

**CNTA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2025**  
**Hybrid Meeting. In Person at USCA, Virtual via Zoom**

**In Person:**

Paul Cloessner	Charlie Hansen	Joyce Hopperton	Fred Humes
Joel Leopard	Forest Mahan	Jesus Mancilla	Scott McKay
Charles Munns	Aherial Polite	Booboo Roberts	Daren Timmons

**Virtual:**

Jeff Allender	Sally Bartelmo	Dean Campbell	Michele Harmon
Kenny Lee	Nick Miller	Steve Sheetz	Maxwell Smith

**Absent:**

Musa Danjaji	Susie Ferrara	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Natalia Johnson
Scott Kirk	Karl Lutterloh	Lindsey MonBarren	Azi Samadi
John Veldman	Tim Worrell		

**CNTA Staff:**

Allison Hamilton Molnar, Jim Marra

**Call to Order**

- Forest Mahan called the meeting to order at 7:30am

**Minutes**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held January 23, 2025 as presented.
  - Motion- Hopperton, Second- Cloessner
  - Motion to approve the minutes as presented approved by unanimous consent.

**Guest Presentation**

- Students from the Security Operations Center at the University of South Carolina Aiken presented their report on the status of CNTA's cybersecurity investigation.
  - Proposed CNTA Cybersecurity policy presented
    - Will review and bring recommendation to the board in June
  - In the fall will create a checklist for a 'catastrophe plan'
  - CNTA thanks the students and advisors of the center for their time and expertise.

**Financials**

- Profit & Loss Statement through March 25, 2025
  - Note the 6-mo CD has matured and the funds have been reallocated to the money market account.
    - Anticipate expending roughly \$65,000 this spring from grant funds which seeded the CD funds.
  - Golf tournament income is about \$30,000 right now.
  - Membership renewals are coming in as anticipated.

- Travel line-item will be over budget.
  - Budgeted for two to attend WM symposia, but Clemson said they'd reimburse for the third to attend.
    - Will reimburse about \$3,000 of this line-item's expenses in this travel grant.
- 2024 CNTA 990 tax filings
  - Presented to the board. Will need approval before the May 15<sup>th</sup> filing deadline.
  - If you have questions please send to Allison before the next meeting.

### **Board Chair**

- 2025 Conflict of Interest Forms
  - Still missing roughly 1/3 of your forms. Please send them.
  - By law need to sign a copy each year and store in case of audit.
- Executive Committee Meetings
  - April and May need to change because of Up & Atom schedule
  - Cancelling April's meeting.
  - May's will move to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday as we do not have a full board meeting.

### **Communications Committee**

- Press Releases
  - Recently Published:
    - April Up & Atom event notice, CleanUp Aiken litter pickup with the young professionals, Educator Grant winners, Annual Meeting post-event recap
  - Upcoming:
    - Essay Contest winners, SRMC Science Scholarship, Golf Tournament
- Committee Updates
  - NSW Magazine
    - Have a plan for the inaugural NSW Magazine
    - Will send a call for advertisement sponsorships in April.

### **Education Committee**

- STEM outreach events
  - Recap:
    - SRNL Technical Society Fair on Tuesday.
      - Jim & Zeus attended for CNTA.
  - Upcoming:
    - Earth Day Aiken- April 5<sup>th</sup>
    - DIG STEM Festival- May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Sponsoring both Earth Day & DIG STEM.
  - Have a good volunteer turnout for our spring outreach events.
  - SEED Sponsorship request has arrived. Will sponsor at the \$1,500 level like normal.
  - Fall Fission Festival has set its date, but we do not have sponsor asks yet.
- 2025 Essay Contest & Educator Grant Program
  - 6 educator grant winners announced last week.

- Essays are with the judges. Will announce winners in April.
- Life Long Learning
  - Used Nuclear Fuel class ends today.
  - Assisting on a SREL class in April.
  - Planning on one class for the fall semester.
    - Topic is TBD.
  - Center for Life Enrichment- Highlands-Cashiers requested a speaker from CNTA on Nuclear fuel.
    - We sent them John Kotek
    - Admiral Munns and CNTA member Chuck Goergen are both teaching classes this year for them as well.

### **Young Professionals Committee**

- Young Professional Engagement
  - February 22- Partnering with CleanUp Aiken and the NuWaDi grant on a trash pickup.
    - Press release out on the event.
    - Was well received by attendees
  - June 5- CNTA's Night at the Ballpark with the Augusta Greenjackets is set.
- Oyster Roast October 11<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto Golf Club.
  - Will start planning details in June.
- Need to reenergize this committee.
  - Have almost 200 young professionals in CNTA.
  - Plan a survey for all young professionals to see what they want and what they hoped to get when joining CNTA.

