

**MINUTES****NORTH CAROLINA AUCTIONEER LICENSING BOARD****FEBRUARY 14, 2011**

The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, February 14, 2011, in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Keith J. Pierce, Vice Chairperson William B. Lilly, Randy B. Lee and Jesse G. Meeks. Also present: Executive Director Teresa L. Watson and Garris Neil Yarborough, Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Pierce 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 January 14, 2011, were approved as recorded on motion by Member Meeks. Vice Chairperson Lilly seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Rick Lashmit, with the NCAA, presented a request from the NCAA for consideration of CE reimbursement. Following a discussion on this request, **Member Meeks moved that the North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board would pay the NCAA, pursuant to CE guidelines, for providing continuing education classes at their 2011 Convention up to \$2,000.00. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Next, Investigator Southerland provided a case log update. Vice Chairperson Lilly inquired as to the status of Iron Planet and was advised that the company has submitted an auction firm application.

Director Watson presented a request from Anca Grozav, Economic Analyst with the NC Office of State Budget and Management regarding the “Rules Modification and Improvement Program.” Ms. Grozav inquired if the Auctioneer Licensing Board would be interested in a “memorandum of understanding” between boards regarding background checks and fingerprint

requirements. Following a discussion on this request, Ms. Watson was directed to inform Ms. Grozav that the Auctioneer Licensing Board is not interested at this time in a “MOU” between boards. Board Counsel Yarborough then led a discussion on Internet auctions and advised that he would provide wording for Law/Rule modifications at the next meeting.

At this time, the Board reviewed the “Renewal Application for Schools of Auctioneering” for World Wide College of Auctioneering and Carolina Auction Academy with New Instructor/Dustin L. Poplin. After reviewing the renewal applications, **Member Meeks moved to approve the two-year renewal accreditation for World Wide College of Auctioneering and Carolina Auction Academy with New Instructor/Dustin L. Poplin. Vice Chairperson Lilly seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Next, Ms. Watson presented a request from Stanly Community College for consideration for approval of a new CE course and Instructor. Following a review of the provided materials from Stanly Community College, **Member Meeks moved to approve the new CE course, “Tips for Aspiring Entrepreneur – Small Business,” and Instructor, Tom George. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Concerning the review of apprentice auctioneer applicants and their sponsors’ written summary of their background and experience in the auction profession, **Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to approve the apprentice application for Steven Wade Bartlett and proposed sponsor, Clyde Williams Hutchins, Jr., NCAL #9080; and, proposed sponsor, Hill Dan Weldon, NCAL #4315, for apprentice auctioneer Stanley Clyde Hahnel, NCAL #9144. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**

Next, Director Watson provided the results of the February 3, 2011, auctioneer examination which were as follows: 15 examinees with 11 passing and four (4) failing. The Board then considered the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations and the following motion was

made. **Member Meeks moved to accept the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.** Vice Chairperson Lilly 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. Next, financial information concerning the individual month of January 2011 was reviewed by the Board.

The Administrative Hearing for Adam Saul Levinsohn, NCAL #8975, and East Coast Financial, Inc., NCFL #8995, began at 10:00 a.m. Due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee, Vice Chairperson Lilly recused himself from the Hearing. Chairperson Pierce presided at the Hearing and then turned the proceeding over to Garris Neil Yarborough, Legal Counsel.

At this time, Board Counsel Yarborough presented an offer of settlement of behalf of Mr. Levinsohn. Mr. Yarborough briefed the Board on the facts of the case and presented Mr. Levinsohn's settlement offer of the following: Voluntary surrender of his auctioneer and auction firm licenses. Following this offer, **Member Meeks moved to accept the settlement offer of Adam Saul Levinsohn, NCAL #8975, and East Coast Financial, Inc., NCFL #8995, for the permanent voluntary surrender of his auctioneer and auction firm licenses. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried.** The Hearing concluded at 10:15 a.m.

At this time, Vice Chairperson Lilly led a discussion on Governor Perdue's submission of the majority of boards and commissions to the General Assembly for review and suggested that a "fact sheet" be prepared for use when speaking with members of the General Assembly. Director Watson was instructed to prepare a "fact sheet" for Legal Counsel's review.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the next meeting as Monday, March 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting

was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Watson  
Executive Director