



**CNTA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Held In Person at USC Aiken with Virtual Option**  
**September 28, 2023**

**In Person:**

Jeff Allender	Fred Humes	Joel Leopard	Karl Lutterloh
Forest Mahan	Zeus Mancilla	Azi Samadi	Steve Sheetz
John Veldman			

**Virtual:**

Dean Campbell	Wyatt Clark	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Michele Harmon
Scott Kirk	Lindsey MonBarren	Aherial Polite	BooBoo Roberts
Tim Worrell			

**Absent:**

Jimmy Angelos	Sally Bartelmo	Paul Cloessner	Musa Danjaji
Susie Ferrara	Charlie Hansen	Joyce Hopperton	Natalia Johnson
Nick Miller	Chuck Munns	Daren Timmons	

**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 August 24, 2023 as presented.
  - Moved- Mahan, Second- Mancilla
  - Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

**Financials**

- Profit & Loss Statement through September 26, 2023
  - Over 100% anticipated income on events line item already.
  - Membership income should reach 100% by the end of the year.
  - Utilities & salaries line items will probably be overbudget in expenses due to increased costs.
- 2024 Operating Budget
  - Will be presented to the board next month.
  - Will be voted upon at the November meeting.
- Financial Control Policy
  - CNTA has had no official policy on financial expenditures.
  - Policy is straightforward & addresses the need for differentiated accountability in our finances.
  - Motion to approve the financial control policy as presented.
    - Moved- Freeman-Pollard, Second- Allender
    - Motion to approve the financial control policy passed unanimously.

## **Board Chair**

- Nominating committee for 2024 board members is set.
  - Committee is: Mahan, Sheetz, Ferrara & Kirk.
  - Have two vacancies to fill for 2024 board.
  - Have seven board members renewing for another three years. Have one board member choosing to roll off the board.
  - Looking for nominations for the open seats.
  - Will present the final slate of candidates for consideration at the October 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.
  - Need a new vice-chair. Is a six-year total commitment.
    - Two years as vice chair, two years as chair, two years as past chair.
    - Have one nomination so far. Send nominations to Mahan.
- Bylaws Update
  - Special committee will be formed in 2024 to review & update the CNTA Bylaws.
  - Last updated in 2016.
  - Have a list of areas that need updated/addressed including adding virtual meetings, changing the proxy voting language etc.
  - Committee will be chaired by Sheetz. Will call for volunteers in January to join the committee.

## **Communications Committee**

- Nuclear Science Week Insert
  - Stories are in to the *Aiken Standard*.
  - Waiting on a final proof before publication.
- Press Releases
  - Recently sent out Maher Memorial Scholarship winner, Teller Lecture etc.
  - Have many ready to go for October.

## **Education Committee**

- 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.
- 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
    - Two-part class featuring contractor updates from SRNS & SRMC
    - Three part class on SRNL
- Fall Fission Festival from the SRS Museum
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-4pm.
  - Have approximately 10 volunteers who will assist at this event.
- STEM Outreach
  - SEED on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Approximately 3000 people came through the event.
    - Had 12 CNTA volunteers across the day.
  - Volunteers will be at Ridge-Spring Monetta middle and high schools on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
    - Teaching middle school science and high school chemistry classes.
  - Will have volunteers at the SC Governor’s School for the Arts in Greenville on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Young Professionals Committee

- Tap into Nuclear
  - Night of Giving Back scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - Location TBA
  - In discussion with the Aiken Chamber of Commerce to host/sponsor an AYP/Third Thursday event in early 2024.
    - Would partner with & host it at the SRS Museum.
    - Only cost would be for food/drinks at the event.
- Oyster Roast
  - Will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto Golf Club.
  - Same set-up as last year.
  - Have about 20 tickets still available.
  - Estimate about \$20,000 in total income for this event this year.

## Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
  - October 3<sup>rd</sup> with an encore performance of SRNL Research SLAM
    - Currently have about 75 people RSVP'd.
  - October 31<sup>st</sup>- Dennis Carr for SRNS
    - Will start advertising next week.
  - Looking at early December. Have three options for topics/speakers. Rest will be scheduled for 2024.
  - Starting to book for 2024, so if you have ideas please send them along.
- Teller Lecture
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - Roughly 150 RSVPs right now.
- Nuclear Service Award
  - Bill Wabbersen is the winner of the 2023 award.
  - He will be at the Teller Lecture.
- Distinguished Scientist Award
  - Eliel Villa-Aleman is the winner of the 2023 award.
  - He will be at the Teller Lecture.
- City of Aiken Leadership
  - Looking for board members who have a relationship with the incoming mayor to speak with her on behalf of CNTA & introduce her to who we are & what we do.
- Business Cards with QR Code to membership information are now available.
  - Easy way to give CNTA information out when in the community discussing CNTA.
  - All board members are welcome to use them.

## Miscellaneous

- Vogtle Update
  - Unit 4 is continuing to make progress.
  - Have many tours scheduled over the next few months.
  - CNTA Board should schedule a tour once construction is fully complete & all units are online.
  - Industry is now in beginning discussions of what is next.
- SRNS Apprenticeship update
  - Between SRNS & SRMC have two postings up for nuclear operators to fill over 80 positions.
  - Working with partner schools to fill these jobs.

## **CNTA Calendar of Events**

- October 3, 2023- Up & Atom “SRNL Research SLAM Encore Presentation.” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- 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 21, 2023- Fall Fission Festival from 1-4pm. The Mill Parking Lot (by SRS Museum downtown Aiken).
- 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.
- December 14, 2023- “CNTA’s Night of Giving Back.” Details TBA.
- 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- Roberts.
  - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

## **Next Meetings**

- October 19, 2023- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- October 26, 2023- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am at USCA, virtual option provided.