



CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024

In Person:

Dean Campbell	Paul Cloessner	Fred Humes	Karl Lutterloh
Forest Mahan	Jesus Mancilla		

Virtual:

Jeff Allender	Susie Ferrara	Michele Harmon	Natalia Johnson
Scott Kirk	Kenny Lee	Lindsey MonBarren	Charles Munns
Aherial Polite	Booboo Roberts	Steve Sheetz	Maxwell Smith
Tim Worrell			

Absent:

Sally Bartelmo	Musa Danjaji	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Charlie Hansen
Joyce Hopperton	Joel Leopard	Scott McKay	Nick Miller
Azi Samadi	Daren Timmons	John Veldman	

CNTA Staff:

Allison Hamilton Molnar

Call to Order

- Forest Mahan called the meeting to order at 7:30am
- A quorum was present.

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held August 22, 2024 as presented.
 - Moved- Humes
 - Second- Mancilla
 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through September 24, 2024
 - Business memberships over anticipated income already. Have several new business members this year.
 - Total event income is down right now compared to what was budgeted for.
 - Are over \$50,000 in the black right now in addition to the \$77,000 expected for grant carryover to next year.
- 2025 Draft Budget
 - Will see a draft budget at the October meeting.
 - Will need to approve a final budget for 2025 at the December board meeting.

Board Chair

- New board member
 - Welcome Maxwell Smith from SRNS who is joining CNTA's board of directors.
- Bylaws Committee
 - Updated for 2024 bylaws presented to the board for review.
 - Both a clean new copy and a track change copy presented.
 - Let Sheetz know if you have questions.
 - This will be voted on at the October board meeting.
- Membership Policy
 - Moving the details of memberships out of the bylaws into its own policy created this document.
 - Simply consolidates current existing levels, perks, and procedures.
 - Motion to approve the Membership Policy
 - Moved- Munns
 - Second- Polite
 - Motion to approve passed unanimously.
- 2025 Nominating Committee
 - All board members set to renew are renewing for another three years.
 - Have no open spots for 2025. Will consider nominations and hold them for next year's process.
 - The slate of board members will be presented in October and needs approval at the December board meeting.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - Have sent out:
 - Teller Lecture
 - Maher Scholarship winner
 - September Up & Atom
 - Upcoming:
 - October Up & Atom
 - Distinguished Scientist Award
 - Nuclear Service Award
 - 2025 Essay Contest Announcement
 - 2025 Educator Grant Announcement
 - Teller Lecture post-event release
- Nuclear Science Week Insert
 - Stories are to the Aiken Standard.
 - Waiting on proofs.
 - Will publish October 12th.

Education Committee

- 2025 Essay Contest & Educator Grant Program
 - Essay Contest topics are chosen.
 - Press release drafts are finished. Flyers for both are in draft form.
 - Both will be due February 28, 2025.
 - The essay contest is being expanded for this year to all juniors and seniors in South Carolina and the CSRA counties in Georgia.

- Will use advertising funds from the grant to increase awareness across the region.
- STEM outreach events
 - Fall fission Festival is October 19th
 - CNTA is sponsoring and will exhibit at the event.
 - SEED is October 26th
 - CNTA is sponsoring and will exhibit at the event.
 - CNTA needs volunteers for these and other fall events.
- Life Long Learning
 - Fall 2024 Classes running.
 - Spring 2025
 - Teaching one course on spent nuclear fuel as part of the NuWaDi grant.
 - Considering other topics.
 - Deadline is October for course proposals.
- Committee Updates
 - Have been in contact with the program director for Nuclear Medicine Technology at Augusta University.
 - Have invited her and some of her colleagues and students to attend and display at the Teller Lecture.
 - Working to have an Up & Atom with them next year.

Young Professionals Committee

- Oyster Roast
 - Scheduled for October 12th at Palmetto Golf Club.
 - Will send a call for volunteers on Monday.
- Committee Updates
 - Night of Giving Back planned for December 12th.
 - Speaking to READY members today 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.
 - This year we had 120 attendees.
 - Eyeing a Thursday in mid-January.

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - Schedule for 2024 is set.
 - October- SRNL
 - 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.
- NuWaDi Consortium Consent Based Siting Grants
 - Are working to expend the funds in accordance with our grant proposal.

- Held a roundtable on September 13th in North Augusta to discuss terminology alternatives when discussing nuclear matters with the public.
- Plans going well for our other grant related activities.
- Will continue to send the board our monthly grant reports to keep everyone informed.
- Distinguished Scientist Award & Nuclear Service Award
 - Winners have been chosen.
 - Distinguished Scientist is David DiPrete.
 - Has been notified. Will not be at Teller. Someone will receive the award in his absence.
 - Nuclear Service is Kent Rosenberg.
 - Has been notified. Will be at Teller.
 - Need someone to present this.
 - Press releases being worked on.
 - Trophies have been ordered.
 - Need to discuss how to improve our submission rate for both awards.
 - Neither have been receiving many nominations since COVID.
- 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.
 - Need to improve support for the nuclear tech expo we are having during the pre-event reception
 - Will not be serving any alcohol.
 - Budget is tight on this event with SRNS not covering the AAVS cost.
 - Still need to contract for the pipe & drape to divide Hall A
 - *Discussion of how to recognize students and educators.*
 - *Will have lanyards with 'student' 'board member' etc. for attendees to wear when they arrive.*
- 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
 - Met with the coordinator of RSOC at USC Aiken this week.
 - Had an expert look over the BitServices report and will discuss with RSOC next week.
 - Have \$3,000 in grant funds anticipate spending next year on this issue.
 - Will need to address long range plans.

Miscellaneous

- Contractor/Community Update
 - NNSA has no current board member, need to do better about getting them information.
 - Do an Up & Atom with them next year.
 - CNTA write a letter to the editor welcoming them with the landlord transition?
- October 24th board meeting

- Forest will be out of town, Zeus will be on the call virtually.
- Steve Sheetz as past chair has agreed to chair the meeting in person.

CNTA Calendar of Events

October 9, 2024- Up & Atom featuring SRNL. 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 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.

October 26, 2024- SEED Stem Festival-10am-3pm. USC Aiken.

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!

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

- 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- Mancilla
 - Second- Sheetz
 - Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:14am

Next Meetings

- October 17, 2024- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- October 24, 2024- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. In person at USCA, virtual via Zoom.