

# Western WA Apprenticeship Coordinators Meeting Minutes

**Zoom Meeting Format**  
Friday, October 8, 2021

Chair Clay Tschillard called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Tschillard welcomed all the coordinators, service providers, and guests in attendance.

The meeting began with brief introductions by attendees placing their name, position, and program agency or organization they represent in the chat. There were 44 individuals in attendance. Tschillard announced there is an open position for the organization. A new Secretary is required to replace Lacey Hall. Further action was deferred to later in the meeting.

All apprenticeship programs provided an update on their current work outlook and the status of their program under pandemic restrictions.

Several pre-apprenticeship programs and community partners provided the group with program updates and announcements on upcoming activities:

- ANEW (Apprenticeship & Nontraditional Employment for Women) announced that they are in the process of rebranding the AOP (Apprenticeship Opportunities Project). They are also looking an individual to replace the individual that was administering those program services.
- Jerry Jordan announced that he is the new lead administrator for the PACT (Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training) program within the Seattle College system.
- Marianna Talbott announced the Northwest Carpenter's Institute of Washington (NWCI) pre-apprenticeship program has run three cohorts of participants. They have partnered with the regional public owners on the program. There is also a cohort in the process of graduating.
- Dan Seydel announced that EIW (Entrepreneurial Institute of Washington) and construction partners are planning a BIPOC focused Construction Career Fair soon. He indicated he would provide more details when they are available.

Representatives from the Regional Public Owners provided the group with updates and announcements.

- Jon Bersche and Jeanne Fulcher from the City of Seattle presented information on a contract they have with ANEW/AOP and the Urban League to provide retention services to several hundred apprentices through the end of 2022. ANEW and Urban League are looking to enroll apprentices during the next six months. The focus will be on Priority Hire Workers living in distressed Zip Codes of Seattle and King County.

An update on the Regional Pre-Apprenticeship Collaboration (RPAC) was provided to the group.

Kristi Grassman from the Construction Center of Excellence announced that they will be hosting an Apprenticeship Preparation Summit. The free virtual event is scheduled for November 10, 2021, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration information can be found on their website or by contacting the organization.

Kairie Pierce from the Washington State Labor Council reported they are working with the Washington Student Achievement Council to improve an apprentice's ability to access Washington College Grant funding for the RSI (Related Supplemental Instruction) portion of their apprenticeship. Currently, apprenticeship programs are experiencing difficulty getting their programs qualified as training providers with organization providing the funding.

It was announced that the Child Care for the Trades Task Force will next meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 11:00 am.

Elmer Arter representing Washington State Labor and Industries, Apprenticeship Section provided a detailed report and announced that the October 21, 2021, and January 20, 2022, meetings of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (WSATC) will be held virtually. The department hopes to be able to meet in person at the April 21, 2022, meeting.

Tschillard announced there is an open position for the organization. We need a new Secretary to replace Lacey Hall. Tschillard also indicated that he has been serving as the Chair of the Western Washington Apprenticeship Coordinators for several years and is looking to step down from the position. He encouraged any apprenticeship program representative to participate in a leadership role with the organization. Further action was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2022, and will be held via the virtual Zoom format.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

## **WSACA Chair report.**

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**RSI** many programs across the state continue to supply RSI to active apprentices whether it be either a scaled down in person training or types of hybrid training.

**CRRS** – Continuing to review the many registered apprenticeships with a specific focus on Women and Minority numbers as well as admin compliance. Encourage all JATC (Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee) programs to attend.

**ARC** - no report, Jeremy Clevenger requested to be put in touch with committee.

**REQUEST FOR SOMEONE TO BECOME RECORDING SECRETARY FOR WSACA** – Jeremy Clevenger asked for someone to volunteer as recording secretary, then described the requirements and tasks for the WSACA recording secretary.

**WWACA** Report – Clay Tschillard talked about how at the meeting there was 44 individuals in the audience. He announced the open positions of recording secretary to replace Lacey Hall. action was deferred to the later meeting. Reports were given from all apprenticeship programs and pre apprenticeship programs.

**EWACA** report – Brad Chitty. Talked about programs continuing to provide RSI for apprentices. eastern Washington will have a new apprenticeship coordinators association chair (Andrew Richman), and a new recording secretary(Ryan Roberts)

**LNI**- gave an update on Tri states reciprocity agreement that is currently with Montana for final signature the new agreement will go down into effect after the final signatures are affixed this week the department hopes to have the signed agreement posted on the website within a week or two. LNI also provided the first scientific study to determine if apprentices are safer on average than non-apprentice counterparts in the same occupation. Sara Wuellner, Epidemiologist with the division of Occupational Safety and health's SHARP program presented a study on plumber showing clearly that apprentices are safer on average than non-apprentice counterparts and that apprenticeship programs appear to be a casual factor

**SBCTC** Report. Danny gave an update to the coordinators of apprenticeship numbers and made himself available for questions.

**Peter Lahmann**- talked about the need for all the state entities that represent apprenticeship to come together and create one singular informational packet to hand out to help unify the apprenticeship message. he also talked about how JBLM has many military veterans ending their service and in search of apprenticeship opportunities, and the need to be able to streamline getting into programs quickly after end of duty.

**Kristi Grassman**- Empower Conference March 8<sup>th</sup> and in Bellingham technical college