

**Approved Minutes of the
Automatic Fire Sprinklerfitter
State Apprenticeship Advisory Committee**

September 20, 2022
Department of Workforce Development, Madison
with Virtual Option

Members Present	Organization/Employer
Behringer, Jake	Badgerland Fire Protection
Carlson, Sherry	Design Build Fire Protection
Klug, Kevin	Dave Jones Inc.
Kobb, Scott	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
Neuhauser, Corey	Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Sferra, Steve (Co-Chair)	United States Alliance Fire Protection
Members Absent	Organization/Employer
Burg, Nick	Sprinkler Fitters Local 183
Olson, Dan	Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Consultants & Guests	Organization/Employer
Badger, Richard	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Burkette, Blair	Blair Fire Protection
Emrick, Leigh	Associated Builders & Contractors
Polk, David	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards
Smith, Owen	Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Owen Smith in conformance with the Wisconsin open meeting laws.
2. Attendees introduced themselves. Mr. Owen Smith recorded attendance. A quorum was present.
3. The committee recommended the following revisions to the roster: Mr. Neuhauser replaced Mr. Driebel from Local 669; Mr. Klug changed employers.

4. **Actions**

- a. The committee approved the minutes as written.
- b. The committee approved Mr. Kobb as Employee Co-Chair.

5. **Discussions**

a. Questions on topics in BAS Director's Call with State Committees

Mr. Smith reviewed that the Director's Call discusses apprenticeship-wide topics with all state committees in a single forum to streamline each committee's meeting to its own programs and policies. This agenda topic will reoccur to provide each committee the opportunity to ask questions of the Call, if needed.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

Director Polk encouraged attendees to host events for National Apprenticeship and register them with the U.S. Department of Labor for inclusion in the national calendar of events. [He shared this link in the chat.](#)

b. On-the-Job Learning Reimbursements

Director Polk reviewed the flier included in the meeting material and encouraged sponsors to request reimbursement. The reimbursements do not have a wage requirement; they apply to all apprentices.

Attendees did not have questions or comments.

c. How is industry preparing for infrastructure projects?

Director Polk asked attendees whether the forthcoming federal funding for infrastructure projects will affect their occupation and, if so, how sponsors will prepare.

The state committee replied that infrastructure projects will indirectly affect the occupation, e.g. the projects may require sprinkler systems underground or for tangential bus or train terminals. The current workforce is sufficient for the possible demand.

d. Other

Mr. Klug asked when the 90-day public comment period for the *Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual* ends. Mr. Smith replied that it concludes today, September 20. Mr. Polk explained that the Bureau will present the comments to the Advisory Council's Policy & Standards Subcommittee, which will recommend final revisions for approval to the full Advisory Council during its November meeting.

Co-Chair Sferra asked when the state committee will review its state standards. Mr. Smith replied that the state committee will review the updated boilerplate language at its 2023 spring meeting; the boilerplate language will come from the approved *Manual*. Mr. Smith noted that the minimum standards set by the state committee remain at the committee's discretion to review and revise.

6. Attendees did not have questions or comments on the participant reports.

7. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

September 12, 2022

TO: State Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Advisory Committee Members and Consultants

FROM: Owen Smith, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards; Owen.Smith@dwd.wisconsin.gov

SUBJECT: State Sprinkler Fitter Apprenticeship Advisory Committee meeting

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

ACCESS: [Attend virtually.](#)

Attend via phone:
608-571-2209; 790 380 558#

Attend in person.
Department of Workforce Development, Room XXXX
Madison, WI 53703

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Record attendees.
3. Review the roster.

4. Action

- a. Approve the minutes.
- b. Elect the Employee Co-Chair.

5. Discussions

- a. Questions or comments on BAS Director's Call with State Committees
 - b. OJL reimbursements
 - c. How is industry preparing for infrastructure projects?
 - d. Other
6. Review the program participants.
 7. Adjourn.



APPRENTICESHIP GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

(up to) **\$2,500** for **EMPLOYERS** and **\$600** for **APPRENTICES**

On-the-Job Learning

up to \$2,500 available for employers (per apprentice)

- Reimbursement for employers who hire apprentices
- Compensation for hands-on training (OJL) provided to the apprentice by the employer

Supportive Services

up to \$600 available for apprentices

- Work-related clothing, boots and tools
- Books and testing fees
- Required physicals
- Transportation
- Housing or Childcare

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This summary counts employers and apprentices, between 9/1/2022 and 9/1/2022 with contract status as Active & Unassigned in occupation(s) associated with this committee.

Report is based on apprentice contracts where:
-Contract sector is 'Construction'.
-Contract occupation code matches a occupation code assigned to committee.
-Contract sponsor is the employer.

Note: Employers active in more than one occupation or committee can cause Column #3 totals at the Committee or State level to deviate from the summed total of the individual occupation or committee rows.

Occupation	Apprentices									Employers				
	Total	Minority		Females		Union		Non-Union		Total	Union		Non-Union	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
Report Total	103	6	5.8	2	1.9	78	75.7	25	24.3	19	13	68.4	6	31.6
Sprinklerfitter (0186228102205)	103	6	5.8	2	1.9	78	75.7	25	24.3	19	13	68.4	6	31.6

Report Name COM-01 State Committee
Report

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Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

State Committee Report by Sponsor & Occupation



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Report is based on apprentice contracts where:

- Contract sector is 'Construction'.
- Contract occupation code matches a occupation code assigned to committee.
- Contract sponsor is the employer.

Note: Employers active in more than one occupation or committee can cause Column #7 totals at the Committee or State level to deviate from the summed total of the individual occupation or committee rows.

Sponsor Name Occupation	Apprentices								Employers					
	Total	Minority		Females		Union		Non-Union		Total	Union		Non-Union	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%
1	2	3	3a	4	4a	5	5a	6	6a	7	8	8a	9	9a
Report Total	103	6	5.8	2	1.9	78	75.7	25	24.3	19	13	68.4	6	31.6
ABC of Wisconsin (All)	25	2	8.0	0	0	0	0	25	100.0	6	0	0	6	100.0
Sprinklerfitter (0186228102205)	25	2	8.0	0	0	0	0	25	100.0	6	0	0	6	100.0
Milwaukee Area Sprinkler Fitter JAC	78	4	5.1	2	2.6	78	100.0	0	0	13	13	100.0	0	0
Sprinklerfitter (0186228102205)	78	4	5.1	2	2.6	78	100.0	0	0	13	13	100.0	0	0

Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2022* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 09/12/2022		
Run Date: 09/12/2022		
State Auto Fire Sprinkler Committee		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Construction		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Employers
2012	45	17
2013	41	15
2014	42	18
2015	49	16
2016	55	16
2017	71	18
2018	79	21
2019	90	18
2020	92	19
2021	86	20
2022	103	19

