

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
Wednesday July 14, 2010
Conference Call

Board members attending: Kevin Seymour, Julie Hampton, Jim Storie, Alan Boone, Steve Bright, Mark Jones, Jimmy Wilson

Guests: Steve Stroud

Staff: Barden Culbreth

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Seymour presented the June meeting minutes. Mr. Bright motioned to approve, Mr. Storie seconded and the meeting minutes are approved.

Treasurers Report: Mrs. Hampton called notice to the rise in professional expenses compared to last year. The Board has spent \$67,000 so far this year in investigations. Mr. Seymour stated that this was an investment in halting unlicensed and scam activity. Mr. Boone cited the time to look into itemized expenses of an investigation. Mr. Wilson said it was not the time to back off from cracking down on illegal industry and the industry had been waiting a long time for a crackdown on illegal locksmiths. He said raising the fees may be necessary. Mr. Storie said he agreed with Alan Boone.

Mr. Stroud said the board needed to increase profile of big cases to draw attention to the problem.

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the treasurer report, and Mr. Storie seconded. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Public Relations Report: Conversation began on how to amend laws and increase penalties and fees. Mr. Jones agreed that the law needed harsher penalties in order to deter unlicensed activity. Mr. Boone said that we haven't worked as hard as enforcement since the law came into effect than we have in the last year and the Board does deserve credit for it.

Mr. Stroud reported on the need to educate the legislature and others about the Board and the industry. Mr. Bright suggested the Board staff draft a letter to the legislature describing the last 11 months of board investigations.

Document Creation Committee: Letter needs to be drafted to legislators and other government officials and media. The purpose of this letter is to let officials know the activities of the board.

Examination Committee: Mr. Boone reported that he and Mr. Storie had worked greatly on the task. Jimmie Storie said he's now moved onto automotive section and the test is coming together. Jimmie said it could be the first of the year that they would have a new test ready for the Board.

Rules Committee: Barden reported that he had submitted a rule for approval. It would be pulled based on the new test.

New Business:

Unfinished Business: Mr. Stroud asked about the VA board. Barden reported that he had not received a letter from the one he sent after the last meeting.

Licenses to be Approved: Mr. Bright motioned to accept the list and Mrs. Hampton seconded, and they approved the new licenses.

Scheduling of Statutory August Meeting: August 9 @ 11am Conference Call

Adjourn: Mr. Bright moved to adjourn, Mr. Storie seconded and the meeting ended