

## MINUTES

## NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD

AUGUST 10, 2009

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, August 10, 2009, in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Jesse G. Meeks, Vice Chairperson Keith J. Pierce, Yolanda Mason-Smith and Lloyd (Mickey) Meekins, Jr. Also present: Executive Director Teresa L. Watson and Garris Neil Yarborough, Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Meeks inquired of each member if there were any known conflicts of interest or an appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board during this meeting and each member indicated there were none.

**Minutes of the meeting held on July 6, 2009, were approved as recorded on motion by Vice Chairperson Pierce. Member Meekins seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Watson gave an update on the Board's new office and a discussion was held concerning the October 12, 2009, "Open House." The following decisions were made regarding the "Open House:" a) obtain sponsors to help host the "Open House;" b) finalize the guest list; and, c) send out invitations. These items will be finalized and addressed at the September 14, 2009 Board meeting. Also at this time, Ms. Watson led a discussion on obtaining a contract for an exterminating service for the new office. **Member Meekins moved that the Director be given the authority to obtain at least three quotes for an exterminating service for the new office and accept the low bid. Member Mason-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

At this time, Board Counsel Yarborough provided an update on proposed auction firm rule changes. He informed the Board that the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings – Rules Review Commission would be putting on two classes, probably in the middle to end of August, on

rule drafting and proper rule formatting and that after the Director's and his attendance, he would continue with the proposed auction firm rule changes.

As instructed at the July 6, 2009, Board meeting, Mr. Yarborough contacted Steve Proffitt regarding the making of a Law and Rules CE video. Board Counsel Yarborough gave an update on his progress so far and a decision was reached to form a CE Committee consisting of Member Meekins and Mr. Yarborough. The CE Committee will continue their negotiations with Mr. Proffitt and report at the September 14, 2009, Board meeting as to their progress. Board members were also presented at this time with a 2009/2010 CE Sponsors and Instructors List as requested at the July 6, 2009, meeting.

The Board next considered the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations and the following motion was made. **Member Mason-Smith moved to accept the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations Items 1 thru 13. Vice Chairperson Pierce seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Member Meekins did not participate in the discussions nor did he vote on these matters involving the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee. **Member Mason-Smith moved to accept the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations Items 14 thru 15. Member Meekins seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Vice Chairperson Pierce did not participate in the discussions nor did he vote on these matters involving the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee.

Concerning the review of apprentice auctioneer applicants and their sponsors' written summary of their background and experience in the auction profession, **Vice Chairperson Pierce moved to approve the apprentice applications for Randolph Foster Crutchfield and proposed sponsor, Graham Clark, NCAL #397; Jennifer Ann Sonke and proposed sponsor, Sarah W. Sonke, NCAL #8121; and, Casey James Woodruff and proposed sponsor, William R.**

**Woodruff, NCAL #6868. Member Meekins seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

At this time, Director Watson provided the results of the August 6, 2009, auctioneer examination which were as follows: 28 examinees with 25 passing and three failing. Ms. Watson also advised that as of July 24, 2009, 2,305 licensees had renewed their 2009-2010 licenses.

Next, Chairperson Meeks led a discussion on the scheduling of the auctioneer examination. Following this discussion, **Member Meekins moved that starting effective October 2009, the Licensing Board would schedule the auctioneer examination for the first Thursday of every month except the month of January when no examination would be given. Vice Chairperson Pierce seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Director Watson then led a discussion on the issue of the 2009-2010 Licensee Directory regarding its format and number of copies to be made. **Vice Chairperson Pierce moved that the 2009-2010 Directory be issued in the same format and number as the previous year. Member Mason-Smith seconded the motion which carried.** Also at this time, financial information concerning the individual months of June and July 2009 were reviewed by the Board.

Next, other Board matters were discussed. First, a request from Phillip T. Fisher, Executive Director of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission was reviewed concerning mandatory Board Member training and the Board's interest in attending training provided by the School of Government of the University of North Carolina. Staff was instructed to notify Mr. Fisher of the Board's interest in attending such training. Next, Investigator Dutko asked for clarification concerning the monitoring of absolute auction ads and was advised to investigate any such individual ad which raises questions.

Member Meekins then inquired about the statement received from the AANC for the expenses incurred for the CE classes conducted during the June 2009 AANC Convention. Following a review of this statement, Board Counsel Yarborough was instructed to prepare a letter,

which will be reviewed by the Board at their next meeting, to the AANC outlining what expenses would be covered for their future planning of CE classes.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the next meeting as Monday, September 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Watson  
Executive Director