

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD GREENSBORO, NC MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

Attendance: Laura Busse, chair, Tom Campion, Neal Ensley, Dennis Green, Joe McCann, Ralph Fuller, Greg Wright, Anna Bridgers

Guest in Attendance: Steve Bright

The meeting was called to order by Laura Busse, chair. Neal read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No one indicated a current conflict.

The first order of business was approval of the January 13th meeting minutes. Neal made a motion to accept the minutes as they were presented. Tom seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Neal then gave the Treasurer's Report. Neal said that he had not yet received the corrected copy of the budget from Jim Scarborough. Neal suggested that the Board wait for this copy before taking further action.

As part of the Notifications Committee, Ralph stated that he mailed letters and public notices to several wholesalers. Ralph has been receiving a positive response. Ralph also spoke with several radio stations about the possibility of airing public notices regarding the locksmith license. The radio stations offered to air the announcements, but only for a fee.

Laura told the Board that she submitted the Notice of Text draft downtown last week. Laura has already been contacted by the Rules Review Committee regarding some grammatical corrections. This Notice of Text will be published on February 17th in the North Carolina Register. Additionally, Laura said that she was asked about the Board's continuing education requirements at ALOA's tradeshow. Laura said that this is something that the Board needs to start thinking about.

The next order of business was acceptance of the approved locksmiths for licensure. Tom made a motion to approve the 34 locksmiths for licensure. Neal seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous Business, Laura said that several concerns have been voiced concerning the Board's guidelines for apprentices. Laura said that many locksmiths are complaining that it is very difficult for someone to enter the locksmith field and gain the experience they need in order to pass the Board's examination for licensure when the Board requires that apprentices be under the direct supervision of a licensed locksmith.

Steve Bright from NC Locksmith Association said that NCLA has got funds available to hire a lobbyist to support legislation for an apprenticeship program. Steve said that NCLA

would like to unite forces with ALOA as well as the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board in order to get this accomplished. Steve said that he would like for an apprentice to have thirty days to submit his/her paperwork to the Board, and then the apprentice would have three years from this date of submission to obtain his/her locksmith license. Steve suggested that the apprentice license cost \$100.00, and that one's apprentice license be contingent on a licensed locksmith who is responsible for training that apprentice. Steve does not believe that it is feasible or cost-effective for licensed locksmiths to hire an apprentice under the Board's current guidelines. For this reason, Steve asked that the current "direct supervision" rule to be relaxed. Neal made a comment that he felt a three year apprentice license was too long as the Board has catered their licensure exam for locksmiths needing approximately one year of experience.

Laura stated that if Steve and any Board members are proposing changes to the Board's written policies, the Board should have a meeting for this specific purpose. Laura said that she has a whole laundry list of items that the Board needs to revisit if the Board decides to go back to the legislature. Laura suggested that an Advisory Committee be formed to study the apprenticeship program as recommended by Steve. Joe made a motion that such an Advisory Committee be developed to discuss items such as licensing, education, and testing policies. Laura and Ralph Fuller volunteered to serve on this committee. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As the final order of business, Dennis made a motion for the next board meeting to be held on March 3rd in Greensboro. Neal seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

With no other business before the Board, Tom made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Joe seconded the motion, and with no opposition the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna S. Bridgers

Locksmiths Approved for Licensure

**Jerry Shrum
Robert Scarboro
Garry Rogers
Jason Privette
Fred Peterson
John Oaster
Edmond Pearsall
Robert Moeschet
Donald Moeschet
Catherine Matthews
Arthur Martin
Daniel Mandell
Benjamin Lewis
Gerald Leihenseder
Chris Layher
Bradley Kaszer
Lawrence Justice
Donald Jones
Lawrence Hopkins
Ivan Holloway
Ronald Highsmith
Eric Ganey
Ann Ellison
James Cunningham
James Coates
Michelle Cash
Sharron Carlton
Paul Chriscoe
Morris Burleson
Jimmy Clark
Jeffrey Mason
Brad Stroud
Steven Stroud
Christopher Fuller**