

N.C.S.T.A. Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
September 15, 2007  
At  
Harold Mabe Septic in Danbury, NC  
9:00 a.m.

Jimmy Shoaf opened the meeting in prayer. Board Members in attendance:

Connie Stephens, President	Doug Lassiter, Lobbyist
Jimmy Shoaf, Treasurer	Monica Rhea, Secretary
Jerry Pearce	John Peele
Keith Blackburn	Latt Moretz
Frank Pearce	Larry Beam

Absent(with assigned proxy):

Gabe Dellinger	Chris Dobbins
Ace Potter	David Cooper
Jim Lanier	David Wallwork
Stanley Mills	

Minutes from the June 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve received by Jerry Pearce, seconded by Keith Blackburn and all approved.

Treasurer's report was supplied by Jimmy Shoaf for January- August 31, 2007. This report was reviewed by item with ending balance on August 31, 2007 of \$54,991.53. Motion to approve was made by Keith Blackburn, seconded by John Peele and approved.

Update on Installer and Inspector classes. To date their have been 16 classes held statewide. The Waynesville class has been the largest so far with 343 in attendance. Upcoming scheduled classes include: October 15-16 in Newbern and October 17-18 in Greensboro. Dr. Hoover will be holding a class in Boone November 14, 2007 with an exam administered by Connie following the class.

The Certification Board has approved an 18 hour New Installer Course and a stand alone Inspector Course for 2008. The Certification Cards will be printed on December 1, 2007 and mailed that week. This should be ample time for all exam results to be sent to the Board. Exam cut-off date is November 15, 2007.

Connie Stephens has met with Environmental Health Inspectors across the state to reinforce the fact that after January 1, 2008, if an Inspector approves a system installed by a non-certified installer, that Local Health Department will be held responsible. The law states this and the new rules draft will specify this fact.

Membership Review. Connie Stephens read names of new Membership applicants. Motion to accept was made by Jimmy Shoaf, seconded by Larry Beam and approved.

Connie brings a proposal to the Board to change the annual membership from convention to convention. This would give no price break on late membership dues after the new year begins except with Chair discretion if membership is not until last quarter of the year. Frank Pearce made a motion to change the membership dues from convention to convention, seconded by Keith Blackburn and approved.

Nomination Committee appointed. This committee consists of: Keith Blackburn, Monica Rhea, and John Peele. The Board members scheduled to rotate off are John Peele and Larry Beam. The nominating committee asked if they are willing to serve another term on the Board and they both accepted. The committee also will nominate Jerry Pearce as the new President of N.C.S.T.A. with David Cooper remaining Vice President. The vote will be held at the annual Business Meeting to be held on January 30, 2008 at the Convention.

2008 Convention will be held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center from January 28, 2008 thru January 30, 2008. We are very pleased to be able to move to a much larger facility this year. This will easily house not only multiple classrooms but a large vendor show area. The convention will begin with a 15-20 minute orientation for all attending. Hopefully this will cut down on a lot of confusion as to who should attend what classes. Local Hotel listings were handed out to the Board members and will be posted on the website along with convention registration.

Connie will start sending out postcards to let members and vendors know when and where convention will be and that we will look forward to seeing them there.

Newsletter was passed around for comments and approval. Motion to approve made by Keith Blackburn, seconded by John Peele and approved. The newsletter will be completed and mailed in the next few weeks.

Update on Tank Rules. The 1900 rules are going through formatting to put into rules form. Latt Moretz does not want to see the current QA pushed through because it won't be funded or enforced so it will be a non-issue. He proposes taking the QA-QC out. Leave the design verification in current rules. Everyone would have to be recertified (their designs). There needs to be equivalent rules for concrete and other material tanks (plastics). It was suggested that the sentence, "The State shall not approve a tank that does not meet minimum requirements and should revoke approval of any tank not meeting those requirements." The bottom line is to simply enforce what the law states now. There are tanks currently being approved that do not meet the minimum requirements of 2:1. Innovative products are still supposed to adhere to this minimum requirement (plastics and fiberglass).

Jimmy Shoaf proposes that N.C.S.T.A. meet at the regional classes for county Inspectors and go over all these requirements and what is expected and have them sign in for education credit. We would be glad to provide the education. Doug will sit down with Ted Lyons and see if he is receptive to this idea. The goal of our Board is that everyone involved will be on the same page and all requirements will be the same for all tank materials and clear and concise for the state to enforce. Jimmy Shoaf put this in form of a motion, Keith Blackburn seconded and all approved.

Lobbyist update. Doug attended a meeting in Raleigh with Connie Stephens and John Barkley with the Attorney Generals office. The purpose of this was to clarify the umbrella exemption of the General Contractor and/or Homeowner being able to install his or her own septic system.

Other Business. Member benefits include: Connie working with a company to provide for NCSTA members only a contract for payment that they will be able to download and use in their business that will give them more legal grounds when trying to collect for services rendered. Connie is also proposing allowing members to use the Association seal on their letterhead, business cards or other promotional materials. This would give their business more creditability to be part of a state association in their industry.

Scholarship Update: Jimmy needs school information for scholarship recipients. He also needs student ID numbers. He will make checks payable to the school and mail them to the school. Doug Lassiter recommends contacting the Legislatures from the scholarship winner's hometown to let them know they were awarded a scholarship.

Jerry Pearce updates his contact information:

Pearce Wastewater

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Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held January 27, 2008 at the Hickory Metro Convention Center with a dinner to follow at the Iron Thunder Restaurant.

Motion to adjourn made by Keith Blackburn, seconded by Frank Pearce, and approved.