



CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Held In Person at USC Aiken with Virtual Option
August 24, 2023

In Person:

Sally Bartelmo	Paul Cloessner	Susie Ferrara	Fred Humes
Scott Kirk	Joel Leopard	Zeus Mancilla	Azi Samadi
Steve Sheetz			

Virtual:

Jeff Allender	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Michele Harmon	Forest Mahan
Lindsey MonBarren	Aherial Polite	Tim Worrell	

Absent:

Jimmy Angelos	Dean Campbell	Wyatt Clark	Musa Danjaji
Charlie Hansen	Joyce Hopperton	Natalia Johnson	Karl Lutterloh
Nick Miller	Chuck Munns	BooBoo Roberts	Daren Timmons
John Veldman			

CNTA Staff Present:

Jim Marra, Allison Hamilton Molnar

Call to Order

- Steve Sheetz called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.
- A quorum was present.

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held June 22, 2023 as presented.
 - Moved- Mancilla, Second- Bartelmo
 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through August 22, 2023
 - Two fall events both already above anticipated income. Expect their expenses to be higher than budgeted as well.
 - The event/program income already at 100% of budgeted for the year, so will have higher income than anticipated in this category.
 - Membership is lagging but will catch up with renewals due in September & October.
 - Membership has 3 peak times for renewals- December/January, June, and October.
 - Anticipate roughly \$55,000-\$60,000 in expenses still for the year.

Board Chair

- Nominating committee for 2024 board members will be chaired by Forest Mahan.
 - Will have names for who is on the nominating committee to the board in September.
 - Mancilla, Ferrara, and Kirk volunteered to sit on the committee.
 - Currently have at least one seat open to fill for next year.

- Mahan has reached out to board members at the end of their three-year term to see who will renew for another three years and who will roll off to open seats.
- Will also need to vote on officers.
 - Vice Chair will become chair, need a new vice chair, and treasurer can renew or ask to be replaced.
- Will present the final slate of candidates for consideration at the October board meeting.

Communications Committee

- Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Stories are in to the *Aiken Standard*.
 - Waiting on draft of the final layout.
- Press Releases
 - Recently sent out two- new executive director, and July Up & Atom
 - Have many in the processes for this fall
 - Essay contest and educator grant program will be released during Nuclear Science Week
 - Distinguished Scientist Award and Nuclear Service Award releases out post-Teller
 - Pre-Teller Lecture release to go out soon.
 - Pre- and post- Oyster Roast releases
 - 2023 Maher Scholarship winner release to go out next week.
- Plan to discuss with the SRS museum how they'd like us to help in promoting their Fall Fission Festival and the Oppenheimer documentary LANL is releasing.

Education Committee

- Maher Memorial Scholarship
 - The winner is Simon Bratescu from Kennesaw State University.
 - Was announced this week. Working on the release.
 - Winner has been invited to the Oyster Roast and the Teller Lecture.
 - Thank you to SRMC for sponsoring the \$5,000 award and to the committee for judging.
- 2024 Essay Contest & Educator Grants Program
 - Both are in the works for 2024. Will launch in October.
 - Press releases, application materials etc. all ready to go.
- Fall Fission Festival from the SRS Museum
 - October 21st from 1-4pm.
 - Education committee wants to sponsor this at the \$500 level.
 - Paul Ebel will spearhead the table/candy giveaway.
 - Board of directors in unanimous agreement CNTA should support this program.
- STEM Outreach
 - Working on redoing the entire CNTA poster board we use for education outreach.
 - Focus on more photos, more material approachable to children.
 - SEED on September 23rd.
 - First call for volunteers went well but have holes from 11-3 that we need filled.
 - Volunteers will be at Ridge-Spring Monetta middle and high schools on October 24th.
 - Teaching middle school science and high school chemistry classes.
 - Marra will be speaking to the Kiwanis Club of Aiken today.
- Center for Lifelong Learning
 - Meeting with Jim Tisaranni today to discuss CNTA's participation next year.
 - *Discussion- center has a need for more classes and variety of topics.*
 - *Committee wants to teach a three-part course on "What we've learned from nuclear incidents."*
 - *Have a list of classes we've taught previously.*

