

NCPTA Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2018
Nash Rocky Mount Transportation Office

Call to Order

Binford Sloan, President called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting were read by Binford Sloan. Vec Dunn made a motion to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Vicki Wilson. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Brian Littke read the treasurer's report. Joey Wetheington made a motion to accept the report as read and was seconded by Margie McGill. Motion carried.

Member Input

No member input at this time.

Committee Reports

Legislative – No report

Transposium – Cynthia Phillips – Currently have 187 registered to attend. Update on events scheduled for the week and food cost. Technician hands on competition and bus ROADeo will be held Thursday at JM Robinson High School. Events scheduled are based on number of attendees.

TAG – Scott Denton discussed scheduling the TAG meeting for April, no date has been set at this time.

Awards – Information will be forthcoming for Hall of Fame and Trailblazer awards

Service Pins – No report

ROADEo – District ROADEos will be held in the next couple months, with the state ROADEo on Thursday at JM Robinson High School at the Transposium in Concord. This is the first time the ROADEo is being held at the Transposium. There was discussion about who is responsible for the cost of ROADEo participants to attend the Transposium. The LEA will assume the expense for any participant to attend/participate at the state level.

State Fair – No report

Old Business

Executive Director RFP – Requests for executive director will close mid-April. All interested parties should submit their info prior to the closing date.

2018 Legislative Agenda - With no current legislative liaison, request was made for individuals who are interested in representing the membership at the upcoming session until the executive director position is filled. Upcoming session will be a short session and the two main agenda items are salary studies for twelve month employees and toll cost for buses traveling toll highways. Scott Denton volunteered to pursue legislative work for the association in the interim.

Kevin Harrison with DPI gave information regarding results of data collected in the bus driver salary survey. Primary benefits of salary study will be bringing to light the issues faced by the industry with cost of obtaining the license and drivers being able to use their CDL in positions/fields other than school transportation. Hopefully, there will be another increase for school bus drivers next year.

New Business

New Technology Committee – Jeff Tsai, Wake County requested the possibility of forming a technology committee to work with all the aspects of technology with school transportation utilizing GPS, HCTB, cameras, etc. More specifically, a “universal connection” that could be used across all platforms of GPS, etc. Kevin Harrison discussed having a line item on the bid for technology. After discussion, it was decided the technology issue should be incorporated in with the Spec Committee to approach the vendors with our specific issues. Cynthia Phillips pointed out the Spec Committee would be meeting at the Transposium and any information/issues should be presented to the committee at that time.

2018-2020 NCPTA Officers – Secretary Nominations – Two names have been submitted for the office of Secretary, Jeremy Hill from Charlotte Mecklenberg and Marlon Watson from Union County. Mr. Hill was not in attendance. Mr. Watson was at the meeting and was asked to step out while the group deliberated. Vec Dun gave info on Jeremy Hill and his position within school transportation. Mr. Hill has been a specialist in Charlotte Mecklenberg for almost a year

working through the ranks from bus driver. Marlon Watson is familiar to the group and positions held within his respective county. Errin Bryant nominated Marlon Watson for Secretary for the 2018-2020 slate of officers. Margie McGill seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

The slate of officers for the 2018-2020 board of directors is as follows:

Marlon Watson, Union County – Secretary
Brian Littke, Nash Rocky Mount – Treasurer
Kevin Griffin, Moore County – Vice President
Patsy Hudson, Wake County – President
Binford Sloan, Nash Rocky Mount – Past President

Vec Dunn made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Vicki Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Membership will vote on final selection of officers at the Transposium to be held in June.

2019 & 2021 Transposium Site Selection - Sea Trail was originally selected for 2019 but due to lack of participation by their homeowners association, they cannot guarantee the space needed by the association. Because of that, the contract with Sea Trail for 2019 was dissolved. Wilmington and Dare County were discussed as possible locations for 2019. Discussion among the group was to attend Wilmington. Ralph Trango made a motion to accept the bid from Wilmington for the 2019 and 2021 Transposium. The motion was seconded by Errin Bryant. Motion carried.

2020 Transposium Site Selection – Because the association is moving to two year contracts for Transposium locations, discussion was held about possible locations for the 2020 Transposium. Asheville, Hickory and Winston Salem were discussed. After discussion about each location, a motion was made by Margie McGill to choose Hickory, NC for the 2020 Transposium. The motion was seconded by Errin Bryant. Motion carried.

NCPTA Email List – NCPTA now has its own email service/server available to members. Vendors can sign up as well.

President's Report

Binford Sloan informed the group he was no longer employed with Nash Rocky Mount schools and had accepted a position with Chesterfield County Schools in Virginia. Binford stated he was willing to stay on and complete his term as President as well as the office of Past President for the upcoming two year term. Binford exited the room to allow discussion on the issue. After discussion among the council, Ralph Trango made a motion to allow Binford to complete his term as President which ends in June. Motion was seconded by Margie McGill. Motion carried.

After additional discussion, Vicki Wilson made motion to allow Vec Dunn to complete an additional two years as Past President in the absence of an officer moving from President to Past President. The motion was seconded by Margie McGill. Motion Carried.

Because the current by-laws do not specify a board member has to be employed by a North Carolina LEA, Ralph Trango made a motion to bring updating the by-laws to the membership at the Transposium this year and to be voted on at the 2019 Transposium. Motion was seconded by Errin Bryant. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events

No report

Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm