



Technical Standards and Safety Authority
Minutes of the Boilers, Pressure Vessels, &
Operating Engineers Plenary Advisory Council
Meeting on April 15th, 2024

Minutes of the Boilers, Pressure Vessels, & Operating Engineers Industry Advisory meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th day of April, 2024.

Present: Mark Lambert (Chair); Brian Taylor; John Milton; Greg Black; Mohammed Farooqi; Hillar Prits; Justin Awoyomi; Yan Huang; Ronald Morrison; Ralf Klopff; Jamie Webb; Ryan McLachlin

TSSA: Alexandra Campbell; Kristian Kennedy; Glen Lang; Kim Semper; Olga Sousa-Dias; Priya Ferris

Regrets: Justin Clappison; Mario Gogic; Ryan Jones; Randy Purves; Fred Oliver

1. Welcome and Constitution of Meeting

The Chair, M. Lambert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, K. Kennedy spoke to outdoor safety for spring.

2. Adoption of April 15, 2024 Agenda

Council adopted the agenda as presented.

3. Adoption of Minutes of November 17, 2023

Council approved the minutes as presented.

4. Review of Action Items

Both action items from the last meeting are now closed. K. Semper spoke to the action items, noting the agricultural item was brought up at the TSSA-insurers meeting. As for the second, it was noted that an abbreviated list was provided at the plenary session. A more in depth list can be circulated to interested members, by contacting K. Kennedy via email.



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5. Chair's Update

The Chair spoke to the importance of participation, encouraged by the priorities list maintenance and the submission of new agenda item request forms. He looks forward to working closely with members on the call.

6. Council Administration

R. Klopff indicated that he will continue his membership. M. Farooqi will get back to K. Kennedy about OPIA membership. IPE will be referring R. Klopff's role as responsible for continued membership

For vacancies, K. Kennedy noted resumes are still being reviewed and a decision will be made after meetings. G. Lang noted J. Brimble's employer should not be identified as a private operator. Comments were made that all three prospective members would make good candidates. R. Klopff suggested Stelco would be a good candidate given the company's history on the council.

G. Black commented that it will be up to the chair to decide on the power generation sector. On the private side it appears there is only one applicant.

7. Advisory Council Meeting Location

A. Campbell spoke to the issue, noting that TSSA wanted to level set on in-person attendance versus hybrid and all on-line. TSSA would like to learn what other organizations are doing. R. Klopff said the hybrid is what most would favour because of work schedules. He advised earmarking one or two in-person meetings as mandatory. G. Black does not have an issue with mandatory in-person meetings. That would probably be the plenary session as in-person as it is longer. J. Awoyomi is in favour of items 1 or 2. He understands the in-person benefits although there can always be exceptions. Some may not be able to make in-person meetings immediately after the advisory council meetings. Y. Huang favours one in person meeting, but the option should be there for hybrid for other meetings. R. Morrison noted it is worthwhile for in-person meetings as much as possible with a hybrid option. H. Prits is in favour of the hybrid option. A 360 camera feature enables full spectrum footage nowadays. A. Campbell noted that the common denominator seems to be a preference for at least one in person meeting.



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8. Late Fees

P. Ferris spoke to the issue, noting that the presentation provides additional detail on the inquiry concerning Operating Engineers late payment fees.

B. Taylor asked how many of the late payments are disputed. P. Ferris commented that there are always subsets of late payment disputes, the significant number is delayed payments.

M. Farooqi asked if TSSA is gathering data on why late payments are occurring. From his experience, as a large corporation, invoices get sent to a number of addresses that results in delays. P. Ferris replied that TSSA has recognized this challenge and noted at the last meeting that the payment portal is about to come into effect, so each customer will have full information and access to billing details, including changing billing addresses.

9. BPV/OE Issue Prioritization Recap & Discussion

K. Semper spoke to the recap of priorities, detailing the status of each.

J. Awoyomi touched on agricultural exemption, noting that there is a timeline for agricultural boiler registration, and he suggested more updates are needed on how many are being brought into TSSA's registration process – assuming TSSA is still targeting the five-year plan for agricultural boilers and pressure vessels. On failed inspections, J. Awoyomi noted that insurers need this information in good time. K. Semper replied that TSSA is working on both. First, looking to close loop with insurers on the status of devices. On agriculture, TSSA can use the insurer call as a suitable forum for updates. J. Awoyomi asked if insurers can get a target date for completion or even interim dates since the issue has been on the priority list for a long time. The issue is getting controversial with certain clients and some of these devices need to be shutdown and no action is being taken. K. Semper will come back with a timeframe. [

A question was asked by G. Black about the national plant rating code noting that certain issues have been put on the backburner. G. Lang replied the working groups for the code are seeking consensus from across the country on basic elements for the code. Certain issues will be moved to the next round.

Y. Huang reemphasized the failed inspection issue as very important – it should be prioritized as an issue. Insurers take it seriously.



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G. Black spoke to certification renewals and invoicing. He noted that he is hearing through stakeholders that they are not receiving invoices, issues paying invoices in an ongoing manner. The issue was highlighted during the agenda item on late fees. A. Campbell noted that TSSA did speak to this issue at the plenary session. TSSA is continuing to investigate, noting that the issue is getting better, but the backlog is still there. TSSA has a better process to rectify the stopgap. TSSA is in a soft launch for the portal, which will make payment much better going forward.

On COC, K. Semper remarked that in fourth column notes TSSA is looking to complete it in the next year.

J. Awoyomi spoke to UID turnaround times, he noted that he submitted a form on turnaround times. The issue will be forwarded to the insurer group at TSSA.

J. Webb noted he is hearing anecdotally about TSSA billing issues recently. A. Campbell asked for him to connect with her if issues do not get resolved. R. Klopf remarked that he is happy to hear late fee charges will not be imposed until the new portal is implemented. G. Lang clarified that with the CRM limitations customers cannot pay for a group of invoices. Individuals must have their on profile on the portal. If companies pay for their TSSA renewals collectively, they will have to sort out those processes internally.

G. Black spoke to the proposal for a "Dear Chief" letter. They are hearing from students of the difficulties getting hired. The letter was effective in opening up lines of communication and help with engagement of industries and more placement opportunities. Now that COVID-19 is fading, there is a case to revisit the letter. G. Lang spoke to the item, noting he has drawn a letter up, revamped it and will circulate it with G. Black, R. Klopf and M. Lambert. He emphasized the importance of getting the letter out to the right stakeholders. Lists are not necessarily up to date so he looks to them for assistance.

G. Black spoke to the qualifying experience for time plants. He noted he met with B. Rose and T. Ayres, noting that they felt it was feasible as an initiative. He noted the initiative was something that was done in the past. R. Klopf noted the list is shared with IPE and is kept confidential. M. Lambert noted there is a gathering of colleges in May and that that would be a good forum for information-sharing. G. Lang supports the proposal. He will look into the practicalities of sharing the list in light of privacy issues.



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As for the last item, qualifying work experience, G. Black and R. Klopf are comfortable focusing on the Dear Chief letter and college information sharing. An in-depth approach to qualifying work experience will be based on success of the first two proposals and may in part be addressed via the B56 code.

M. Lambert advised before adjournment that he is willing to collaborate with members on the agenda request forms, that way there is an actionable record on them.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.