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## **THE VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MINUTES**

The Virginia Apprenticeship Council (Council) met on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at the Confederate Hills Recreation Building, 302 Lee Avenue, Highland Springs, Virginia. Chairman Barry Baker called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

### **COUNCIL MEMEBERS PRESENT:**

Barry W. Baker, Chairman  
Darold S. Kemp  
Gloria Westerman for Dr. Glen DuBois  
Kathy Dolan-Marshall for Ms. Delores Esser  
Steve Staples  
Lynn Taylor

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Beverley Donati, Director Registered Apprenticeship  
Ellen Marie Hess, Director Labor and Employment Law  
Glen Cox, Director Occupational Safety & Health

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chairman Barry W. Baker called the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Virginia Apprenticeship Council to order. There was not a quorum present.

Chairman Baker welcomed new Council member, Lynn Taylor II. Council members introduced themselves. Staff members introduced themselves. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, State Director Jim Walker introduced himself and BAT the representatives present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dr. Emily H. Richardson, President of the Virginia Career Education Foundation addressed the Council. The Foundation was established in 2002 by Governor Warner and is a non-profit organization that works to bridge the gap between the large number of career and technical positions available throughout Virginia and the comparatively small number of qualified applicants to fill these positions. Dr. Richardson expressed her desire to work with the Council in the future.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

There were no comments offered from Council members.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Baker announced that minutes of the previous meeting would be approved in December. This action was taken because a quorum was not present.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to the Council.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Hess reported to the Council on Williams Steel Erection Company, Inc. Ms. Hess and DOLI representative Bill Poats met with Art Williams and Russ Keating at the Williams Steel Erection Company, Inc. office in Manassas. At that meeting Williams Steel was registered as a sponsor. No apprentices are registered at this time.

## **VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:**

Merry Beth Hall reported that the Association was now a fully registered 501(c) corporation. The VAAA will partner with PMPV to host a golf tournament in Chesapeake on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Information and applications are on the DOLI website and there is a link to the PMPV web site. Ray Louth will chair the meeting of the VAAA following the Council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Standing Subcommittees:**

#### **a. Ad Hoc Subcommittee:**

Subcommittee Chairman Darold Kemp reported that the subcommittee did not meet this quarter.

#### **b. Exemption from Examination Subcommittee:**

Dr. Staples reported that there were no applications for exemption before the subcommittee.

### **Report of Fatality at Northrup Grumman Newport News:**

Mr. Glen Cox reported to the Council that a third year electrical apprentice was electrocuted and that the accident is being investigated by Federal OSHA. The apprentice had been properly trained to perform the assigned task and the lock-out/tag-out tags were in his pocket. The investigation is ongoing and there is nothing more that can be reported at this time.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Virginia Community College System:**

Ms. Westerman reported that she met with Dr. Rose Johnson and Bev Donati to work on collaboration of the Registered Apprenticeship programs between the VCCS and DOLI. She will be meeting with each of the Apprenticeship Related Instruction Coordinators in the future with a goal of reconciling the number of apprentices between the VCCS and DOLI. Ms. Westerman reported that her office is working towards the standardization of apprenticeship curriculums across the state.

### **U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training:**

Mr. Walker addressed the Council. Greetings were extended from the USDOL national and regional offices. Mr. Walker reported that BAT's year finished on September 30, 2004 and that the Apprenticeship Representatives will reach their goals in this office.

### **Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Registered Apprenticeship:**

Ms. Donati extended to the Council Commissioner Davenport's regrets that he was unable to attend the Council meeting due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict.

Ms. Donati reported that the four new apprenticeship representatives had accepted the Agency's offers and all would be on board by September 27<sup>th</sup>. She reported on her activities including the National Governors' Taskforces on Prisoner Re-Entry and Nursing. She participated in a teleconference entitled "Advancing Local Economic Development by using the Workforce Investment Act". She also participated in a joint project of the VCCS and Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) entitled "Cluster Analysis as a Tool for Workforce Development and Economic Development. Ms. Donati has contacted the Maryland Apprenticeship Director for information on the Certified Nursing Assistant Apprenticeship Program. She announced that information in the packet included an application to sponsors for nominations for the Outstanding Apprentice Awards and a flyer for the VAAA golf tournament .

To date there are 11,872 apprentices registered; 1,982 active sponsors participating in 2,513 programs.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2004. The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2004.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The chairman thanked everyone for attending. There were no other announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Barry W. Baker, Chair

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C. Ray Davenport, Secretary