



CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Held Virtually via Zoom
June 27, 2024

Virtual:

Jeff Allender	Dean Campbell	Paul Cloessner	Susie Ferrara
Michele Harmon	Fred Humes	Natalia Johnson	Scott Kirk
Kenny Lee	Joel Leopard	Forest Mahan	Zeus Mancilla
Nick Miller	Charles Munns	Aherial Polite	Booboo Roberts
Steve Sheetz	Tim Worrell		

Absent:

Jimmy Angelos	Sally Bartelmo	Musa Danjaji	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard
Charles Hansen	Joyce Hopperton	Karl Lutterloh	Scott McKay
Lindsey MonBarren	Azi Samadi	Daren Timmons	John Veldman

CNTA Staff:

Jim Marra, Allison Hamilton Molnar

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 April 25, 2024 as presented.
 - Moved- Sheetz, Second- Allender
 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through June 25, 2024
 - Report is in the new format because of the Quickbooks changeover.
 - Income as expected.
 - Amentum \$5,000 business membership, NuWaDi consortium grant income, and Oyster Roast invoices all in process.
 - Expenses
 - Budget approved in December 2023 has been modified because of the grant approval. Current Profit & Loss no longer reflects approved funds.
 - Motion to update the budget and reports to reflect new funds & report as such.
 - Moved- Worrell, Second- Ferrara
 - Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Board Chair

- Bylaws Committee
 - Updated bylaws will be with the executive committee in July.
 - Anticipate the board receiving them in August.
 - The question has emerged from this process about implementing some type of lifetime membership.

- This will be addressed after the bylaws themselves are finished.
 - The committee invites anyone interested to help draft what this would look like.
- SRNS has put forth a candidate for CNTA board membership to replace Jimmy Angelos who has retired from SRNS.
 - Maxwell Smith has been recommended.
 - Will contact him and Jimmy and bring recommendation to the board in August.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - Have sent out: June & July Up & Atom pre-event releases and the post-event golf tournament release has gone out and been published.
- Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Will be partnering with the Aiken Standard this year.
 - CNTA will directly request advertising support from our companies for the insert with the Aiken Standard information.
 - If you have individuals or companies interested in advertising send them to Allison and she will coordinate this.
 - CNTA receives 10% of Ad sales.
 - Focus this year is on how nuclear technologies and our local companies make the world safer.

Education Committee

- STEM Outreach Events
 - Recap:
 - May 4th we were at the Williston STEM Festival hosted by DIG.
 - May 18th we were at the Family Earth & Sky night talking about nuclear in space.
 - Jim Marra has been teaching kids golf the physics of golf.
 - Upcoming:
 - MSI Classes have started.
 - Have 22 in the cyber classes & 9 in the engineering classes.
 - Jim & Paul are teaching research methods, Frank is teaching robotics.
 - Fall Fission Festival
 - Usually support this with a \$500 sponsorship, but the committee is over budget. Asking the board to approve this expense.
 - Motion to approve \$500 sponsorship
 - Moved- Munns, Second- Ferrara
 - Motion to approve sponsorship passed unanimously.
 - Will have a booth and support event as requested.
 - SEED at USCA in October.
- Center for Lifelong Learning
 - Have two classes CNTA is coordinating for fall 2024.
 - SRS Contractors
 - SRNL overview
- Maher Memorial Scholarship
 - Information is out to the schools and in a press release.
 - Deadline is July 26th to give interns attending the July Up & Atom a chance to apply.
 - Have 3 applications already.
- 2025 Essay Contest & Educator Grants Program
 - Working on essay topics now.
 - Educator grant program won't change from last year.
 - Both will go live in October.

Young Professionals Committee

- Oyster Roast
 - Scheduled for October 12th at Palmetto Golf Club.
 - Will be using Blue Collard Catering for the food this year.
 - Sponsorships are starting to come in.
 - Thank you to SRMC for being the platinum sponsor again.
- Site Tour for young professionals.
 - Went to SRS with young professionals who have never been to site/been on a site tour.
 - Did driving tour through site and went to SREL to see the animals and talk about the environmental protections.
 - About 20 people attended.
- Rally in the Alley
 - LEAP is organizing this event for all site interns on July 18th from 5-8pm.
 - CNTA will support and have an exhibit on how CNTA supports young professionals.
 - Have 2 volunteers already and a call went to the young professionals yesterday for support.

