

CNTA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2025
Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Virtual:

Jeff Allender	Paul Cloessner	Michele Harmon	Kenny Lee
Joel Leopard	Dean Campbell	Karl Lutterloh	Booboo Roberts
Forest Mahan	Jesus Mancilla	Charles Munns	Steve Sheetz
Maxwell Smith	Aherial Drayton	Tim Worrell	Joyce Hopperton
Amber Bolen*			

Absent:

Sally Bartelmo	Musa Danjaji	Jhivaun Freeman-Pollard	Natalia Johnson
Scott Kirk	Nick Miller	Lindsey MonBarren	Azi Samadi
John Veldman	Susie Ferrara	Charlie Hansen	Fred Humes
Scott McKay	Daren Timmons		

CNTA Staff:

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 June 26, 2025 as presented.
 - Motion to approve the minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Financials

- Profit & Loss Statement through August 16, 2025
 - Expenses and revenue are tracking accordingly for this time of year.
 - Chuck Munns and Forest Mahan discussed a change to the budget that was approved at the Executive Board meeting. Additional funds will be used from the NuWaDi grant to fund development of podcasts because costs for the public survey will be covered by Clemson. The expenditures for the NuWaDi grant will also be extended to the end of the fiscal year.

Board Chair

- Mahan discussed the Nominating Committee. Steve Sheetz, Forest Mahan and Zeus Mancilla are officer representatives. Need two board at-large board members. Booboo Roberts and Paul Cloessner volunteered.
 - Motion to approve the nominating committee as stated. Motion approved unanimously.

Communications Committee

- Press Releases
 - Recently Published:
 - The Intern Up and Atom was published in the **Aiken Standard**
- NSW Magazine

- Inaugural NSW Magazine will focus on History of Nuclear in the CSRA as part of the SRS at 75 celebrations.
- Ad sales received have exceeded budget estimates.
- The draft layout will be completed in early September.
- Committee Updates
 - The committee will issue the NSW Magazine and issue press releases for fall events.

Education Committee

- Iverson Memorial Donations
 - Amber Bolen (Education Committee Chair) discussed the plans for the funds received in memory of Dan Iverson. She is working with Teltrex to develop an enhanced Geiger Counter demonstration to include detection exercises in classroom or other facility settings. She is hoping to work with Aiken Tech to leverage their existing Teltrex training tools.
- DOE MSI classes were completed. Jim Marra & Paul Ebel taught one class and Frank Heckendorn taught another.
- STEM Events
 - Upcoming:
 - SEED- September 20
 - Fall Fission Festival- October 18
 - Are sponsoring both of these events.
- SRMC Science Scholarship
 - About 12 applications were received.
 - Evaluation of applications is underway.
- Life Long Learning
 - 1 class planned for the fall with SRNL.
 - Started thinking on spring topics.
- Committee updates
 - Topics for the 2026 Essay Contest have been developed. The Essay Contest and Educator Grants Programs will be announced during Nuclear Science Week.

Young Professionals Committee

- Oyster Roast October 11th at Palmetto Golf Club.

Executive Director (presented by Jim Marra)

- Up & Atoms
 - September Up and Atom will feature Jeff Griffin (SRNS President).
 - Johnney Green (SRNL Lab Director) will speak in November
 - Looking to schedule a Southern Nuclear update.
- NuWaDi Consortium Collaborative Based Siting Grants
 - Data collection for the Public Opinion poll is underway.
 - Plan is to collect 1,700 responses from residents of South Carolina and those residing in the neighboring counties in NC and GA.
 - Staff is working on a podcast (Nuclear for Newbies) utilizing unused NuWaDi grant funds.
 - Approved to extend project expenditures through the end of calendar year 2025.
- Membership Updates

- Membership renewals are lagging a little bit. Expect a number of renewals at year's end.
- Teller Lecture
 - November 21st at the Amentum Center with a reception following at Newberry Hall.
 - Theme is "75 years at SRS" and Walt Joseph, Mary Beth Reed, and the museum are compiling a slide show to tell the story followed by a short Q&A discussion.
- Distinguished Scientist Award & Nuclear Service Award
 - Very little interest in these awards – only 1 new nomination received for each.
 - One idea is to expand reach to include the entire Southeast.
- Cybersecurity
 - The cybersecurity policy was approved by the Executive Committee and is being implemented.
- CNTA Office
 - Working on downsizing to fit into new smaller office space.
 - Working with the SRS museum to relocate the library. Have old furniture we will donate or dispose of.

CNTA Calendar of Events

- 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

- September 18, 2025- Executive Committee meeting at 7:30am via Microsoft Teams.
- September 25, 2025- Full Board Meeting at 7:30am.

Adjourned:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:59 am.