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THE VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005

The Virginia Apprenticeship Council (Council) met on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at Confederate Hills Recreation Building, 302 Lee Avenue, Highland Springs, Virginia. Chairman Barry Baker called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barry W. Baker, Chairman
Dr. Steven R. Staples, Vice Chairman
Robert M. Bess
Theresa Dagenhart
Earl Dickerson
Dudley Harris
Darold S. Kemp
Kathy Dolan-Marshall for Ms. Delores Esser
Everett Patterson
Lynn Taylor II

STAFF PRESENT:

C. Ray Davenport, Commissioner, DOLI
Beverly Donati, Director, Registered Apprenticeship
Marie Lopez, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS.

Chairman Barry W. Baker called the regular scheduled quarterly meeting of the Virginia Apprenticeship Council to order. The presence of a quorum was established. Chairman Baker thanked Henrico County Public Schools for hosting the meeting

Council members introduced themselves. DOLI staff members introduced themselves. Commissioner Davenport introduced Marie Lopez. Ms. Lopez is the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner.

Chairman Baker asked Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Michael Schewel, Commissioner Davenport, Vice Chairman Staples, and Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni President, Dudley Harris to join him in presenting the Outstanding Apprentice Awards.

Commissioner Davenport addressed the audience and thanked Secretary Schewel for his support and the support of the administration for the Virginia Registered Apprenticeship Program. Commissioner Davenport congratulated the apprentices for their hard work over the term of their apprenticeships. He spoke of how important highly skilled and dedicated craftsmen and women are to the Commonwealth.

Commissioner Davenport introduced Secretary Schewel. Secretary Schewel congratulated and thanked the apprentices and their sponsors for the commitment to their trades. He told the honorees that their skill, hard work, and dedication have produced benefits for the employees, employers and the citizens of the Commonwealth. Secretary Schewel stated that every time he came to this award ceremony, he was inspired personally to do more.

Chairman Baker, Vice Chairman Staples, Secretary Schewel, and Commissioner Davenport presented the 2005 Virginia Outstanding Apprentice Awards. Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association President, Dudley Harris presented plaques to the Outstanding Apprentices on behalf of the VAAA. The following were recognized:

Sharon Paulette Beasley, a metal inspector apprentice employed by Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth;
Hugo Juarez, a heating, ventilation and air condition (HVAC) apprentice employed by Dwyer Plumbing Corporation, Alexandria;
Michael D. Norton, an electrician apprentice employed by G. J. Hopkins, Roanoke; and
Athanasios (Tom) Venetsanos, a land surveyor apprentice employed by Sam Whitson Land Surveying, Fairfax, Virginia.

A short recess was taken to allow for photo opportunities.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Walker, State Director, USDOL, BAT introduced Mr. Joe Hirsch, USDOL, BAT Philadelphia Regional Director. Mr. Hirsch brought greetings from Mr. Tony Swoope and the staff at the OTEL office in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hirsch thanked the Council for their commitment to Registered Apprenticeship and expressed his congratulations to the Outstanding Apprentices and their sponsors.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

There were no comments offered by Council members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On proper motion and second the minutes for the Council meeting held on September 15, 2005 were approved unanimously by role call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Baker recognized Bev Donati. Ms. Donati reported to the Council that a copy of a complaint to the Board for Cosmetology had been received. The complaint stated that an unsatisfactory haircut was given by an unidentified apprentice. Upon investigation, the person was not registered as an apprentice. Further investigation revealed that the appropriate forms had been signed and mailed to the Manassas Regional office but were never received. The apprentice was properly registered in CAAS. There were no follow-up questions. Ms. Donati will respond to the complainant.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ad Hoc Subcommittee:

Mr. Kemp reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee did not meet this quarter.

b. Exemption from Examination:

Mr. Earl Dickerson reported that there were two requests for exemption renewal. Mr. Dickerson briefly described the process for exemption. The sponsors (2001-017R and 2001-018R) met all ten of the criteria listed. Mr. Dickerson moved that sponsor 2001-017R be granted exemption renewal. Mr. Kemp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote. Mr. Dickerson moved that sponsor 2001-018R be granted exemption renewal. Dr. Staples seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote.

c. Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association:

Mr. Dudley Harris, VAAA President, reported that the Alumni's First Annual Golf Tournament was held following the September Council meeting. Proceeds were designated for future scholarships and plaques honoring this year's outstanding apprentices. The Alumni Board meeting will be held immediately following the Council meeting. All present were invited to attend.

REPORTS:

Virginia Community College System;

Ms. Donati reported that Ms. Westerman had requested that the Council be advised that the re-organization of related instruction administration was continuing. Dr. Rose Johnson, VCCS, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development had resigned and was returning to North Carolina as a Community College President. Her replacement has not been announced at this time.

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

Mr. Walker, USDOL, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training (BAT) State director addressed the Council. He introduced BAT staff members Nat Dailey and John McDowell. Mr. Walker gave a brief overview of the activities of the BAT office for the last quarter. He wished everyone a happy holiday.

Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Registered Apprenticeship:

Ms. Donati reported that Calon Burrus, Apprenticeship Representative in Manassas would be retiring on December 14, 2005. The position in Winchester has been filed and Doug Beck is scheduled to start on December 12, 2005. Ms. Donati reported that she represented the Agency at the Department of Business Assistance, Existing Business Seminar. Dr. Bob Leber, Norfolk Grumman, Newport News was one of the speakers. Dr. Leber sent his greetings to everyone. Ms. Donati thanked the Council members for their active support and wished everyone a safe and healthy 2006 on behalf of the division staff.

Department of Labor and Industry:

Commissioner Davenport began by welcoming the new council members and expressing his appreciation and congratulations to the sponsors and those honored as outstanding apprentices. He reported that he and the Division of Registered Apprenticeship continued to be committed to consistent statewide staff training. He stated that the budget would be announced by the governor on December 16th. Commissioner Davenport thanked the Council members for their continued support to both the registered apprenticeship and to the staff. He urged everyone to become members of the Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association. Commissioner Davenport recognized and expressed his appreciation to Kathy Dolan-Marshall for her years of service to the Council as designated representative of the Virginia Employment Commission. Commissioner Davenport ended by wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Baker recognized and thanked Kathy Dolan-Marshall for her all of her support over the years as representative of the VEC Commissioner. He presented Ms. Dolan-Marshall an engraved desk clock on behalf of the Council . Ms. Dolan-Marshall thanked everyone and promised that she would remain involved in registered apprenticeship.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at Confederate Hills Recreation Building.

Chairman Baker on behalf of the Council wished all those present a happy holiday season and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Barry W. Baker, Chairman

C. Ray Davenport, Secretary