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Honouring our Newly Certified Journeypersons

On Saturday, November 14th, 2009, the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Board hosted the 15th Apprenticeship Celebration Event at the Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth, NS. This event honours newly certified journeypersons who have successfully completed their apprenticeship training and obtained a certificate of qualification in their chosen trade. Approximately 250 individuals attended, including 50 newly certified journeypersons.

Dale Crawford, A/Director, Apprenticeship Training was the Emcee for the event and welcomed special guests: The Honorable Marilyn More, Minister of Labour & Workforce Development (LWD); Margaret MacDonald, Deputy Minister LWD; Colin Campbell, Chair of the Provincial Apprenticeship Board; Dr. Joan McArthur-Blair, President, NSCC; Don Bureaux, Vice President, Academic Services, NSCC; Ron Farrell, Dean of Trades & Technology, NSCC; and Marjorie Davison, Director of Policy, LWD.

During the event, Colin Campbell made opening remarks and Dr. Joan McArthur-Blair brought greetings from the Nova Scotia Community College. Minister More brought greetings from the Province and also presented all Apprenticeship Board members with plaques of appreciation. Special recognition was given to Michael Boutilier, who had been on the Apprenticeship Board for more than six years and had recently retired. The Minister also recognized Lynn MacKinlay who is the first female to receive Red Seal certification in Cabinetmaker in Nova Scotia.

It was an exciting night for Liz Cummings as she was the guest speaker and was also the recipient of the Apprentice Award of Excellence. This award recognizes a newly certified journeyperson who exceeds the requirements of the Apprenticeship program and who demonstrates strong work ethic, skill, professionalism and support for others in the workplace. Liz was nominated by Tom Griffiths of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 625. She graduated as a Construction Electrician and is now employed with State Group updating communication systems in all Lawton Drug Stores in Nova Scotia. Liz, not knowing she had been nominated for an award herself, nominated

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Liz Cummings; Construction Electrician graduate. Liz was the evening guest speaker and was awarded the Apprentice Award of Excellence.

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her instructor Jim Corbin for the Mentor/Coach Award of Excellence. This award recognizes an employer, supervisor, instructor or coach who demonstrates a commitment to excellence in contributing to the success of apprentices achieving certification. Jim is an Electrical instructor at the Nova Scotia Community College and Liz nominated Jim because she felt he was “a walking role model”.

This event could not have been a success without the support of our partners:

- UA Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 56
- Mainland NS Building & Construction Trades Council
- Nova Scotia Construction Labour Relations Association
- Cape Breton Island Building & Construction Trades Council
- Apprenticeship Award Trust
- Nova Scotia Power
- Collision Repair Association of NS
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 625
- Ironworkers Local 752
- Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee (IBEW)
- Merit Contractors
- Millright Local 1178 Training Trust Fund
- Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council
- Skills Canada Nova Scotia
- Nova Scotia Community College

Thank you to all our partners for their contribution. ■



L-R: Photo 1, Kevin Gerrior of NSCC handing out prizes during the Apprenticeship Celebration Event; Photo 2, Minister More presenting Board Member, Donna Bonner with plaque of appreciation; Photo 3, Colin Campbell and Dale Crawford present Greg Pope of UA Local 56 Plumbers and Pipefitters with partnership appreciation plaque; Photo 4, Dale Crawford, Colin Campbell and Minister More present newly certified journeyperson Martin Deeble, with certificate of achievement in Carpentry.

Building Capacity in the Landscape Horticulturist trade

On March 31st, 2009 Landscape Horticulturist was designated as a trade in Nova Scotia. Around the same time, a group of industry representatives (ad hoc advisory committee) began working on a regulation for the trade in hopes of eventually encouraging people to enter into apprenticeship training.

