

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board

January 14, 2013

11:00AM

Burlington, NC

Board Members: Jimmie Storie, Steve Stroud, Phil Lanier, Reid Barbee, Melanie Wade Goodwin, Alan Boone, Steve Bimbo, Ralph Fuller

Guests: Rafe Rountree

Staff: Katie Faulkner, Barry Bloch

Call to Order: Jim Storie called the meeting to order and asked that Steve Stroud read the Ethics Awareness Statement. Jimmie Storie made the Board aware that he would not participate and would excuse himself from the voting on approval of a continuing education course he is sponsoring. With no other conflicts, the meeting proceeded.

Oath of Office for New Members: Jimmie Storie swore in the new members of the Board: Ralph Fuller, Phil Lanier, and Reid Barbee.

After the swearing in, the new Board members introduced themselves to the Board. Barry Bloch reminded the new members of state law that requires all Board members to take the Ethics training that is available to them online and that he is not able to discuss any cases with them until all members have taken the training. Barry also reminded them that if they have any questions about the training to please not hesitate to call him.

Election of Officers: Before the election of officers began, Jimmie Storie thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as chairman and with that the nominations began.

Chairman: Melanie Wade-Goodwin nominated Steve Stroud and made a few remarks about his background and his experience with locksmiths and the Board. Ralph Fuller seconded the nomination and the vote passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman: Ralph Fuller nominated Reid Barbee and Reid Barbee declined the nomination. Mr. Fuller then nominated Jimmie Storie and Steve Stroud seconded the nomination and the vote passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer: Alan Boone nominated Ralph Fuller and Ralph Fuller declined the nomination. Mr. Stroud nominated Alan Boone and Steve Bimbo seconded the nomination and the vote passed unanimously.

The new officers are:

Chairman: Steve Stroud

Vice Chairman: Jimmie Storie

Secretary/Treasurer: Alan Boone

Approval of Minutes: Steve Stroud made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting on December 12, 2012. Phil Lanier seconded the motion and the minutes were approved and the meeting continued.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial statement and Steve Stroud motioned to approve the most recent financial statement. Ralph Fuller seconded the motion and the financial statement was approved and the meeting continued.

Examination/Continuing Education Committee: Jimmie Storie presented a sponsor request to the board for approval of continuing education credit. Steve Stroud made a motion to approve Jimmie Storie's sponsor request. Steve Bimbo seconded the motion and the sponsor request was approved.

The Board discussed that sponsors are not sending in requests for approval for continuing education and that all sponsors need to renew and they have failed to do so which will result in the continuing education units not counting towards approval for renewal of licensure. This also includes online trainings. The Board requested that Barden please remind all sponsors that they must renew their sponsorship and ask for approval of sponsorship in order for the continuing education courses to count. With that said, Steve Stroud made a motion that Barden compile a list of online providers in the last cycle and present that list to the Board and to send a letter to these providers requesting they register or renew to provide these online courses. Ralph Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Steve Stroud also suggested putting on the website that a person runs the risk of a continuing education course not counting because of the instructor not requesting approval.

Jimmie Storie reminded the Board of the exam on February 22nd in Charlotte, NC. Steve Stroud asked the Board to look over the study guide for the exam and to report any errors they find in the study guide to him.

Ethics Committee: Barry Bloch reported that there are 4 open investigations and they should be completed by the next Board meeting. Barry Bloch also reported that out of those 4 investigations, at least one of them will have a settlement or a formal hearing at the meeting after next.

New Business: Ralph Fuller received a letter from Ronnie Eubanks saying that he did not want to renew his membership with the Locksmith Association because he did not want to get in trouble with the Locksmith Board for not renewing his locksmith license. The Board agreed that Mr. Eubanks could still remain on the Locksmith Association and it will not have a conflict with the Board that he does not renew his locksmith license.

Jimmie Storie asked if Barden could put in the letters reminding locksmiths to renew their licenses, that if they do not plan on renewing, then to please let the Board know that they will not be renewing.

Steve Stroud asked if Barden could also put on the website of individuals that have not renewed their contact information, (i.e. name of company and phone number).

Old Business: Phil Lanier reported on ideas he had about raising revenue without increasing existing licensure fees. Phil Lanier passed out a printout of his proposal and presented the proposal to the Board. Phil Lanier requested that institutional locksmiths be required to apply for licensure with the Board and noted that if they are required to apply for licensure with the Board, then this would double or triple the applications, therefore raising revenue. Phil Lanier also suggested looking into billboards, bumper stickers, ads, etc. to make people aware of scammers.

Steve Stroud reported on the proposed legislative changes that was emailed to the Board and made a motion that the Board supports the proposed legislative changes to present to the Senate. Ralph Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Committee members:

Examination/Continuing Education members: Jimmie Storie, Alan Boone, Steve Stroud, and Phil Lanier

Standards Committee: Steve Stroud, Ralph Fuller, Reid Barbee, and Phil Lanier

Ethics Committee: Melanie Wade-Goodwin, Alan Boone, and Steve Bimbo

Newsletter Committee: Melanie Wade-Goodwin and Steve Bimbo

The next Board meeting will be February 25th, 2013 at 11AM via conference call. Steve Stroud made a motion to accept this Board meeting and Ralph Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board asked if it would be possible to add a counter on the website to see how many times it is viewed per day. Katie said she would discuss this with Barden.

Phil Lanier asked for the Board's permission to look into ads, billboards, etc. to make people aware of scammers.

Steve Stroud made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Bimbo seconded the motion and the meeting ended.