and Course Development Projects Summary FY 2019-20

New Program Systemwide Curriculum Standards	Major Curriculum Revision	Below-the-Line Courses with virtual modality option	Crosswalks between apprenticeship & technical diploma or AAS programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industrial Metrology Roadway Maintenance Technician Biotechnology Lab Support Tech Pharmacy Technician Medical Assistant Cybersecurity Analyst Facilities Maintenance Technician 	Early Childhood Educator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arborist (2) Machine Tool (1) Plumbing (2 URI) IT-Software Developer (4) IT-Service Desk (3) IT-Data Analyst (5) DC Theory Common Core AC Theory Common Core 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT-Software Developer IT-Service Desk Cybersecurity Analyst Metal Fabricator / Welder

Active WTCS-BAS Apprenticeship Programs, By Sector, Occupation, and College as of August 2020

The master chart of all apprenticeship programs with related instruction offered through the WTCS colleges can be found here via the following link. "Active" is defined as approved programs with enrollments in the past two years. The color-coded chart can be found on the MyWTCS website here: [WTCS Active Apprenticeship Programs Snapshot - Color Chart](#)



State Committee Report - Construction State Ironworking Committee

This summary counts employers and apprentices with contract(s) active or unassigned on 9/1/2020 in trade(s) associated with this committee.

Sponsor Name Trade	Apprentices								Employers					
	Total	Minority		Female		Union		Non- Union		Total	W/Union Appr		W/Non-Union Appr	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
All Sponsors Total	250	37	14.8	11	4.4	250	100.0			48	48	100.0		
Madison Area Ironworking JAC	79	10	12.7	3	3.8	79	100.0			21	21	100.0		
Iron Worker (0180138101401)	79	10	12.7	3	3.8	79	100.0			21	21	100.0		
Milwaukee Area Ironworking JAC	171	27	15.8	8	4.7	171	100.0			38	38	100.0		
Iron Worker (0180138101401)	171	27	15.8	8	4.7	171	100.0			38	38	100.0		