

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board
June 3, 2009
Burlington, NC

Welcome and Call to Order- Greg Wright

Attendees: Greg Wright, Vice-Chair, Julie Hampton, Secretary/Treasurer, Laura Busse, and Alan Boone

Mr. Wright asked Mrs. Hampton to read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

Mrs. Hampton read the statement and asked if there were any reportable conflicts. Ms. Busse reported that she would not be voting on the renewals presented by the Standards Committee due to a new employee at Busse's Locksmith applying for renewal.

Approval of Minutes-

Mr. Boone motioned to approve the minutes from the 4/8/2009 meeting which Mrs. Hampton seconded and the board approved.

Treasurer's Report-

Mrs. Hampton presented the April 30, 2009 financial statements and went through the expenses and incomes for that month. Ms. Busse motioned to approve, Mr. Boone seconded.

Document Creation-

Barden reported that Board attorney Bly Hall had made the recommendation to develop two certificates, one for Apprentices and one for Full Licensees.

Ms. Busse asked that since the new webpage was fully integrated, that the office also focus on tightening up many of the PDF and word files. Ms. Busse said she would take a look at what needs to be done. Ms. Busse then cited the most recent case of people coming to take the test but not following the directions on the website.

Public Relations Report--

Ms. Busse presented her summary/timeline of the recent case with the Attorney General and the scam locksmiths. She described the scammers faking listing as Marshall's Locksmith using the Google Search Engine. Cullen Browder with WRAL began an investigation which reached a lot of people, who have called both Mr. Wright and Ms. Busse for follow-up.

Coverage of the sting investigation led to the Attorney General taking on the case. The judge issued a restraining order against Ms. Anna Konevsky and Mr. Tamir Avraham. Ms. Konevsky was issued a continuance. Evidence was submitted that Mr. Avraham had made hostile phone calls to Mr. Edward Walters of Raleigh Locksmith, Inc. in the form of a voicemail. The judge then issued a preliminary injunction against Tamir Avraham, and Ms. Konevsky's case will go before the judge tomorrow.

Ms. Busse also said she was featured on "The Buzz" on their home improvement radio show.

Examination Committee:

Ms. Busse reported that 11 persons passed the May examination and 5 failed.

Mr. Boone reported that hadn't reached PSI yet about randomizing the questions on the test. He also said that he is working on scanning the study guide and creating a more clear and user-friendly version.

Ms. Busse reported that she would not be able to proctor the exam in August or November.

Rules Committee:

Ms. Busse reported that Bly said that it might be a good idea to discuss changing the statute to have companies licensed in addition to individuals being licensed. Mrs. Hampton said she had reviewed the statute and believed it was sufficient, but changes could be made.

Ms. Busse emphasized the ordeal that changing the statute would involve and that we need to have any and all changes together before we move to the legislature.

Continuing Education Committee:

Mr. Wright made the motion to accept the three continuing education sponsors. Ms. Busse seconded and it passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous:

Ms. Busse provided a summary of her actions at the NCGA involving SB1073. Ms. Busse attended the first committee meeting and spoke against the bill and was offered alternative language that was put into the bill.

The new language and SB1073 were being reviewed at the same time as the NCLLB meeting, 1pm Senate Finance Committee 6/3/2009. Ms. Busse's questions were in regard to the new term "monitor" that was added to the bill.

Unfinished Business:

See previous.

New Business:

None.

Standards:

Mr. Wright presented the license renewals (22) and 11 persons who would be licensed. He motioned for approval and Mrs. Hampton seconded, and they were approved.

Next Meeting-

Scheduled for July 15th, 11am Cutting Board Restaurant.

Mrs. Hampton moved to adjourn, Mr. Wright seconded and the meeting ended.