Considering Landscape Horticulturist is a new trade in Nova Scotia, Journeypersons in this trade simply do not yet exist. In order to build capacity in the Landscape Horticulturist trade, Journeyperson's are required in order to teach new apprentices who will eventually be coming through the system. On December 1st, 2009 the Apprenticeship Training Division received a letter on behalf of the advisory committee asking apprenticeship to recognize the already established Certified Horticultural Technician (CHT) exam as equivalent to the exam for apprenticeship training in the Landscape Horticulturist trade. Following a careful review of the training and exam process for the CHT, the Apprenticeship Training Division has found that it meets the outcomes of the apprenticeship program. Some additions and exceptions apply.

At this time the Apprenticeship Training Division will recognize individuals who hold all of the four certifications associated with the CHT program, and

have the required 6,000 hours of hands-on work in the trade, as being equivalent to the Provincial Certificate of Qualification for Landscape Horticulturist. The four certifications being: Softscape Installation, Hardscape Installation, Turf Maintenance, and Ornamental Maintenance.

Individuals who have completed this group of certifications can contact the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Coordinator with the Apprenticeship Training Division for an application. The process for application is in the development stage and will be ready in the early months of 2010.

The examination for the Red Seal Certification in the Landscape Horticulturist trade will also be available in 2010 and we encourage people to challenge this exam. The Red Seal is the nationally recognized standard for the trades. Individuals who have a Provincial Certification will be automatically eligible to challenge the exam.

The Apprenticeship Training Division appreciates the interest in this program. We hope to continue to work together in building capacity to train more apprentices and to certify more journeypeople in the Landscape Horticulturist trade. ■

Employer Breakfast

Opening the communication lines for employers to learn more about apprenticeship training

On October 16th, 2009, 15 employers from the Pictou, Colchester and Cumberland area gathered at the NSCC Truro Campus for an Employer Breakfast. The event was sponsored by the Apprenticeship Board as part of the Board's strategic plan to engage more employers and educate them on the benefits of apprenticeship training. Acting Director of Apprenticeship Training; Dale Crawford opened the event with remarks and made a presentation on the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF) "Return on Training Investment".

Shannon Smith, Executive Director for the Automotive Sector Council spoke on behalf of employers in her industry and said that apprenticeship training plays an important role in the automotive industry. According to Rui Martins, Service Manager at Clayton Park Canadian Tire, extensive research through the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum has proven that hiring an automotive apprentice will generate profit within the first year and that it needs to start

with the employer taking action. "Apprentices are the future - our current pool of technicians is dry now! We need to develop our apprentices to be the technicians we are looking for. We, as an industry, need to take responsibility for that or they will migrate to industries that do!" Corrie Anderson, Human Resource Manager, MacPhee Pontiac Buick said that "Every employer should have a designated employer apprenticeship resource and...employers, consumers and technicians all benefit from apprenticeship in Nova Scotia."

Following the speeches and presentation, employers had the opportunity to provide feedback through a survey and round table discussion. Out of the 15 employers who attended, 12 participated in the survey and

the majority of respondents were from the automotive industry.

Employers were asked specifically about their thoughts on pre-apprenticeship training, knowledge of grants and incentives that currently exist for apprentices and employers, and challenges with apprenticeship training. Employers were also asked to provide suggestions on how they believe we can attract and retain apprentices and journeypersons in Nova Scotia.

Overall, the event was a success. We received a lot of great feedback from employers and those in attendance felt a morning breakfast event was a good way to share information on apprenticeship training. Thank you to everyone who attended, we appreciate your feedback. ■



Industry employers, board members and partners learn more about the Return on Training Investment through a presentation during the Employer Breakfast held in Truro, NS.

Connecting with Youth – Youth Decision Survey

In 2005, the Apprenticeship Training and Skill Development division implemented Youth Apprenticeship, an initiative which enables youth to get a head start in a career in the skilled trades and complete high school, both at the same time. Since then, a Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator has been working to deliver the positive message about apprenticeship to youth in Nova Scotia schools and to encourage them to consider apprenticeship training as a career option. In addition, continuous work from other groups, such as Skills Canada–Nova Scotia and Techsploration, have also reinforced the benefits for youth who are considering a career in the trades.

