Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council Tribal Liaison Sub-Committee

The Washington State Tribal Liaison Sub Committee was able to meet this quarter on a virtual platform. Thank you for Brother Chris Winters, and IUPAT for hosting the meeting. We had a nice showing at the meeting with several new guests from WSDOT, NE WA ESD, WA State Building Trades Mark Riker, and other labor Union organizations. In addition to that we had TERO affiliates from the Spokane Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation, Nez Perce Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Grand Ronde Tribe, Steilacoom Tribe and a guest Tribe, the Tolowa D'ane Nation out of California. Last, but certainly not least, we had the Tulalip Pre-apprenticeship, TVTC and LNI Apprenticeship staff at the meeting as well.

- Brother Riker & Winters discussed an issue that had been resolved on the Solar Array project and we thank them both for their role in that.
- Conversations continued on TLA's and how this can promote the ability to partner with apprenticeship programs for the Tribes upcoming projects, and how to move forward with those conversations.
- Lisa Telford reported that the TVTC pre apprenticeship has a new class that was just getting started with 20 new participants.
- Melody Stell discussed the need to start engaging in the WSDOT MOU with the TERO and how that could affect apprenticeship. She also announced that she will be retiring and would like to start bringing Evan Nnambie to the group in the future.
- Each of the TERO's gave an update on upcoming projects and the work outlook in their areas.
- Evan Hamilton spoke on RCW 49.04 and WAC 296-05 and gave the TERO's and other affiliates an opportunity to ask questions around Training Agents.
- There was a call out for anyone interested in giving the Land Acknowledgement at the next Training Council meeting, scheduled for April.

We are looking forward to our next meeting, and greatly appreciate the ability to be back to work, with a goal in mind that will benefit our Tribal Citizens in the registered apprenticeship career pathways.

As always, we encourage as much participation as possible, so if you are interested, please contact Christina Riley, Tamara Strong, or Chris Winters to get on the mailing list.

Thank you for the ability to report.

Christina Riley, LiUNA!

Co-Chair