

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
February 23, 2011
Burlington, NC

Attendees: Jim Storie, Mark Jones, Jimmy Wilson, Alan Boone, Steve Bright, and Melanie Wade Goodwin

Guests: Patsy Wilson, Derek Hooker, Milton Foster, Jack Hendrick

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth

Call to Order: Mr. Storie called the meeting to order and read the Ethics Awareness Statement.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Jones motioned to approve the minutes, Mr. Bright seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Jones spoke on the current financials of the board. Mr. Bright stated that Mr. Storie had purchased a program to generate the new state examination. Mr. Bright motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Wilson seconded and the financial report was approved.

Examination/Continuing Education Committee: Mr. Storie and Mr. Bright proctored the latest exam on February 11th. Some observations: 9 took exams, 1 no-show. *Problem: people show up without a ticket for the exam.* Often this is because their check has cleared, and not SBI check returned. Mr. Boone suggested that there could be multiple opportunities to test. This idea was considered should other locations and times become available. Mr. Storie cited that he was recording logistics, time to complete, passage rates, etc.

Test would now be from 2-4 o'clock on the Friday of the NCLA meeting.

Board asked if office staff could have a list available on test days should someone call into the office concerning the test, allowing for those without tickets to take examination.

Mr. Storie and Mr. Bright noted and thanked the NCLA for continuing to supply the room where the testing took place.

Mr. Storie cited that the new testing would cost the board about \$465, compared to approximately \$2,000 per year to ALOA.

Mr. Storie reported on a class that he and Mr. Boone audited of Derek Hooker's. They reported a good experience.

Mr. Storie reported that he and Mr. Boone would get together and work on the Study Guide. He reported approximately 100 hours of work to get the entire study guide completely scanned.

Mr. Storie reported on that he would prefer to see more information on the continuing sponsorship form.

Derek Hooker cited that the list of approved sponsors has gotten to the point of inability to know what is active and what is inactive. He suggested the Board find a way to contact its approved sponsors and determine their status as education providers.

Document Creation: Newsletter creation. Barden cited that it's necessary to keep a newsletter regularly. This newsletter should be posted online. Mrs. Goodwin asked if there was a way to do an online email upgrade submission.

New Business:

- 1) **Approval of Licenses:** Mr. Bright reported that the wait between Board approval and issuance of license, apprentice license, and renewal of license was a hindrance to business. He proposed that Barden be given authority to issue licenses if they meet all the requirements, without specific Board Approval. Mr. Jones seconded and it was approved.
- 2) **Introduction of New Members:** Mrs. Melanie Wade Goodwin was introduced to the Board by Mr. Storie.

Recess for Committee Meetings

Old Business: Legislative Update – In proposed legislation by the NCLA, new edits will include references to felony possession of locksmith tools. This statute has been part of G.S. for quite some time.

Also, increases in licensing fees would be mandated, not to be established in Rules by the board.

Another statute change would mean bringing a percentage increase in order to cover criminal investigations.

Committee Reports:

Ethics: No recommendations. The Committee reported they would be holding a hearing at 1 o'clock following the regular meeting.

Standards: 1 application for examination was approved. One application was a request for more information.

Schedule Next Meeting: April 6th, 11AM conference call. Mr. Bright motioned for date, and Mr. Jones seconded and the Board approved.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was heard from Mr. Bright and Mr. Boone seconded motion.