



CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024

In Person:

Dean Campbell	Joyce Hopperton	Fred Humes	Kenny Lee
Charles Munns	Steve Sheetz		

Virtual:

Maxwell Smith

Absent:

Jeff Allender	Sally Bartelmo	Paul Cloessner	Musa Danjaji
Susie Ferrara	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Charlie Hansen	Michele Harmon
Natalia Johnson	Scott Kirk	Joel Leopard	Karl Lutterloh
Forest Mahan	Jesus Mancilla	Scott McKay	Nick Miller
Lindsey MonBarren	Aherial Polite	Booboo Roberts	Azi Samadi
Daren Timmons	John Veldman	Tim Worrell	

CNTA Staff:

Allison Hamilton Molnar, Jim Marra

Call to Order

- Steve Sheetz called the meeting to order at 7:34am
- A quorum was not present. No actions taken. All decisions delayed until the December 5, 2024 meeting.

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held August 22, 2024 as presented.
 - Held until December

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through September 24, 2024
 - Business memberships over anticipated income already. Have several new business members this year.
 - Individual memberships are lagging, but usual for this time of year.
- 2025 Draft Budget
 - Will be voted on in December.
 - *Discussion-*
 - *Cost of living not automatically included in the budget.*

Board Chair

- 2024 CNTA Bylaws Updates
 - Updated bylaws and track changes documents provided.
 - Will be voted on at the December meeting.

- 2025 Board of Directors Membership
 - Provided a listing of the proposed board members for 2025.
 - Will be approved in December.
 - Board members asked to update their information in the document.
- 2025 Meeting Calendar
 - Let Hamilton & Mahan know if there are issues/concerns.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - This week:
 - 2025 Essay Contest Announcement
 - 2025 Educator Grant Announcement
 - Next week:
 - Distinguished Scientist Award
 - Nuclear Service Award
- Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Published.
 - Copies will be at Teller. Available in CNTA's office.
 - Digital copy online and on our social media.
- Committee Updates
 - Meeting November 6th.
 - Need to investigate the cost of self-publishing the NSW insert next year.

Education Committee

- 2025 Essay Contest & Educator Grant Program
 - Are live now. Press releases this week.
 - Will be sent to eligible schools.
 - Both due February 28, 2025.
- STEM outreach events
 - Fall fission Festival is October 19th
 - CNTA sponsored event and had an exhibit.
 - SEED is October 26th
 - CNTA is sponsoring and will exhibit at the event.
 - CNTA will have exhibits at Teller tonight for our attendees to interact with our outreach displays.
- Life Long Learning
 - Fall 2024 Classes running.
 - Many thanks to our board members who supported our SRS Class
 - Joyce Hopperton from Centerra, Maxwell Smith from SRNS, Dave Olson & Azi Samadi from SRMC.
 - SRNL class in November
- Committee Updates
 - Request from the Education Committee for \$1,000 sponsorship of DIG STEM Festival in Williston in May 2025.
 - Budgeted for 2025 to sponsor, but usually write the check at the end of the prior fiscal year.

Young Professionals Committee

- Oyster Roast
 - Had to cancel.
 - Have \$1,000 in refunds for tickets.
 - Most sponsors have said to keep the funds and put them towards the young professional outreach.
- Young Professional Engagement
 - Night of Giving Back planned for December 12th.
 - Spoke to READY members on what CNTA does, how they can participate etc.
 - Working with the SRS Museum & the Aiken Chamber of Commerce for a January 2025 kickoff event again.

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - Schedule for 2024 is set.
 - November- Apprenticeship programs.
 - 2025
 - Working with our new contact at Augusta University Nuclear Medicine program for a first quarter Up & Atom.
 - Do a CNTA update and grant update in March as our annual meeting and member mixer.
 - CNTA members can attend for free.
 - Need to reschedule the SRNL Up & Atom.
- NuWaDi Consortium Consent Based Siting Grants
 - Are working to expend the funds in accordance with our grant proposal.
 - Grantors will be at the Teller Lecture tonight.
 - Plans going well for our grant related activities.
 - Will continue to send the board our monthly grant reports to keep everyone informed.
- Teller Lecture
 - Specifics are set for October 24, 2024 at the Columbia County Exhibition Center.
 - John Williams of Southern Nuclear will be the keynote speaker.
 - Advertising for the free attendance for students and teachers in the works in the Aiken Standard and the Augusta Chronicle.
 - Paid for by the grant.
 - All attendees will have a lanyard recognizing ‘who’ they are- teacher, student, CNTA member etc.
- Membership Updates
 - Individual memberships are lagging.
 - Seeing a trend in people increasing or decreasing giving. The benefactor level membership numbers have been steadily declining.
 - Business memberships going very well.
- Cybersecurity
 - Have \$3,000 in grant funds anticipate spending next year on this issue.
 - Will need to address long range plans.
 - Has been on hold since the storm. Plan to address in 2025.

Miscellaneous

CNTA Calendar of Events

- October 24- 33rd Annual Teller Lecture-** John B. Williams, Senior Vice President of Technical Services and External Affairs for Southern Nuclear Operating Company will Keynote. Details TBA.
- November 20, 2024-** Up & Atom featuring the Apprenticeship Program. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- December 12, 2024-** Night of Giving Back. 5:30-7pm at the SRS Museum in Aiken SC. Bring donations for local nonprofits & CNTA will donate them on for you. A chance to give back to our community during the holidays!
- January 23, 2025-** YP Kickoff with the Aiken Chamber of Commerce.
- March 20, 2025-** Up & Atom “CNTA Membership Appreciation Breakfast” 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- May 9, 2025-** 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. 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.
 - No quorum, so no official action
- The meeting ended at 8:10am

Next Meetings

- November 21, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- December 5, 2024- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. In person at USCA, virtual via Zoom.