

March 30, 2023

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, April 4, 2023**

TIME: **10:00 a.m. – Noon**

ACCESS: [Attend virtually.](#)

Attend via phone:

608-571-2209; 536 696 978#

Attend in person.

Department of Workforce Development, Room F105
Madison, WI 53703

AGENDA

Public comment will occur after each item once the committee members conclude their discussion.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Record attendees.

3. Old Business

- a. Review the roster.
- b. **Action:** Elect the Employee Co-Chair.
- c. **Action:** Approve the minutes.

4. New Business

- a. Review the revised template for state standards, approved by Policy & Standards Subcommittee:
 - i. Policies established in the *Wisconsin Apprenticeship Manual*
 - ii. Updated policies established by the Department of Labor
 - iii. Policies established by the state committee.
- b. **Action:** verify policies established by the state committee are accurate.
- c. **Action:** identify policies established by the state committee to revise further in fall, if needed.
- d. Questions from the Director's Call.
- e. Communicating state committee meetings to the public
- f. Other

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5. Review the program participants.
6. Adjourn.

Draft 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.

State Committee Report



This summary counts employers and apprentices, between 3/30/2023 and 3/30/2023 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	113	8	7.1	2	1.8	85	75.2	28	24.8	19	13	68.4	6	31.6
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	113	8	7.1	2	1.8	85	75.2	28	24.8	19	13	68.4	6	31.6

State Committee Report by Sponsor & Occupation



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- 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	113	8	7.1	2	1.8	85	75.2	28	24.8	19	13	68.4	6	31.6
ABC of Wisconsin (All)	28	3	10.7	0	0	0	0	28	100.0	6	0	0	6	100.0
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	28	3	10.7	0	0	0	0	28	100.0	6	0	0	6	100.0
Milwaukee Area Sprinkler Fitter JAC	85	5	5.9	2	2.4	85	100.0	0	0	13	13	100.0	0	0
Sprinklerfitter (47-2152.00)	85	5	5.9	2	2.4	85	100.0	0	0	13	13	100.0	0	0



Historical Report by Year

Report Period: 2023* and Previous -10 Years

*Current year is YTD data as of Run Date: 03/30/2023		
Run Date: 03/30/2023		
State Auto Fire Sprinkler Committee		
Sponsored Trade Group(s): Construction		
Year	Active Apprentices	Active Employers
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
2023	108	19

