

**NORTH CAROLINA LOCKSMITH LICENSING
APRIL 21, 2005
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

Attendance: Neal Ensley, Laura Busse, Ralph Fuller, Dennis Green, Kevin Seymour, Greg Wright, Anna Bridgers.

Guests in Attendance: Steve Bright and Donna Fuller.

The Board meeting was called to order by Neal Ensley, in Tom Champion's absence. Neal stated that Tom could not attend the meeting due to an appointment. Dennis read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No one indicated any conflicts.

The first order of business was approval of the March 10, 2005 meeting minutes. Laura made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared by Anna. Greg seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Laura then reviewed the March financial statement as part of the Treasurer's Report. Laura said that money will soon be reflected in the statements as a result of license renewals.

As discussion continued in regards to locksmith license renewal, Anna asked the Board how the review of renewal paperwork should be handled. The Board decided that the applications for renewal should be handled like the applications for initial licensure. Any applications that might appear questionable or cause for concern will need to be reviewed by the Standards Committee. The entire Board will vote on each batch of renewals at each Board meeting. Kevin made a motion to this effect and to approve the March financial statement. Greg seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Laura then discussed the Board's attempts to contact locksmiths practicing without a license and how to sanction those who continue to provide locksmith services after being informed about the license requirement. Laura said that the Board will either need to refer the matter of a locksmith practicing without a license to a district attorney or file an injunction, which would require a private attorney's services. Regardless of how the Board decides to handle such cases, Laura said that she might have to spend Board funds to facilitate the process.

Laura made a motion that the Standards Committee be authorized to spend up to \$500 to pursue the cease and desist cases. Laura said that any money spent on such cases should be brought to the Board's attention. Kevin seconded the motion, and the motion passed without opposition.

After the vote, Laura stated that she believes that once a locksmith gets summoned to court for practicing without a license, that locksmith will likely take

all measures to rectify the situation at that time. Otherwise, if the locksmith is convicted of practicing without a license, he or she will have to wait at least three years before he or she would be eligible to even apply for a license.

The next report came from the Rules Committee. Laura told the Board that House Bill 1291 was filed by Representative Allred on Monday. The bill would remove the continuing education requirement for renewal of licensure from the statute, if approved. Laura made a motion that the Board make a resolution to disapprove of HB 1291. Laura also made a motion that the Board write a letter to Representative Allred stating the Board's opposition. Ralph seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Laura then told the Board that rules 29 .0702 and .0703 need to be resubmitted to the Rules Review Commission as the 90 day public comment period is over. Laura made a motion for these rules to be submitted as written, and Ralph seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In regards to Public Relations, Laura stated that the postcard reminders about license renewal are ready for mailing. Anna then shared a letter with the Board that was mailed to the White Directory Publishers. The letter stated that one must have a locksmith license number in order to advertise under the locksmith heading in the phone book.

Anna stated that she received a continuing education sponsor agreement form from Steve Bright with NCLA. Laura made a motion that the Board approve this sponsor for providing continuing education. Kevin seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The Board then took a short break.

Upon reconvening the meeting, the Board did not have any miscellaneous or unfinished business.

Laura then reported on behalf of the Standards Committee. Laura made a motion to approve the five locksmiths for licensure. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business to report, Greg made a motion for the next Board meeting to be scheduled for Thursday, June 9th. Laura seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Neal then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna S. Bridgers

Locksmiths Approved for Licensure

Toby E. Mitchell

Tony B. Polk

Locksmiths Approved for Apprentice License

Kevin J. Fox

James R. Hash

Matthew L. Whitaker