Although we can determine how many youth we reach each year and control the content that is delivered, it's also equally as important to determine whether or not our messages are being received.

Since 2000, approximately every four years, the Apprenticeship Board of Nova Scotia has conducted a Youth Decision Survey. This survey is administered to students, teachers and guidance counselors throughout Nova Scotia to determine whether or not youth are actually learning about career options that are available to them in the trades and apprenticeship training. This year, 17 high schools in eight school boards across the province participated in the study. Surveys were administered to teachers and students in grades 10 through 12 and each participating student was given a survey to bring home to their parent or guardian to complete. The surveys were administered and collected between October – December 2009 and the results of the survey are expected to be tabulated and a report prepared by April 2010. A copy of the final report will be distributed to regional school boards, the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Board, Department of Labour and Workforce Development and the Department of Education. ■

Partnership Agreement on Regulation and the Economy

The Partnership Agreement on Regulation and the Economy (PARE) is an agreement between the Governments of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the purpose of enhancing mobility, competitiveness, improving productivity, contributing to workforce development and availability, and positively influencing issues of mutual interest by streamlining practices, removing duplication, and harmonizing regulations and practices between both provinces. What this means for apprenticeship in Nova Scotia is:

- i) working toward harmonizing compulsory certified trades with New Brunswick;
- ii) harmonizing the process for specifying designated trades as compulsory certified.

This is a new initiative and both provinces are still working through the details. To date, both jurisdictions have shared the list of trades that are compulsory certified in their respective provinces. Listed to the right are the compulsory trades by jurisdiction.

This agreement does not mean that all compulsory certified trades in New Brunswick will automatically become compulsory certified in Nova Scotia and vice versa. We will continue to do what is best for each respective trade in our province. However, it does mean that the Apprenticeship Divisions in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will take a closer look at the compulsory certified trades in both provinces and determine if it is

advantageous for each to specify those trades as compulsory certified. In addition to a thorough application process, any trade that is being considered for compulsory certification will be sent out for industry consultation before a recommendation is put forward.

Over the next few months, the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Board will be reviewing and improving their compulsory application guide and working toward incorporating various parts of the New Brunswick guide. For more information on the PARE agreement, please visit: www.gnb.ca/cnb/promos/red-tape/nb-ns/ ■

New Brunswick	Nova Scotia
• Automotive Services Technician	• Automotive Service Technician
• AST – Steer, Suspension & Brake	• AST – Service Station Mechanic
• Bricklayer	• Bricklayer
• Construction Electrician	• Construction Electrician
• Oil Burner Mechanic	• Oil Burner Mechanic
• Plumber	• Plumber
• Refrigeration and AC Mechanic	• Refrigeration and AC Mechanic
• Sprinkler System Installer	• Sprinkler System Installer
	• Boilermaker
	• Steamfitter/pipefitter
	• Motor Vehicle Body Repairer
	• Truck and Transport Mechanic

Grants and incentives for employers and apprentices:

Through feedback received during our Employer Breakfast events this year, employers said they would like to know more about the incentives and grants that are available for employers and apprentices. Additional details regarding grants and incentives can be found in the 2009-2010 training schedule or through our website: www.nsapprenticeship.ca/financial_assistance.shtml

For Employers:

The **Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit** is a non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices in respect of employment after May 1, 2006. The maximum credit is

\$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice. More information is available on the Canada Revenue Agency website at: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/pprntcshp-eng.html

For Apprentices in Red Seal trades:

The **tradesperson's Tools Deduction** provides employed tradespersons with an annual deduction of up to \$500 to help cover the cost of new tools necessary to their trade. The deduction applies to the total cost of eligible tools if the following conditions are met: the total cost exceeds \$1,000, the tools were bought after May 1, 2006 and the purchase was made by an employed tradesperson. For

more information on the tradesperson's tools deduction, visit: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/tls-eng.html

The **Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG)** is a federal taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year or level available to apprentices who have successfully completed their 1st or 2nd year in a Red Seal trade. To apply for an AIG visit: www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/apprenticeship.shtml. Apply as soon as you are eligible, as there are application deadlines associated with the AIG.

