

April 2022 Washington State Apprenticeship & Training Council
Secretary Report

Standing report items

Training Agent Compliance:

There are no Training Agent compliance cases to report this quarter.

Final Orders:

- On February 15th, Director Sacks issued an order dismissing the appeal from Brinderson LLC regarding WSATC denial of Brinderson's request to waive the 6 month rule for issuing Certificates of Completion.
- On February 1st, Director Sacks issued an order upholding this Council's decision to deny CITC of Washington's first proposed standards for Mechanical Insulator.

Apprenticeship Section staffing updates are as follows:

- Effective February 16th, Shawn Snyder was hired as the Apprenticeship Consultant 3 for Region 5 to fill the vacancy left by AhShalla Harris. Shawn had been working for L&I for a little more than two years as a Customer Service Representative in the Kennewick office. His wife and their two dogs moved to Washington from Texas in 2017. Shawn's family has grown to include two sons, Bret and Beau. We are pleased to have Shawn as part of our apprenticeship team.
- The Apprenticeship program will be posting a Tumwater based Office Assistant position in the near future so keep an eye out if you or someone you know would like to come to work with what we believe to be one of the best apprenticeship teams in the country. All L&I job postings can be found at www.careers.wa.gov.

Update on committee member qualification efforts

- As reported last quarter, apprenticeship section staff implemented a new requirement for changes to apprenticeship committees. To ensure continued balance and proper composition, staff are requesting committee member qualification sheets for new members to ensure a 50% or higher occupational competence standard as well as appropriate employer and employee member status. I would like to thank all the sponsors who have stepped up to meet this new requirement and in some cases refreshed committee member qualifications for all their committee members. We appreciate the cooperation as we strive to improve the integrity of our processes.

Legislative session update

- 2022 was a banner year for registered apprenticeship in the short session that concluded in mid-March. Department staff are working diligently to prepare for and publish funding opportunities to include:
 - 2.5 million will be available to fund technology and remote learning infrastructure modernization for state registered apprenticeship programs. The solicitation for applications will include a requirement that demonstrates a plan to sustain technology and remote learning infrastructure over time.
 - \$4 million will be available to fund equipment upgrades for state registered apprenticeship programs.

- \$2 million will be available to non-profit organizations and state registered apprenticeship training committees that support apprentices, potential apprentices, and individuals in an apprenticeship prep program, with wrap-around support services.
 - \$12,000 will be available to fund driver education training for minors enrolled in a state registered apprenticeship program.
 - \$.5 million will be available to fund apprenticeship pathways to teacher certification.
- We have assembled a team to work on getting these funds out as quickly as possible after July 1, 2022 when they become available. The funds need to be expended in the 2022-23 fiscal year or from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
 - More information will be coming soon over the Apprenticeship program list serve and through direct communications from your assigned apprenticeship consultant.

With that, this concludes my report Chair Kommers, and I would be happy to take any questions.