

Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council
Tribal Liaison Subcommittee Report
October 2023

Our committee met at the Northwest Carpenters Institute on September 15, 2023

Attendees:

Christina Riley, Chris Winters, Robert Henderson, Jodi Lario, Joshua Schaff, Alyssa Burgess, Misty Wheeler, Tonya Stevens, Kevin Sutterli, Mike Elliot, Marianna Talbot, Justin Saticum, Derek Black, Dion Hargrove, Stephanie Patterson, Evan Hamilton, Paula Reese, Richie Myer, Tamara Strong

Discussion on Land Acknowledgment for January Council meeting in Tumwater. Mike Elliot and Kevin Sutterli will follow up with the Nisqually Tribal Council.

The NWCI gave a presentation on their Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs offered around the State. They also shared their high school-developed curriculum.

Mike Elliot & Kevin Sutterli gave an update on the Nisqually Tribes Facility and Transportation Center breaking ground, the excitement around Hydro and Solar at Nisqually, and shared information on their Youth Internship program.

Tamara Strong spoke about the BFIT program and how the Yakama Nation utilizes it to partner with their training efforts.

Chris Winters reported on the National Building Trades' efforts to build a Tribal Committee and how that could connect with the WSDOT MOU with the Tribes in Washington. Chris mentioned they are referencing the work done within our committee in building out this committee. They have asked each Building Trades Union to find a Native American Union Member to sit on this committee possibly.

Tamara reported needing Pile Drivers & Operating Engineers to start training at Yakama.

Robert Henderson shared information on the upcoming Tulalip Pre-apprenticeship cohort and the hiring of a new instructor.

The committee then held elections.

Pending approval from the Chair of the WSATC, new representatives were elected.

Jodi Lario- Recording Secretary

Justin Satiacum, Puyallup TERO- Co-Chair

Christina Riley- Co-Chair

Christina will work to mentor Marianna Talbot for the next set of elections for the Co-Chair of the committee.

The committee voted to remove Danny Marshall from the committee at the request of the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges.

Josh Schaaf was voted to become a voting member of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned and a tour was conducted of the training facility.

We would like to extend a thank you to the Northwest Carpenters Institute, Marianna, and Paula for their hosting of our meeting, and for a wonderful tour.

Thank you,
Christina Riley