

Meeting Date:	June 3 , 2014
Location:	BCIT
Meeting Time:	8:30am – 3:00pm
Committee Chair:	Ron Stewart
Recording Secretary:	Darren Vaux

Participants:	Brad Oliver (Okanagan College), Rob Bradbury (P.V.C.), Sven Rhodes (Kwantlen College), Rob Lefreniere (Kwantlen College) Rick Vanier (P.V.C.), Darren Vaux (Camosun College), Al Paterson (Camosun College), Mark Overgaard (B.C.I.T.), Glen Wong (UA Local 170), Marty Old (TRU), Paul Simpson (TRU), Richard Yoo (BCIT)
Regrets:	Rob Hughes (NIC), Tim Roberts (NLC)
Guests:	Ruth Erskine (BCCAT), Ken Nentwig (CANARM), Jeremy Braacx (BCWWA)

Administration

Item No.	Discussion & Actions
1.1	Welcome/Introductions
2.1	Approval of Agenda: Accepted: Paul S. Second: Rob B.
3.1	Approval of Minutes of June 4 & 5, 2013: 3.1.1. Rob B. Pointed out some discrepancies from 2.2.2 in that the statements made by Doug Podetz of the ITA (his own action items) were never followed through. All members agreed that the statements made by Doug were hollow. 3.1.2 Approve 2013 Minutes: Accepted: Rick V. Second: Marty O.
4.1	Review of Action Items & Business Arising from Past Minutes: 4.1.1 Discussion regarding the ITA's end of level (EOL) exams and problems with the current model. The ITA's plans include mandatory completion of EOL exams for all levels to complete an apprenticeship. Cory Williams will attend tomorrow to address. 4.1.2 Glenn W. indicated that PIAB is invigilating EOL exams in level 1. Camosun has done some field testing as well.

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<p>5.1</p>	<p>BCCAT: Ruth Erskine 5.1.1 Ruth handed out and discussed BCCAT’s Spring 2014 Report and discussed their current direction. BCCAT’s website is undergoing a redesign and is to be launched sometime in June 2014.</p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Open Discussion 5.2.1 TRU and Kwantlen indicated that they have Bachelor of Technology programs that have transferability for prior learning credits and for holders of Red Seal trade qualifications.</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Canadian Association for Rainwater Management (CANARM): Ken Nentwig 5.3.1 Ken explained the network and administration of CANARM to the group. CANARM has developed a “Certification Program” to designate practitioners who can demonstrate best practices in RWM. Certification classes have been administered in both BC and Alberta to date. CANARM recognizes the obvious ties to the plumbing trade and hopes to work with Trades Colleges to assist in the delivery of training in the discipline of rainwater management.</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>BCWWA: Jeremy Braacx- CCC Coordinator 5.4.1 Jeremy has been the coordinator at BCWWA for CCC for nearly a year now. Jeremy outlined some up-to-date figures regarding current passing rates for examiners (both certification and re-certification). 5.4.2 37 water purveyors currently maintain a CCC program in their area (up from 33 in 2013). 5.4.3 Policy change in January 2014: Calibration reports are no longer to be remitted with the Annual Tester renewal program. Proof of gauge calibration is now the duty of the water purveyors. 5.4.4 CCC Inspector Certification Program: 40 Inspectors/Surveyors are now active. Discussions continued regarding the Orange CCC Canadian manual- BCWWA would still like the colleges to support the sale of the document to students who will certify.</p>

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6.1	<p>6.1.1 Pacific Vocational College brought up the current situation regarding Pipe Trades workers applying for certification with the BCSA for Gasfitter. Some “new” and occasionally inconsistent requirements are coming forth and proving to be difficult for the various institutions and their students. BCSA may no longer certify Gasfitters after 2016. Brian Zinn will attend tomorrow to address.</p> <p>6.1.2 Motion to Adjourn: Accepted: Sven R. Seconded: Ron S.</p>
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New Business

Item No.	Discussions & Actions
7.1	No New Business

Evaluation and Adjournment

Item No.	Discussions & Actions
8.1	Meeting Evaluation: Positive
8.2	Next Meeting Date: June 4, 2014 (tomorrow)
8.3	Next Meeting Location: BCIT
8.4	Meeting Adjournment: 3:00pm

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Regrets:	Rob Hughes (NIC), Tim Roberts (NLC)
Guests:	Brian Zinn (BCSA), Cory Williams (ITA), Ed Jarvis (RTO), Shannon Mitchell (Open School)

