

Conference Call Meeting
January 9th, 2017 9:30am

Board Members: Jonathan Jeffries, Rafe Rountree, Steve Bright, Mike Williams, Keith Throckmorton, Jennifer Richards, Phil Lanier, Dennis Berwyn, Bill Harrell

Staff: Barden Culbreth

Call to Order: Phil Lanier presided as Vice Chair and called the meeting to Order. Dennis Berwyn introduced himself to the Board.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Phil read the Ethics Awareness Statement. Hearing no conflicts, the meeting continued.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Barden has made correction to Jennifer Richards' name prior to the meeting. Keith motioned to approve. Bill seconded and the minutes were approved.

Election of Officers:

Chair - Jon nominated Phil Lanier as Chair. Jennifer seconded. Hearing no other nominations. Phil was elected Chair by acclamation.

Vice Chair- Steve Bright nominated Jon Jeffries for Vice Chair. Jennifer seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Jon Jeffries was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

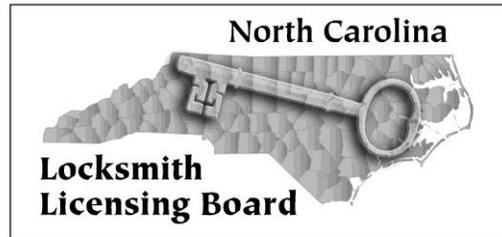
Secretary/Treasurer - Steve Bright reported on the duties of this position. Jon Jeffries nominated Jennifer Richards as Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Williams seconded and Jennifer was elected Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

New Business:

Jon Jeffries asked that the Board consider using Skype or similar technology for future meetings rather than conference calls. Mike Williams said he was unfamiliar with how to use this technology. Phil reported that he frequently participated in conference calls from his vehicle and asked that Jon prepare a tutorial for the next in-person meeting to educate Board members about this meeting option.

Phil asked that Barden prepare a Step-by-Step guide for Board members' compliance of NC Ethics Commission education and filing requirements.

Barden reported that the Board did have statutory authority to employ outside counsel and it might be in the Board's interest to explore this option because the AG's counsel had many other Boards that required attention. Phil asked that this matter be tabled until the next in-person meeting.



Old Business:

Mike Williams asked about the billboard campaign and noted that rural areas were not included in the previous year's campaign. He noted that money may be better spent on a literature campaign that licensed locksmiths could spread among their customers.

Mike reported that raising fees on licenses was not a good idea.

Phil asked that the billboard discussion be tabled until our next in-person meeting.

Jonathan Jeffries asked Barden to prepare a copy of the Board's budget for the new members to review.

Jennifer Richards asked about the proposed Rules and expressed support for pulling or voting down the proposed on Late Renewals (21 NCAC 29 .0702 DUE DATE.)

Mike Williams asked how public comments would be received at the Public Hearing. Phil advised that Mike could collect public comment from locksmiths in his area and present on their behalf. Barden reported that the Board office would be open and the public can appear in person, but sending in written comment might be best option for those that have to travel.

Phil and Mike noted a discrepancy in the Meeting Agenda that listed 9:30am as the Public Hearing time, but the meeting was set for 9:00am.

Adjourn: Jon Jeffries motioned to adjourn. Rafe Rountree seconded and the meeting ended.