

September NCATA Board Meeting Minutes
NCATA Board Meeting 9/25/11

Present: Dick Winters, Alison Carpenter, Al Schroetel, Ed Harrison, Bill Bussey, Mark Ortiz, Steve Goodridge, Julie White, Esther Lumsdon

Treasurer's Report: NCATA currently has \$10,338.94 in the bank. There have been no transactions, save for small interest payments, in the last three months or so.

Discussion: Alison shared that she is tired of being chair and there is no one to step forward. We are having problems getting and keeping board members. Should we keep going?

Ed: We are doing great. We should change our mode of activity perhaps, but not disband. We are doing something that nobody else is doing in terms of transportation policy. We have done a lot to get this organization going and should not give up yet.

Bill: We have done great work and we need to continue. It is nice to have a credentialed organization behind us. We can do more. We should keep going in honor of Bruce.

Mark: Neutral on question of dissolution. If we decide to disband we need to go out to our membership beforehand. He feels there is a need for a state-wide organization. It has a legislative role to play. Perhaps we should move to doing more things electronically. We should consider having a different listserv.

Steve G - He has enjoyed participating and would be glad to stay on the board. He can't take on more responsibilities such as the chair at this time. Keep it going.

Julie W - Would like to see it keep going in some realm

Esther - She wants to see the organization keep going. She doesn't have much time for the organization at this point as she is caregiver for her mother. She shared information about nonprofit training.

Dick - Has seen that meaningful things have been accomplished. We need to have people step up and relieve Alison. He supports the organization going on. We should be working on the proactive side of things.

Al - Given all that has been achieved it is hard to walk away from that. There is a need for a state-wide voice. We need leadership. Should we hire someone short term? We need new blood for the board. Perhaps we should go into maintenance mode for awhile.

Discussion: Alison Carpenter has been the NCATA Chair for the past three years and has decided to step down from that position. The rest of the board expressed deep

appreciation to Alison for her contributions over the past years and noted that we would not be where we are today if not for her hard work and dedication.

While board members are all concerned about having the people to keep NCATA going, there was a strong consensus that NCATA has accomplished a great deal and fulfills a valuable function.

The discussion then shifted to what we need to do to keep going as an organization.

Bill is taking care of IRS requirements relating to our non-profit status.

In order to keep things going we need to have a membership meeting in order to hold elections.

The following board members have stated they will run for re-election: Al Schroetel, Steven Hardie-Braz, Steve Goodridge, Esther Lumsdon, Ed Harrison, Julie White, and Dick Winters. Bill Bussey and Mark Ortiz are current members who have agreed to continue on the board. John Tracy has asked to be removed from the board and Alison has chosen not to run for re-election.

Bill will send Julie the membership list and she will handle the board election via e-mail. Everyone will look for potential new board members and will let Julie know of potential candidates by the end of October.

Al suggested we have a rotating chair. He also suggested we have someone in central part of the state take the role of arranging meetings.

Steve volunteered to take over the website.

Julie suggested that we all ask our local clubs to rejoin. Al suggested that we all look for new board members.

Rotating chairs schedule:

Al - through December
Bill - March
Esther - June
Ed - September

Chairs can make the decision of how and where to hold board meetings.

Ed will be designated as the speaker for NCATA in Raleigh.

We will need to be keep aware of Tour de Fat. Alison will pass on that info as it becomes available.

Summit - There is interest in a bike summit in North Carolina. Steven Hardie-Braz can be our representative to group.

Bill made the motion that NCATA expresses support for the efforts of the group which is working to put on a statewide bike-ped summit. Esther seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Dick suggested that we need to be working on things to make the organization relevant and attractive to potential members.

We talked about having two focuses:
policy
education

Possible ways for involvement in education

1. Support the summit: Julie will stay in contact with Claudia Nix about this. Steven Hardie-Braz has shown interest in this and can keep us in the loop on how we can be involved.
2. LCI support: We should help to promote LCI trainings on our listserv and website
Support getting education into places like the police departments, DMV, and school systems: Steve G offered to research the most effective way to educate police. Dick will look into whether or not NCDOT is getting ready to look at doing a statewide curriculum for bike and ped safety at the elementary level.

Possibilities for policy involvement:

1. Encourage good use of DOT enhancement funding
2. Bicycle detection at signals: Steve G is willing to do research on this issue. He will be doing research about sensitive detectors that work practically for all users. He plans to first gain a better understanding of what NCDOT is using and why. He will then develop a policy paper.

Bill shared that he is getting a lot of informative e-mails from the Alliance for Biking and Walking. He will forward these e-mails to board for redistribution.

Adjourned at 3:42