Administration

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9.1	Welcome/Introductions
10.1	<p>Open Discussion</p> <p>10.1.1 Paul S. read an update sent by Pat Barringer (TRU) from the BC Skills competitions.</p> <p>10.1.2 Group discussion: regarding new requirements for writing the Gas B Exam and what the state of training may look like once Red Seal Gasfitting rolls out.</p> <p>10.1.3 Group discussion: regarding next year's meeting location. Harrison Hot Springs seems to be the popular choice amongst the group as a central location for future meetings. Future plans may include cost-sharing for the facility/room charges and lunch provisions.</p>

Reports

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11.1	<p>BCSA: Brian Zinn</p> <p>11.1.1 Brian addressed the new screening requirements for apprentices that are writing the Gas B Exams. (See the BCSA policy presentation). One</p>

	<p>key change will be the obligation of the training institutions to provide notice to the BCSA within 24-48 hours if a trainee is <i>unsuccessful</i> in their Gasfitter training- this will prevent the B Exam being written by the trainee. Gasfitter FSR program is likely 2 years from implementation.</p>
11.2	<p>ITA: Cory Williams- Manager, Industry Relations (co-presented with Ed Jarvis)</p> <p>11.2.1 Refocus of the ITA (New BOD) and reflection on the April 2014 <i>BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint</i> (they will focus initially on 6-7 key priorities). 4 new Apprentice Advisors are in place, 11 more will be added throughout the Province.</p> <p>11.2.2 Pipe Trades Apprentice IP Results: 2013 BC Plumbers success = 76% vs. 63% National; BC Steamfitter success = 61% vs. 59 % National- down from 72% vs. 82% in 2012</p> <p>11.2.3 Program Updates (No change to the Plumber NOA before 2015/16, Steamfitter RSOS item bank April 2015, Gasfitter B and A NOA this Fall) ITA plans a Fall 2014 Level Exams roll-out for Plumber, Steamfitter and Sprinklerfitter Levels 1-3.</p> <p>11.2.4 Assessment Guidelines: <i>Call for Participants</i> for Level Exam SME review and Assessment Guideline Development this Fall- forwarded through this committee's Chair. (See complete details in the ITA Presentation)</p>
11.3	<p>RTO: Ed Jarvis (Co-Presented with Cory Williams)</p> <p>11.3.1</p>
11.4	<p>CITO: Dave Colman- telephone conference</p> <p>11.4.1 Dave updated the committee with CITO's involvement with the B and A Gas Programs and their impending impact on the Plumbing Apprenticeship.</p> <p>Once Gas moves to Red Seal, one prospect is that Plumbing may only maintain the gas piping-installation portion of the Gasfitter outline. Plumbing could also become a 5 year program (or a 4-plus-1 format). Circumstances at this point are yet unclear, but the 4-plus-1 model may have the most traction. (CITO's Gasfitter Consultation Report-Q4 was circulated at yesterday's meeting which echoes these scenarios). ITO's will dissolve by this Fall. CITO will likely close its doors by end of July 2014.</p>
11.5	<p>Open School: Shannon Mitchell</p> <p>11.5.1 Shannon presented a Project Overview with an aim to complete Level 1 Plumbing this year. Project completion date has been extended to accommodate the needs of Foundations components as well. Second goal is</p>

	<p>to develop Plumber Level 2, but in any event- momentum is the key to see this project through to completion.</p> <p>Sales to date for the printed modules: Line A = 112 units, Line B = 92</p> <p>Application for writers is on the Open School website. The Curriculum sub-committee will meet with Open School to select writers and reviewers. Paul Simpson has replaced Marty on the sub-committee as TRU's rep. (last summer).</p> <p>(See the Open School presentation)</p>
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Open Discussion

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12.1	<p>12.1.1 The committee is looking at moving our annual meetings to Harrison Hot Springs in an attempt to centralize the event for all participants and presenters. Another advantage is the cohesive nature of the location for our committee work. In the interest of fairness, cost sharing of the facilities rental and lunch charges will be shared amongst the committee schools equally. (To be determined.)</p> <p>12.1.2 Motion to Adjourn: Accepted: Rob B. Seconded: Ron S.</p>

New Business

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13.1	No New Business

Evaluation and Adjournment

Item No.	Discussions & Actions
14.1	Meeting Evaluation: Positive
14.2	Next Meeting Date: June, 2015
14.3	Next Meeting Location: Harrison Hot Springs (TBD)
14.4	Meeting Adjournment: 2:05pm

