

**178.05 APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment of committees.** Apprenticeship committees may be established by the director to supervise the operation of apprenticeship programs. Establishment of a committee may be considered justified if either of the following conditions are met:

- (a) When the employers and employees in a trade or trades are parties to a collective bargaining agreement requiring joint participation in program operation; or
- (b) When five or more apprentices are enrolled under a program.

Subd. 2. **Members.** (a) The total number of members on a committee may range from four to twelve.

- (b) In joint participation there shall be equal representation of employers and employees.

(c) Members shall be selected by the group or groups they represent subject to approval by the director.

(d) A committee may have as one of its employee representatives, an active apprentice of record, provided that the apprentice has completed a minimum of 6,000 hours of an apprenticeship term or has entered the fourth year of the term.

Subd. 3. **Programs.** (a) A program operating under the supervision of a committee shall, in its standards, include the procedures to be followed in the administration of the program which in no case shall be inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, and such rules as may be promulgated by the department under the authority of this chapter.

(b) Every apprenticeship program operating under a committee shall, in its standards, provide for a tie breaking procedure should the committee, by its voting, find itself unable to reach a majority decision on any matter relative to the committee's supervision and operation of the program.

(c) When a committee is not established by the director, the operation of the program shall be according to the terms and conditions of the apprenticeship agreement as subscribed to by the named contracting parties and approved by the director.

**History:** (4260-35) 1939 c 363 s 5; 1974 c 144 s 5; 1979 c 130 s 4; 1986 c 444