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Massachusetts Board State Examiners of Electricians
Planning and Research Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2022

Conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 A.M.

The following Board members were present:

Brendan Driscoll, Journeyman Electrician Member
John Bagni, MAVA Member
Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member

The following members of Board Staff were present:

Keith Gleason, Executive Director
Tamara Smith, Program Coordinator
Charles Kilb, Legal Counsel

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1. **Reviewed** Minutes of the meeting May 18, 2022
P. Malagrifa made a motion B. Driscoll, seconded and it was so unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.
 2. **Reviewed/Discussed** findings by members on potential reciprocity agreements with New England states.
 - B. Driscoll reported having researched the following license criteria:
 - i. New Hampshire – 8000hrs work experience and 576hrs at 144hrs / yr education or an associate or higher degree in electrical curriculum. Applicants with a license from another jurisdiction may alternatively present 10 yrs of experience. Practical experience from Board approved schools may award credit up to 2000 hrs. Reciprocity exists with several states including MA.
 - ii. Vermont – Completion of an apprenticeship with the apprenticeship council in electrical wiring or other equivalent training and experience in or out of state. Journeyman licensees can only work under supervision of a Master and with one apprentice or helper.



- iii. Rhode Island – 8000hrs and 4 yrs work experience as a registered apprentice (was unable to determine education requirements) There is no reciprocity.
- iv. Maine – (exam application must be within 1 yr of graduation from education program) and may include any of the following combinations of credentials:
 1. 8000hrs as an apprentice or helper or otherwise in electrical installation, 576 hrs consisting of 225hrs required study, 45 or more hrs in approved NEC course study and 351hrs trade related electives (135 hrs may be degree related).

OR

2. Accredited RVTHS 2 yr electrical program graduate, 45 or more hrs in approved NEC course study, 8000hrs work under Master supervision

OR

3. Accredited ME Community College electrical program graduate, 45 or more hrs. in approved NEC course study and 4000hrs work under Master supervision or equivalent
Reciprocity is not consistently open.

- P. Malagrifa stated regarding Connecticut that they provide 7 different scopes of licensure as Journeyman and Contractor. They have a registered apprentice program however non-apprentice persons may apply with equivalent work experience, their education requires 720hrs for the Journeyman. Licensure may be obtained by endorsement. He added that he would provide an organized table of criteria for follow-up discussion.
- Counsel mentioned that the Board has reciprocity and examination criteria which does include qualifying criteria for licensees in other states outside reciprocity. The regulation does not have licensure criteria for endorsement which is allowing licensure without MA examination or reciprocity.
- P. Malagrifa concluded that any consideration for reciprocity agreements would have to hold to the Board's criteria requirements of maintaining safety and license integrity. B. Driscoll stated that to that end it would appear New Hampshire may not be currently meeting that criterion and suggested adding that applicants are MA examined.
- Counsel agreed that the Board's mission in licensure is public safety through competency and the idea behind reciprocity agreement is simply that the Board need not undergo extensive analysis of state requirements due the state meeting similar standards of licensure and safety. Conversely if those standards diminish then it is incumbent on the Board to end the agreement. He observed that the New Hampshire agreement has changed over the years from its original form in efforts to ensure MA criteria continue to be met.
- J. Bagni suggested to recommend to the full Board to propose an amendment to the agreement in which applicants are required to document synchronous education completion.

P. Malagrifa so motioned to bring the matter to the full Board. Tabled after discussion.

10:54 A.M. P. Malagrifa left the meeting

3. **Discussed** research on exam review in 2023, after NEC is adopted in January

- J. Bagni and B. Driscoll stated they will convene the committee to review exam questions beginning after the adoption of the new code year as the exam is usually reviewed at that time. The committee also will need to add another member.

4. Discussion other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

- B. Driscoll asked on behalf of a provider as to when Providers will be able to begin conducting courses on the 2023 code.
- Paul Kennedy mentioned that the BFPR has regulations that does not allow Providers to hold courses on the new code until its release in January.
- K. Gleason added that per Counsel existing Providers who have submitted complete renewal packages and received approval for their programs may commence conducting classes after January 1, 2023, or Board adoption of the code (whichever comes first). Any advertisement of classes prior to subcommittee approval must explicitly indicate “tentative” or “subject to Board approval”. New Providers must be completely approved by the subcommittee before advertising and conducting classes.

J. Bagni made a motion B. Driscoll, seconded and it was so unanimously voted to make a recommendation to the full Board to reopen the New Hampshire reciprocity agreement in consideration of their online education allowances.

5. Adjournment

At 11:26 A.M. B. Driscoll made a motion J. Bagni, seconded and it was so unanimously voted to adjourn.

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List of Documents used at the meeting

1. Meeting agenda
2. Current New Hampshire reciprocity Agreement