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FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Chairperson Paul Von Berg
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Held Tele-Conference

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Paul Von Berg called the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Paul Von Berg, Christopher Christophersen Sr., Larry Hopkins, Jason Rafter and
DAS Chief Eric Rood

Absent: Chip Martin and Louis Ontiveros.

A quorum was not met.

II. Review/approve previous Minutes

A motion and a second for approval of the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes. All approved. The motion carried.

III. Discussions and suggestions on future Forum topics.

- We do have a speaker for the CAC tomorrow. DAS Chief Eric Rood wanted to thank Commissioner Sheri Learmonth for helping to connect us with our forum speaker. Chief Rood stated Christy Notareschi with Hilti North America. Head of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion for Hilti North America will be speaking.
- Suggestion from Ben Rivera to have Chris speak about mental illness/suicide prevention Suicide and suicide prevention in the trades. In 2017, nearly 38,000 persons of working age (16–64 years) in the United States died by suicide, which

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represents a 40% rate increase in less than 2 decades. Suicide rates were significantly higher in five major industry groups with Construction being one of them. Also discussed him as a forum speaker at the California Conference of Apprenticeship in April.

- Suggested topic of Quality and Diversity in business, with active models that are working. Milwaukie Tool was suggested. A member of the apprenticeship stated that they had discussed recently a pilot program to get involved in apprenticeship, sponsoring graduations.
- Discussed the difficulty of networking within the apprenticeship community due to the pandemic. Paul stated because we have not been meeting in person it has been a challenge to have a forum speaker. He stated that the lack of networking has been an issue. Also stated that there has been less interest with getting a speaker to present virtually.
- Discussed how to reach out, promote or explore recruitment strategies in apprenticeship of young adults 16-24 year olds.
- Paul asked if anyone had any ideas regarding forum speakers or topics for our CAC meetings that are scheduled for 2022.

IV. Other Items of Interest

- None

V. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 p.m.