### **Executive Director**

- Up & Atoms
  - March 20- CNTA Annual Meeting
    - *Discussion- thoughts on this format versus previous format of Annual Meeting*
      - *Attendance was comparable to last year's evening event.*
      - *Cost was \$1,300 less*
    - *Seemed well received. Given cost and attendance keep it this format next year.*
      - *Consider doing it in January as a "kickoff for the year"*
  - April, May, June & July are set. See the calendar provided for specifics.
  - Have SRNS & Southern Nuclear sponsoring Up & Atoms later this year we need to schedule.
  - If you have ideas or your company wants to sponsor one let Allison know.
- NuWaDi Consortium Consent Based Siting Grants
  - Are working to expend the funds in accordance with our grant proposal.
  - The name of this program is changing from Consent to Collaborative based siting.
  - Collected about 200 survey responses at Waste Management for our beta test and to compare experts to the public in South Carolina.
    - Southern Nuclear did a survey across their 33 sites.

- Especially interesting timing given the current Supreme Court caseload.
- Planning 3 \$500 awards with the essay contest.
- Grant is technically on hold as it is from DOE, but we have clearance to keep doing what our grant proposal outlined.
- Monthly grant reports are being sent to the full board to keep everyone informed of the details of the projects.
- Membership Updates
  - Have about 450 individual members.
  - Have 33 businesses, but 5 are expired and need contacted.
  - Renewal notices will go out today.
- Golf Tournament
  - Teams are full. Planning for 28 teams.
  - Goal is to raise \$34,000. Have about \$30,000 right now.
  - Real need with the tournament is raffle prizes and swag for golfers.
- Teller Lecture
  - Want to tie to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SRS.
  - Looking for a speaker who can talk on “SRS’s role in nuclear innovation” or something to that effect.
  - Are hoping to host the event in late October/early November.
  - Planning committee for the 75<sup>th</sup> is aware of and supports these plans.
- Cybersecurity
  - If board members want involved in the review of the USCA proposal presented today contact Allison.
    - *Comment- Pare down proposed policy to what is reasonable and not time restrictive for our staff to do as part of their job, not become their job.*

### **Miscellaneous**

- 2025 Spring CNTAware Newsletter
  - Will be published May 1.
  - Call for sponsor stories has gone out
- Contractor Community Updates
  - New setup for Annual meeting went well. Keep it for next year & move earlier.
  - Nuclear News
    - Cannot meet future demand for energy without nuclear. AI companies pushing nuclear to meet demands.

### **CNTA Calendar of Events**

- April 5, 2025- Earth Day Aiken. 10-2pm on Newberry Street in Aiken SC.
- April 17, 2025- Up & Atom “Nuclear Energy and the future of Space” with Kate H. Kelly, Director for Space and Emerging programs for BWXT Advanced Technologies LLC. 7:30am at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.
- May 3, 2025- DIG STEM Festival. 11-3pm in Williston SC.
- May 9, 2025- 23rd Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club.
- May 15, 2025- Up & Atom “Nuclear Technology in Medicine” with Amy Yarshen, Associate Professor & Program Director Nuclear Medicine Technology at Augusta University. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.

- June 5, 2025- Night at the Ballpark. Join CNTA at the Augusta Greenjackets. 7:05pm first pitch.
- July 23, 2025- Up & Atom “SRS Interns”. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- September 20, 2025- SEED. 10-3pm at USCA.
- October 11, 2025- 7th Annual Oyster Roast & LCB. Hosted by CNTA’s Young Professionals. 6:30-9pm at Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken SC.
- October 18, 2025- Fall Fission Festival. SRS Museum. Details TBA

### **Considerations for Future Speakers**

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| • Brian Powell - Clemson University, Radionuclides   | • David Huizenga                   |
| • STRATCOM or someone to talk about World situations | • SNRL/USCA- AMC                   |
| • Reactor Contractors                                | • Honeywell- Uranium               |
| • SHINE Medical Community partnering with SRNL       | • Amentum-Mark Whitney             |
|  | • Bechtel- Advanced Reactors       |
|  | • Survey of Small Modular Reactors |

### **Next Meetings**

- April 24, 2025- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. In person at USCA or virtual via Zoom
- May 22, 2025- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.

### **Adjourned:**

- Motion to adjourn.
  - Moved- Leopard, Second- Hopperton.
  - Motion approved by unanimous consent
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:13am.