- To qualify for the 1st year grant of \$1,000, you must have successfully completed Level 1/Group A training and 2,000 hours

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- To qualify for the 2nd year grant of \$1,000, you must have successfully completed Level 2/Group B training and 4,000 hours

The **Apprenticeship Completion Grant (ACG)** is a taxable cash grant of \$2000 for registered apprentices who have completed the apprenticeship program and obtained their journeyman certification in a designated Red Seal trade. Apprentices can apply for this grant starting July 2, 2009, with eligibility retroactive to January 1, 2009. Application forms and further information are available on the Service Canada website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/apprenticeship.shtml or by phone at 1-866-742-3644.

Progression and Completion Awards, Groups C & D (Levels 3 & 4)

Progression Awards (Red Seal and Non Red Seal trades):

Apprentices in a four-level apprenticeship program can apply for a taxable \$700 Progression Award if they fulfill all requirements of Level 3/Group C.

Apprentices in a five-level apprenticeship program can apply for a taxable \$700 Progression Award if they fulfill all requirements of Level 3/Group C. They can apply for another award if they fulfill all requirements of Level 4/Group D.

Applications for the Progression Award will be distributed to apprentices during their technical training. Mail, fax or drop off your

completed application form to the division office nearest you. Applications must be received within six months of achieving eligibility. If you require an application, visit www.nsapprenticeship.ca/forms_publications.shtml

Completion Award:

Apprentices in non-Red Seal trades are eligible for a **Completion award** in the amount of \$1000 when they pass the certification exam and are issued a Certificate of Apprenticeship.

Please note: *The Nova Scotia Completion Award will not be paid to Apprentices in a Red Seal trade who applied for the completion award after January 1, 2009. Apprentices who fall into this category should apply for the Apprenticeship Completion Grant immediately.* ■

Female achieves excellence in the trades

Over the past few years, there has been an increased movement to encourage more women to consider careers in the trades. We know quite well of one young woman in Nova Scotia who heard this message loud and clear. On July 4, 2009, Lynn MacKinlay celebrated being the first female cabinetmaker to receive her Red Seal certification in Nova Scotia.

Lynn grew up in Queensland, Ontario and is the youngest of six children; four brothers and one sister. Throughout her childhood, Lynn wanted to do crafts and woodwork and at Christmas time, Lynn would ask for Builder sets instead of dolls. She wasn't your typical young girl. Considering Lynn had so many brothers, she loved playing sports with the boys. On the weekends, Lynn would go into her father's garage and look at the Popular Mechanics magazines and find something to build.

After high school, Lynn did what most young people were encouraged to do at her age - she went to university. She graduated from Dalhousie with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1989 and later acquired an Intro to Trade Certificate in 1991. One year following that, she acquired her cabinetry certificate. Lynn started her Apprenticeship in 1993 as a carpenter's helper, because there was no Apprenticeship in cabinetry at that time. Over the next few years, Lynn ran her own business in renovations and cabinetry.

More recently, Lynn became the coordinator for Women Unlimited. During that time, she had a conversation with a Training Coordinator and asked how she might go about achieving her Red Seal in Cabinetmaking. When she received the information, she then realized it was within her reach. Lynn worked hard to collect documentation from across Canada that would prove her hours in the trade and found instructors who supported her application for the Red Seal. Her Training Officer approved supporting documents, she paid a fee to write the exam, and then studied a lot in order to prepare for the exam. All of Lynn's dedication and hard work paid off as she not only successfully passed the Red Seal exam, but became the first female in Nova Scotia to do so.

Lynn is currently working in Set Construction in the film industry on a serial program for HBO. Lynn says that one of the most important lessons she has learned is to value workplace culture, "...Never touch other people's tools without asking and respect other people's space," she said. "Working in Trades instills values around hard work, and being on time is second to none." Lynn says that women in the trades are never going to be "one of the guys" but more importantly, women should work toward enhancing the workplace and broadening the culture. She says, "...it's our responsibility, as people who are different, to create a positive culture for any other person who is different."

While Lynn may not have been playing with beautiful dolls and toys when she was younger, today, Lynn says that one of the coolest things about her job is that she gets to build beautiful things. ■

Skilled Trades in Nova Scotia

Developed by way of recommendations from industry, educators, and tradespeople, Skilled Trades Education is an opportunity for Nova Scotia high school students to investigate the skilled trades as a possible career choice and life style.

Working in a specifically designed contextual learning environment, the Skilled Trades Centre, students in these courses learn what it means to be a skilled tradesperson. Students use a combination of practical applications in trades-related projects and academic endeavours, to develop skills and acquire knowledge. Students also develop hand/eye co-ordination and motor skills using the very tools of the trades. Courses are designed so that students develop an understanding of skilled trades learning that is meaningful, relevant, and credible in a safe environment.

Contextual learning strategies and environments such as the Skilled Trades Centre have been proven to help students to learn better. Certainly having certified journeypersons as teachers provides a context that has been previously unavailable. Certified journeypersons are skilled tradespeople who, through their formal education, experience, and professional development have demonstrated skills that are seen to be of a calibre worthy of trades certification by the regulatory authority. They are recognized for their knowledge, skills, and understanding of their trade and what it means to be a skilled tradesperson. These teachers, by virtue of their trades experience, are able to “walk the talk”.

The fact that there are potentially such strong ties between Skilled Trades Education and the skilled trades workplace makes these very demanding courses. Students must be capable of obeying safety regulations, following instructions, and confronting the challenges of working with real tools and real

materials to complete real tasks on schedule. Safety is at the heart of Nova Scotia’s Skilled Trades courses. The Skilled Trades teachers, as certified journeypersons, know this. Safety for them is a culture-not a subject. Once again, contextual learning is evident.

The value of Skilled Trades Education has been formally recognized by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Workforce Development. In a Memorandum of Understanding, the Department has agreed to award students apprenticeship time when registering for school time logged under the direction of a certified journeyperson. This is a true value-add for Skilled Trades Education. ■



Photos above and left: Students working on projects in the Skilled Trades Center, Annapolis West Education Centre, Annapolis Royal.



On January 20th, 2010 the Apprenticeship Board of Nova Scotia welcomed the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development; Honorable Marilyn More, to their monthly meeting and provided the Minister with an update on the work of the Board. L-R; Louis Joe Bernard, Paul Price, Graham Baxter, Heather Cruickshanks, Tori Munroe, Robert Sampson, Dale Crawford, Susanne Anderson, front; Donna Bonner, Honorable Marilyn More, Colin Campbell.

An Opportunity for Apprentices to Showcase Excellence in their Trades

Skills Canada ~ Nova Scotia (SCNS) is a not-for-profit organization that promotes skilled trades and technologies as viable career options for Nova Scotia's youth. This coming April, SCNS will host their signature event; the 13th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition.

This is a great opportunity for you to showcase the skills of your apprentices as they compete for gold in their chosen field and for the title of 'Best in Nova Scotia'.

Competitions will run throughout the month of April, at various locations across the province. These are Olympic-style events, including competitions in Auto Body Repair, Welding, Heavy Duty Equipment Repair and many more.

At the end of the competition, medals are awarded to the top three competitors in each contest area, judged by leaders in industry and education. Gold medalists become part of Team Nova Scotia, and most

will represent our province at the Canadian Skills Competition in Waterloo, Ontario from May 20–23, 2010.

Thomas Zwicker, bricklaying apprentice and past competitor, won silver at the 2009 Canadian Skills Competition. "I would encourage other brick masons from Nova Scotia to compete. It's fun. These competitions have been the highlight of my career so far," he said.

