

Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council
Tribal Liaison Subcommittee Report
January 2023

Our committee met over zoom on December 2nd. We had planned for a Hybrid style meeting, however the winter storm that came in created a barrier, so we had to refer back to a zoom only meeting. The meeting was well attended, with attendees coming from Tribes, Registered Apprenticeship programs, Building Trades Unions, State agencies, Colleges, and Workforce Development partners.

The Committee's first action item was quickly resolved by Nisqually Tribal Members in attendance, who offered to reach out to the Tribal Council for a Land Acknowledgement for the upcoming January meeting. We want to thank Mike Mason and Wayne Llyod for their willingness to request the honor on behalf of our committee. We want to thank Chairman Willie Frank III for taking the time out of his schedule to attend the meeting in person, to offer a Land Acknowledgement and blessing.

Washington State DOT gave a status update on the MOU with TERO Tribes. It was discussed that leadership of DOT and TERO leadership need to set up their quarterly meetings again. This agreement could allow for expanded success in registered apprenticeship success on/or near the reservations. IUPAT is looking at legislation that will promote veteran/tribal outreach and pre-apprenticeship/25th LD Senator Chris Gildon, U.S. Army Retired, and our union will be working on legislation to bring veterans / tribal members into the skilled trades via this bill - resolution by putting a goal / requirement on all State funded projects.

There was an update on local pre-apprenticeship activity:

December 14th 1:00 PM Graduation TVTC on site at their training center.....RSVP to lisa telford.

Teamsters is looking to partner with area Tribes

Anew is launching a CDL training Pre-apprenticeship

Machinists Institute is growing efforts for expansion into Southwest Washington and will continue with pre-apprenticeships in the Spring for that area.

The State Board for Community & Technical Colleges shared an update on a financial aid grant-\$500,000.00.

From there we discussed local workforce needs, upcoming projects, and upcoming outreach events. The committee discussed potential strategies for 2023, and ways that our committee can continue to have an impact on registered apprenticeship and recognized pre-apprenticeship for our Tribal Lands and partners. In the past our committee has presented at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, PNW TERO Conference, and that National TERO Conference.

The next meeting will be held on February 9th, with other logistical information yet to be determined.

On behalf of the WSATC- Tribal Liaison Sub-Committee, thank you for the ability to report out on our activities.

Thank you,
Christina Riley
Co-Chair