

CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2025
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Virtual:

Jeff Allender	Paul Cloessner	Susie Ferrara	Charlie Hansen
Michele Harmon	Fred Humes	Kenny Lee	Joel Leopard
Forest Mahan	Jesus Mancilla	Scott McKay	Charles Munns
Steve Sheetz	Maxwell Smith	Daren Timmons	

Absent:

Sally Bartelmo	Dean Campbell	Musa Danjaji	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard
Joyce Hopperton	Natalia Johnson	Scott Kirk	Karl Lutterloh
Nick Miller	Lindsey MonBarren	Aherial Polite	Booboo Roberts
Azi Samadi	John Veldman	Tim Worrell	

CNTA Staff:

Allison Hamilton, Jim Marra, Christopher Noah

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 April 24, 2025 as presented.
 - Motion- Hanson, Second- Harmon
 - Motion to approve the minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through June 24, 2025
 - With the change in landlord of our office CNTA will not be paying lawn care anymore, but will also not be getting reimbursed for the lawn care already paid this year.
 - Under the office supplies line item there is a sub-category for computer software that is significantly over budget due to the cost of renewing our Quickbooks license. Larger category line item should still be okay for budget.
 - Travel costs overage- CNTA was approved for a travel grant for a third person to attend the Waste Management Symposia in March but have not received those funds. It is almost \$3,000. We may not receive those funds and will need to reallocate grant funds in the future.

Board Chair

- August Board Meeting
 - Will be held virtually only.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - Recently Published:

- Call for nominations for the Distinguished Scientist Award and Nuclear Service Award, June Up & Atom, July Up & Atom pre-event, Golf tournament results, May Up & Atom.
 - Guest Column was in the paper last Saturday.
- NSW Magazine
 - Inaugural NSW Magazine will focus on History of Nuclear in the CSRA as part of the SRS at 75 celebrations.
 - Ad sales are coming in. Have about \$4000 right now.
 - Deadline for stories is soon, but already have most of them.
- Committee Updates
 - Our grant funded communications coordinator has resigned. Allison will take over those responsibilities.

Education Committee

- STEM outreach events
 - Recap:
 - Presented Essay Contest Winner an award at Midland Valley's awards day.
 - Educator grant and essay contest winners invited to the July Up & Atom.
 - DOE MSI classes start today. Jim & Paul are teaching one class, Frank Heckendorn is teaching the other.
 - Upcoming:
 - Seed- September 20
 - Fall Fission Festival- October 18
 - Are sponsoring both of these events. Will do a call for volunteers for both in August.
- SRMC Science Scholarship
 - Advertised on Facebook and Instagram for \$30.
 - Sent press release and announcement to the schools.
 - Have 1 nomination so far. Due the end of July.
- Life Long Learning
 - 1 class planned for the fall with SRNL.
 - Started thinking on spring topics.
- Committee updates
 - Have started planning for the 2026 Essay Contest and Educator Grants Program.
 - Discussion of how to improve the quality of both contests entries.
 - Iverson Memorial Fund.
 - Have \$2042 earmarked for education outreach. Committee plans to update our STEM outreach activities to include new hands-on materials.
 - If you have ideas please pass them along.

Young Professionals Committee

- Oyster Roast October 11th at Palmetto Golf Club.
 - Have about \$9,000 in sponsorships right now.
 - Will do another call for sponsors after the holiday.
- Young Professional Engagement
 - June 5- CNTA's Night at the Ballpark with the Augusta Greenjackets.
 - About 60 people attended from CNTA.

- Survey of young professionals
 - Only had 11 responses of 200 members.
 - Most want us to provide networking and community service opportunities.
 - Joined for networking and to increase their own understanding of nuclear topics.
- ANS at USC Columbia- their members reached out and want support.
 - Working with Travis Knight and an SRMC intern on this.
- July 16 SRS event
 - Opportunity to educate new workers.
 - Zeus Mancilla will lead this for CNTA.

Executive Director

- Up & Atoms
 - July and September are set. See the calendar provided for specifics.
 - Have SRNL & Southern Nuclear we need to schedule. Have August, October, November and December available.
 - If you have ideas or your company wants to sponsor one let Allison know.
- NuWaDi Consortium Collaborative Based Siting Grants
 - Public Opinion poll is finally approved by Clemson and ready for data collection.
 - Plan is to collect 1,700 responses from residents of South Carolina and those residing in the neighboring counties in NC and GA.
 - Original project end-date was July 31, 2025. Anticipate this being extended but without additional funds for CNTA.
 - Will need to consider the grant budget and where funds can be reallocated.
- Membership Updates
 - Have 467 individual members and 35 businesses.
 - Many individual members are behind in renewing their membership.
- Teller Lecture
 - November 21st at the Amentum Center with a reception following at Newberry Hall.
 - Will start advertising in August.
 - Theme is “75 years at SRS” and Walt Joseph, Mary Beth Reed, and the museum are compiling a video etc. to tell the story.
- Distinguished Scientist Award & Nuclear Service Award
 - Both due the end of July.
 - Have some interest in who can/who has won awards in the past.
 - Press release calling for nominations picked up by the Aiken Standard and ANS newsletter.
- Cybersecurity
 - Have an amended cybersecurity policy being presented to the executive committee next month.
 - If you want to be involved email Allison.
- CNTA Office
 - Allison met with the representative of the new owners of 1204 Whiskey Rd and came up with a compromise on the office space.
 - CNTA has been in its current location since 2006. It is technically two offices. We will consolidate to one unit and the other half can be rented out allowing the owners to make more money without costing CNTA anything.
 - Our new 5-year lease will hold rent flat at the existing cost of rent.

- New lease will begin in January 2026. Have until then to sort essential and extraneous materials.
- Working with the SRS museum to relocate the library. Have old furniture we will donate or dispose of.

Miscellaneous

- Contractor Community Updates
 - Materials Management in August in DC.
 - NuWaDi Roundtable.
 - Vogtle on high alert to make sure all is running smoothly.
 - Industry wide there is a lot of interest in new nuclear.

CNTA Calendar of Events

- July 23, 2025- Up & Atom “SRS Interns”. 7:30am at Newberry Hall in Aiken SC.
- September 11, 2025- Up & Atom Sponsored by SRNS. Topic TBA. 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. 1-4pm at the SRS Museum in Aiken SC.
- November 21, 2025- 34th Annual Teller Lecture & Banquet. "A Walk Thru 75 years at SRS." 6:30pm at the Amentum Center in Aiken SC.
- May 8, 2026- 24th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament. Houndslake Country Club in Aiken SC.

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 |

Future Meetings

- July 17, 2025- Executive Committee Meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- August 28, 2025- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am. Virtual via Zoom

Adjourned:

- Motion to adjourn.
 - Moved- Hansen, Second- Sheetz.
 - Motion approved by unanimous consent
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:16am.