

#### **CNTA**

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Held In Person at USC Aiken with Virtual Option January 25, 2024

In Person:

Jeff AllenderSally BartelmoSusie FerraraMichele HarmonFred HumesScott KirkKenny LeeJoel LeopardForest MahanZeus MancillaScott McKayLindsey MonBarren

BooBoo Roberts Azi Samadi Steve Sheetz Tim Worrell

Virtual:

Jimmy Angelos Aherial Polite

**Absent:** 

Dean Campbell Paul Cloessner Musa Danjaji Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard

Charlie Hansen Joyce Hopperton Natalia Johnson Karl Lutterloh Nick Miller Chuck Munns Daren Timmons John Veldman

### **CNTA Staff:**

Jim Marra (Virtual), Allison Hamilton Molnar (In Person)

## Call to Order

- Forest Mahan 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 November 30, 2023 as presented.
  - o Moved-Ferrara, Second-Worrell
  - o Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

#### **Financials**

- Profit & Loss Statement through January 23, 2024
  - o Have over \$40,000 invoiced out.
  - o Checking Account is low but are in a good financial position early in the year.
- 2023 Year End Financials
  - o Ended the year about \$6,000 in the black.
  - The year end financials are very close to the 2024 budget.
  - Over \$50,000 was collected via credit cards last year. This is over ½ our total income.
    - Credit card fee averaged out to about 2.5% last year.

### **Board Chair**

- 2024 New Board Members
  - o Welcome to Kenny Lee (Merrick) & Scott McKay (USCA) to the board.
  - o Brief orientation will occur after this meeting.
- Bylaws Committee
  - o Steve Sheetz is chairing this committee.
  - o Have a few board members who have volunteered to review & help update the bylaws.

• Let Sheetz or Hamilton know if you are willing to help update the CNTA bylaws.

# **Communications Committee**

- Press Releases
  - Sent out a press release on the young professionals' event with the Aiken Chamber & SRS Museum.
  - O Working on new board members press release.
  - o Have the educator grants, lifelong learning, pre-event golf tournament, essay contest winners etc. all in the works this spring.
- Committee Updates
  - o Had their first committee meeting yesterday.

### **Education Committee**

- 2024 Essay Contest & Educator Grants Program
  - o Both are now due the end of February.
    - Extended the Educator Grants program deadline to allow teachers attending the PEP night at Ruth Patrick on February 6<sup>th</sup> to be able to apply.
  - o Have a call for judges out to the membership.
- STEM Outreach Events
  - o Have the PEP New Teacher night for Aiken County Public Schools on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Upcoming:
    - Earth Day Aiken- April 20<sup>th</sup>
    - DIG STEM Festival in Williston- May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Center for Lifelong Learning
  - o Working on a replacement speaker for the Lessons Learned Class planned in February.
    - Ken Hoffstetter was set to teach the class on 3-Mile Island but passed away.
  - o Class in March with Admiral Munns & Ken Stephens on Nuclear Deterrence is set.
  - o Have two classes that were pushed to the fall 2024 we will work on.
- Committee Update
  - Many thanks to our outgoing committee chair Marissa Reigel for her years of service.
  - o Welcome and congratulations to our new committee chair, Aherial Polite.

## **Young Professionals Committee**

- Aiken Chamber Event
  - o About 120 people attended the event hosted by CNTA held at the SRS Museum.
    - About 75% of the young professionals were from SRS companies & knew nothing about CNTA or the history of SRS.
    - Most attended because of a direct invite from their managers.
  - o The chamber was very excited by the number of attendees.
  - o The event recap is on social media & in the press.
    - Has over 1500 shares on Meta so far.
- Committee Update
  - Welcome to the new committee chair.
  - o Have discussions ongoing on lunch & learn ideas & teaching our own young professionals the basics of nuclear.
    - Many do not have a nuclear background & don't have a basic understanding of radioactive materials.

#### **Executive Director**

• Up & Atoms

- o March Date is set- Dr. Kallie Metzger from Westinghouse will speak.
- Working on April May etc.
- o Are needing to book out further into the year because of availability of Newberry Hall.
- Membership Appreciation Night
  - Set for March 21st. Have moved from Tuesday to a Thursday to see if we can entice more young professionals to attend.
  - o Will do our usual annual report presentation & raffle giveaway.
- Golf Tournament
  - O Staggering registration this year hoping to keep team spots availabe for sponsors.
    - Call for sponsors will go out in February, team registration opens in March.
  - o Plans with Houndslake Country Club are going exactly the same as last year.
- Individual Membership Updates
  - o Have over 200 young professional members.
  - o Have some lagging business memberships we are concerned about.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Webpage for Board Resources
  - o There is a new page on CNTAware.org that has copies of the bylaws, meeting calendar, minutes etc. available.
  - o This is not password protected, so no personal information is shared.
- 2023 Annual Report
  - o Will be presented in March at the Membership Appreciation Night.
  - o Will go to the communications committee for edits in February.
- Board orientation will follow this meeting.
- Contractor/Community Updates
  - o 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SRS planning
    - Committee on site is starting to plan activities.
    - Lindsey MonBarren is representing CNTA on this committee.
  - o Southern Nuclear-Plant Vogtle
    - Unit 3 is working well.
    - Hope for Unit 4 online in first quarter, maybe second quarter of 2024.
    - Unit 3's first refueling outage will be in fall 2024.
    - Plan for a CNTA board tour of Vogtle once construction is finished.
  - o SRS Museum
    - SRNL's new exhibit is popular.
    - Have done a retrofit of the fallout shelter exhibit

### **CNTA Calendar of Events**

- March 13, 2024- Up & Atom featuring Dr. Kallie Metzger, Director, eVinci Fuel, Westinghouse. 7:30am at Newberry Hall 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
- 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- Ferrara, Second- Allender.
  - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

# **Next Meetings**

- February 15, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- March 28, 2024- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am at USCA, virtual option provided.