- *They've asked for primers on SRNL, SREL, Tank farms, etc.*
- *Do they need a "nuclear 101" course? Southern Nuclear has one already created.*

Young Professionals Committee

- Tap into Nuclear
 - Plan to do a night of giving back in December like previous years.
- Oyster Roast
 - Will be October 7th at Palmetto Golf Club.
 - Same set-up as last year.
 - Only have about 50 tickets left for this event, so get yours now.
 - Will be offering LEAP a discount on a block of tickets.
 - Meeting next week to finalize details like raffle baskets, volunteer times.
- Committee updates
 - Want to focus on getting the young professionals into the education outreach.
 - Looking for a new committee chair/co-chair.
 - Has been slow engaging the new young professionals.
 - *Discussion- When go to meetings/give talks we need a better way to get the information to potential CNTA members*
 - *Business card with QR Code for people to learn more instead of carrying around paper copies of membership forms.*
 - *Hamilton will get these ordered for anyone interested to have for outreach.*
 - *Discussion- are we utilizing the technology young professionals use?*
 - *Move away from phone calls and emails to texting information. How can CNTA adapt?*

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - October 31st- Dennis Carr for SRNS
 - Working on one in early December.
 - May fit one in for late September.
 - Will decide next week.
 - Starting to book for 2024, so if you have ideas please send them along.
- Teller Lecture
 - October 24th at Amentum Center & Newberry Hall
 - Same setup as last year.
 - Will do an honorarium donation to the SRS museum on behalf of the speaker this year.
 - Sponsorships going well, individual members have received invitation.
- Nuclear Service Award
 - Three nominations are to the committee.
 - Chaired by Paul Cloessner.
 - Internal deadline for decision is September 15th.
- Distinguished Scientist Award
 - Nominations are to the committee.
 - Chaired by Carol Jantzen.
 - Internal deadline is September 15th.
- SRNL SLAM
 - Board was invited to attend the SRNL SLAM competition on Monday.
 - Part of a national competition.
 - 8 early career researchers each given three minutes to present.

Miscellaneous

- CNTAware Summer 2023 Newsletter will be published after Labor Day.
- Partner organization updates
 - Add this as a standing item on the agenda.
 - Plant Vogtle
 - Unit 3 went live for commercial operations July 31st.
 - Unit 4 just had fuel load completed.
 - Anticipate early 2024 for full operations.
 - Consider a CNTA Board tour in 2024 once all construction is complete.
 - SRS Museum
 - Cold War History Curator is teaching four classes with Center for Lifelong Learning.
 - Have other classes in the pipeline to support that program.
 - Partnering with CNTA to promote & release the LANL documentary about Oppenheimer.
 - LANL documentary is from notes/archive material and includes interviews.
 - Gearing up for the Fall Fission Festival.
- *Discussion- Teller's portrayal in Oppenheimer.*
 - *Should we be concerned about the name of the Teller Lecture given he was portrayed as the antagonist in the movie?*
 - *Not many in the public will make the connection, and those in the industry understand the nuances behind the debate.*
 - *Will keep a watch on whether anyone comments on the name. If becomes an issue can address it.*

CNTA Calendar of Events

- **September 23, 2023-** Science Education Enrichment Day STEM Festival (SEED) at USCA. CNTA will have a booth and our outreach educational materials.
- **October 7, 2023-** 5th Annual Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil (Young Professionals Fundraiser). 6:30-9pm. Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken SC.
- **October 16-20-** Nuclear Science Week! Details on local events will be available at: <http://www.celebratensw.org/>
- **October 24, 2023-** 32nd Annual Teller Lecture. The Honorable Joyce Connery, Chair of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) to Keynote. 6:30pm at the Amentum Center for Performing Arts in Aiken SC.
- **October 31, 2023-** Up & Atom featuring Dennis Carr, President & CEO of SRNS. Sponsored by SRNS. 7:30am 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- Cloessner, Second- Mancilla.
 - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Next Meetings

- September 21, 2023- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am. Held virtually.
- September 28, 2023- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am at USCA, virtual option provided.