

APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE

February 24, 2009

Members Present

Andrew DiNardo, Chair
John Biondi, Union
Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Roger Linton, Education
David White, GCIT

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Ed Green, DVR
Joann Tomenchok, USDOL-OA
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Tom Sommers, Union
Dave Cunniff, Union
Carol Heron, Union
Lynda Lathrop, Education
Terrence Leverett, NJLWD
Nancy McCloskey, Education
Maureen O'Brien-Murphy, NJLWD
M. Stanwood, Cty. Superin. Schools

Kim Carfolite, Education
Walt Emerle, Union
Megan Kerr, GCIA
Paul Lenkowski, Union
Sam Malone, Union
Gina Morina, Education
Ed Penna, Union

Andy opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Motion to approve November 26, 2008 minutes was approved by John Biondi, seconded by Joann Tomenchok.

Updates

USDOL

Joann stated she was approached by a representative of ETA from Washington DC while attending a meeting of the Delaware Valley Innovation Network Philadelphia. The ETA rep told her that DVIN was recruiting grantees for their funds. Joann stated she knows Randee was thinking about applying for a grant for education and outreach for which the DVIN has available through the WIRED grant. Joe reported there have been issues with DVIN. The funds expire in January 2010. DVIN rejected several proposals, but they are now asking for those proposals to be "tweaked" and resubmitted. The Lancaster WIB submitted a proposal for "megatronic" training. Lancaster WIB had discussion with GCC regarding this training and the possibility of partnering.

There is a lot of conversation at USDOL regarding "green jobs". Training dollars may be coming down to the states for this field.

LED manufacturing is also being discussed at the federal level. NJ has some manufacturers that may be able to take advantage of funding available for this field—apprenticeship, on-the-job training.

The ESAC conference will be held the last week in May. It will be held in Boston.

YTTW

Ranee reported they still do not have an NGO on Women & Minorities, but they hope to extend the grant. The current grant ends 3/31/09. There are success stories from the Women & Minorities grant—two (2) individuals have entered community college and are enrolled in civil engineering technology. One individual entered the military. The YTTW Grant in health care is going well. There is a huge demand for the Central Sterile Processing Technician program. Underwood has been a great partner. They held two (2)

Meet & Greet sessions at Underwood and each was well attended. Interest expressed by many attendees. Rande reported GCC is now an ISIM participant, which is the credentialing organization for Central Sterilization. This is required since the hospitals are using this as certification, and New Jersey is the only State in the union so far that requires certification. Before an individual is eligible to take the test, he/she must have 400 hours of experience and 120 hours of classroom training. If you are not part of the organization, your institution may not certify.

Rande will meet with Kennedy on March 6 about other projects.

Rande reported attending a meeting with the School Development Authority. There are some unfinished school projects (Vineland, Egg Harbor and Gloucester City) that may be eligible for some of the stimulus funding.

She also stated that there are several “endangered” bridges in Salem that may be eligible for some of the stimulus funding. School completions and bridge construction may be opportunities for apprentice positions.

Other

John Biondi reported that IBEW has 800 applications for 35 positions. They have 250 apprentices and 50 are unemployed.

An article from Earthtimes.org was distributed. The article discussed “that a scant six (6) percent of high school students hope to have a future career in the skilled trades.....” Andy requested that this article be shared with Dr. Davis, Susan Smith, Patricia Claghorn, and Ed Campbell.

Shady Lane

GCIA has hired 3 CNA’s from their training program.
Current class includes Restorative and Advanced.
Classes will be ending mid May.
Classes will resume in September 2009.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held on March 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff