



CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Held In Person at USC Aiken with Virtual Option
October 26, 2023

In Person:

Jeff Allender	Dean Campbell	Wyatt Clark	Susie Ferrara
Fred Humes	Scott Kirk	Karl Lutterloh	Forest Mahan
Zeus Mancilla	Nick Miller	Lindsey MonBarren	Steve Sheetz
Daren Timmons			

Virtual:

Jimmy Angelos	Paul Cloessner	Michele Harmon	Natalia Johnson
Aherial Polite	BooBoo Roberts		

Absent:

Sally Bartelmo	Musa Danjaji	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Charlie Hansen
Joyce Hopperton	Joel Leopard	Chuck Munns	Azi Samadi
Tim Worrell	John Veldman		

CNTA Staff Present:

Jim Marra, Allison Hamilton Molnar

Call to Order

- Steve Sheetz called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- A quorum was present.

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held September 28, 2023 as presented.
 - Moved- Ferrara, Second- Mancilla
 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through October 24, 2023
 - Still have almost \$30,000 in net income right now, but have Teller Lecture expenses incoming.
 - Have moved \$10,000 from Money Market to Checking to have cash on hand to cover these expenses.
 - Moved \$50,000 out of checking this summer into a Certificate of Deposit.
 - Have two outstanding businesses due for renewal we need to follow up with.
 - Combined they are worth \$6,000 for CNTA in just memberships.
- 2024 Operating Budget
 - Presented today, will vote on approval in November.
 - Have anticipated one-time expenses accounted for with this budget.
 - New computer needed, software license renewal etc.
 - Need to discuss ticket prices as expenses have gone up dramatically in the last three years.
 - Need to have a plan to fundraise for the educator grants program & essay contest.
 - Are losing two anonymous funders in 2024 we need to replace.
 - Have added a line-item for the gift card program, updated individual membership levels etc.

Board Chair

- Thank you to the staff for the great Teller Lecture event held on Tuesday.
- Nominating committee for 2024 board members.
 - Thank you to the committee (Mahan, Sheetz, Ferrara & Kirk) for all their hard work.
 - Are nominating Scott McKay of USC Aiken & Kenny Lee of Merrick for the two open seats.
 - Their bios are available & will be sent with the November board meeting information.
 - Formal vote on the 2024 Board Slate will be at the November board meeting.
- 2024-2025 Officers
 - Mahan will become chair of the board, Sheetz will move to immediate past chair.
 - Charles Hansen will remain as treasurer.
 - Jesus Mancilla is nominated to become the vice-chair.
 - Approval of the officers for 2024-2025 will be at the November board meeting.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - Essay Contest, Educator Grant both released last week.
 - Distinguished Scientist & Nuclear Service Awards releases going out this week.
- Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Thank you to Dean, Colleen & Gary for helping carry the weight of this year's insert.
 - Need to strategize with the *Aiken Standard* on how to better coordinate next year to avoid the last-minute rush that happened.
- Updated the CNTA press distribution list this year to include outlets from across the region & state.

Education Committee

- 2024 Essay Contest & Educator Grants Program
 - Both went online last week.
 - Both are down in sponsors this year & know we are losing a few sponsors for next year.
 - Need to fundraise for these efforts in 2024.
- Center for Lifelong Learning
 - CNTA is coordinating four classes for spring 2024.
 - Three-part class on “lessons learned from nuclear incidents”
 - Two-part class on nuclear safety/deterrence
 - Helped coordinate two this fall.
 - Plant Vogtle Tour.
 - Fred Beranek teaching a course on nuclear fusion.
 - Planning two for fall 2024.
 - Two-part class featuring contractor updates from SRNS & SRMC
 - Three part class on SRNL
- Fall Fission Festival from the SRS Museum
 - October 21st from 1-4pm.
 - CNTA was a sponsor of this event, had a booth & volunteers in attendance.
 - Approximately 700 people attended the event.
 - Event was in the paper.
- STEM Outreach
 - Volunteers were at Ridge-Spring Monetta middle and high schools on October 24th.
 - Teaching middle school science and high school chemistry classes.
 - Had volunteers at the SC Governor's School for the Arts in Greenville on October 23rd.
 - Will be at Riverside Middle School in November.
 - The committee discussed restarting the nuclear blitz across all schools this year, but with the Aiken County schools changing their calendar decided to wait until next year.

- SRS at 75 Planning
 - SRS is just getting organized with their plans.
 - CNTA will support however we are asked.
- Committee is looking for a local committee chair.
 - Have a few members who have expressed an interest.
 - Have asked all interested to attend committee meeting in January & learn more about the committee & what they do.

Young Professionals Committee

- Will be transitioning to a new committee chair next year.
- Tap into Nuclear
 - Night of Giving Back scheduled for December 14th.
 - Will be at SRS Museum like last year.
 - Aiken Chamber of Commerce AYP/Third Thursday event.
 - Will be January 18th at the SRS Museum.
 - CNTA is sponsoring this Chamber young professionals' event, which includes providing food/drinks.
- Oyster Roast
 - Anticipate about \$11,000 in income from the event after all bills are paid.
 - Need to consider the cost of the event versus the ticket price for next year if we continue this event.
 - Thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for a great event.

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - For a December date only have December 13th as an option at Newberry Hall.
 - Will need to schedule farther in advance next year & or consider alternate venues.
 - Starting to book for 2024, so if you have ideas please send them along.
- Teller Lecture
 - Event went well. All the award winners & speakers enjoyed the evening.
 - Anticipate about \$10,000 in income after expenses are paid.
- Nuclear Service Award
 - Bill Wabbersen is the winner of the 2023 award.
 - The press release went out yesterday on this award.
- Distinguished Scientist Award
 - Eliel Villa-Aleman is the winner of the 2023 award.
 - The press release will go out today on this award.

Miscellaneous

- 2024 Meeting Calendar
 - Look over the proposed board meeting dates. Have 8 scheduled for next year.
 - Consider if we want less meetings, to do some virtual only etc. & plan to approve a final calendar at the November meeting.
- Contractor Updates
 - SRS Museum
 - Will have a new SRNL exhibit going in.

CNTA Calendar of Events

- October 31, 2023- Up & Atom featuring Dennis Carr, President & CEO of SRNS. Sponsored by SRNS. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- December 14, 2023- “CNTA’s Night of Giving Back.” 5:30-7pm at the SRS Museum in Aiken SC.
- March 21, 2024- Membership Appreciation Night. 6-8pm at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- May 10, 2024- 22nd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament at Houndslake Country Club.

Considerations for Future Speakers

- Brian Powell - Clemson University, Radionuclides
- STRATCOM or someone to talk about World situations
- SRS Heritage Museum
- Transitional Site
- Reactor Contractors
- Pit Production
- Small Modular Reactor (BWXT contract)
- SHINE Medical Community partnering with SRNL
- David Huizenga
- SRNL/USCA- AMC
- Honeywell- Uranium
- Amentum-Mark Whitney
- Bechtel- Advanced Reactors
- Survey of Small Modular Reactors

Adjourned:

- Motion to adjourn.
 - Moved- Allender, Second- MonBarren.
 - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Next Meetings

- November 16, 2023- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- November 30, 2023- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am at USCA, virtual option provided.