Encourage YOUR apprentices to sign up and start practicing now!
For more information on how to register check out:
www.skillsns.ednet.ns.ca ■



Photo left: Thomas Zwicker, Brick Masonry competitor; 3 time gold medal winner at the Nova Scotia Skills Competition, 2007 Canadian Skills Competition (CSC) bronze medalist, and 2009 CSC silver medalist. Zwicker receiving silver medal from TV Star Mike Holmes.



Encourage your apprentices to **register now**

for the 13th Annual Nova Scotia Skills Competition & Career Showcase
 hosted by Skills Canada ~ Nova Scotia

This event will take place across the province in April, showcasing excellence in various trades including brick masonry.

Registration closes February 26th.
 All registration is on-line (in areas registration applications beyond the deadline may be accepted).
 Competitors must be enrolled students or apprentices and under 22 years of age.

To register, the eligibility requirements and rules of all competition areas online at:
skillsns.ednet.ns.ca or for more information call 902-424-7800

Want to be a partner? Contact us, Helen MacNeil at 902-424-7800








Trade Advisory Committee Update

The Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Board is the voice of industry to the Minister of Labour and Workforce Development regarding the apprenticeship and certification system in Nova Scotia. The board relies heavily on the involvement of industry members from all trades in the participation of industry ad hoc advisory committees. The dedication and involvement of our industry partners greatly assist the board to effectively represent industry.

The following are proposed new or amended regulations that are currently under review or regulations in which an Order In Council (OIC) has recently been signed:

Ad Hoc Advisory Committee status:

- Boilermaker - Specified as compulsory certified – March 17, 2009
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter - Specified as compulsory certified – March 17, 2009
- Motor Vehicle Body Repairer - Specified as compulsory certified – August 4th, 2009
- Industrial Electrician - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Instrumentation and Control Tech - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Industrial Mechanic Millwright - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Machinist - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Agriculture Equipment Tech. - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Cook - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Floor Covering Installer - OIC signed October 6th, 2009
- Plumber - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Boat Builder regulations - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Oil Burner Mechanic - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Ironworker - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff

- Sheet Metal Worker - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Welder - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Sprinkler System Installer - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Bricklayer - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Landscape Horticulture - Board recommended – to be reviewed by legal staff
- Automotive Service Technician - Continued work with ad hoc advisory committee
- Mobile Crane and Tower Crane - Draft regulation complete. Consultation: Jan 2010
- Truck and Transport Mechanic - Work to begin in 2010
- Auto Glass Technician - Regulation is ready to be presented before the board

Mobile Crane Operator

The ad hoc advisory committee last met on November 17th, 2009. During that meeting, the committee finished developing a draft regulation for the Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator trade, which includes Mobile Crane and Tower Crane. The draft regulation has been sent out for industry consultation in January, 2010.

Construction Electrician

The ad hoc advisory committee for Construction Electrician has been called back together to review the draft regulation before a recommendation is made to the Minister on behalf of the board. The committee last met on December 11th, 2009.

Transmission Technician Study

The study by the Automotive Human Resource Sector Council (AHRSC) regarding industry direction for this sub-trade is complete.

Automotive Service Technician (AST)

The Automotive Human Resource Sector Council recently conducted a study on the automotive service industry in Nova Scotia. The sector council presented the findings of both surveys before the board during the January 20th board meeting. The AST ad hoc advisory committee will be called together again within the next few months to move forward on their trade regulation.

Sheet Metal

An application to specify Sheet Metal Worker as a compulsory certified trade was received in January 2010. This application is currently under review

Carpentry

An application to specify Carpentry as a compulsory certified trade was received December 2009. This application is currently under review.

Motorcycle Technician

Motorcycle Technician is a recognized trade in Nova Scotia but currently has no apprenticeship program. A letter requesting apprenticeship training was received in January 2010 and a meeting is scheduled for late February to discuss possible next steps.



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