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - July 17th is the SRS Interns.
 - Thanks to Dean Campbell for coordinating this.
 - August 21st is SRNS with an update on the pit mission.
 - September 18th is BWXT
 - Have a request to SRNL for October and need to follow up.
 - Planning on one more for November/December then will start on next year.
- Membership Updates
 - Going as expected.
 - Have added Amentum at \$5,000.
 - Have lost Avantech & Ionex. Need updated contact information for these companies.
 - Tim Worrell will send along information. Both companies are involved with gloveboxes.
- Golf Tournament
 - Thank you to all who helped make this a great event for CNTA!
 - Had 28 teams and received good feedback from players and volunteers.
 - Ran out of teams so hole sponsorships were down.
 - Net profit was approximately \$18,500.
- Teller Lecture
 - Working on a date and location with the speaker.
 - Plan to host in Augusta this year and expand the event.
 - Will have an exhibit hall for companies/organizations related to consent-based siting/spent nuclear fuel.
 - Will invite to attend for free area teachers and college/technical students.
 - Expansion plans are contingent on additional funding from the NuWaDi Consortium.
- NuWaDi Consortium Planning Grant
 - NuWaDi is the Nuclear Waste Dialogue consortium headed by Clemson and SCUREF. The consortium received a grant from the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy to research consent-based siting.

- CNTA received the \$19,000 planning grant proposed to participate in the consortium researching how language used affected the ability of individuals to participate in conversations surrounding nuclear waste and their support for a proposed repository.
- CNTA hosted the June Up & Atom as part of this grant.
- We have brought on Chris Noah as an independent contractor to manage CNTA’s participation in this consortium.
- Currently reviewing applications for the part-time marketing/communications coordinator.
 - Hope to have person in this position by mid-July.
- First report required as part of this grant is due tomorrow and will include more details on the points above.
- NuWaDi Consortium Implementation Grant
 - This is a \$100,000, one-year grant proposal that builds off the planning grant received.
 - The executive committee met and discussed the proposal and offered feedback last week.
 - Board members were presented with the entire grant proposal including budget and deliverables.
 - Many of the proposed activities build on what CNTA already does, including:
 - Essay Contest topic
 - Teller lecture expansion
 - Nuclear Science Week insert article
 - Deadline to submit grant is June 30th.
 - Motion to approve submission of the implementation grant to the NuWaDi Consortium.
 - Moved- Munns, Second- Mahan
 - Motion to approve submission passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

CNTA Calendar of Events

- **July 17, 2024-** Up & Atom “SRS Interns” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **July 18, 2024-** Rally in the Alley- Site Interns Networking Event. 5-8pm at USCA Building in the Alley Downtown Aiken.
- **August 21, 2024-** Up & Atom Sponsored by SRNS featuring Erika Baeza-Wisdom, Deputy VP, Pit Production Operations. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **September 18, 2024-** Up & Atom- Mr. Travis Chapman, Director, Regulatory & Licensing, BWXT. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- **October 12, 2024-** 6th Annual Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil. Hosted by CNTA’s Young Professionals Committee. 6:30pm at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken SC.
- **October 19, 2024-** Fall Fission Festival. SRS Museum. Details TBA.
- **October 21-25-** Nuclear Science Week. Activities will be happening across the world & right in our own communities. Learn More at: <https://www.nuclearscienceweek.org/>
- **October 26, 2024-** SEED Stem Festival-10am-3pm. USC Aiken.
- **May 9, 2025-** 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club.

** Events in green are outreach events you will find CNTA volunteers at. Those in black are CNTA hosted events.*

Considerations for Future Speakers

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| ● Brian Powell - Clemson University, Radionuclides | ● Transitional Site |
| ● STRATCOM or someone to talk about World situations | ● 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- Sheetz, Second- Munns.
 - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

Next Meetings

- May 16, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- June 27, 2024- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. Virtual Only.