

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association Board of Directors met on September 12, 2024 at the Village Inn Conference Center in Clemmons NC for a BOARD MEETING.

Attending the meeting: Kent Teeter, Morris Hargrove, Michelle Roberts, Pam Christopher, Devin Tanner, Jim Gilreath, Craig LeGlue, Ray Sparks, Lindsay Jones, Connie Sessoms, Mike Jones, LeeRoy Ledford, Chuck Lehning, Ray Wyatt, Karl Logan.

ZOOM attendees: Susan Harrison, William Powell, Doug Eller, Tony Moore, Mack Smith, Glenn Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, Andrea Amorose.

President Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 10:02 announcing that we are adding ZOOM participants to this meeting.

Connie opened the meeting with prayer.

Pam read the minutes from the last three (3) meetings.

Lindsay announced that we have a quorum.

Minutes were voted on and passed.

Connie presented financials including conference expenses. Some items will have to be included in the next report. Membership report from conference numbers: Approx. 275 members registered and about 400 people rendered their meals. Official numbers will be given at the next meeting in February. Exact membership numbers will be available next meeting.

Susan presented a legislative report via handouts.

Lindsay asked if there is still talk about moving DE to the DMV and should we discuss that? Susan said "Yes, we can do that."

Susan will ask who she is to go to after Elmore leaves...

Karl Logan presented updates:

DPI cannot support the districts right now.....getting reports from all over.

Teacher training for NCDMV is now closed.

70% of students are getting their permits.....more schools now have a backlog.

Some classes are being held online.

Ray stated there are 10 service providers out there.....

We teach them Behind the Wheel.....not train them.

Right now, DMV does not allow online programs.

Discussion about backlogs.....

1/3 of all students are not in the 9th grade.

Teachers:

1975 we had 2400 teachers

2024 we have 1200 teachers and 155,000 students

There are many examples of not enough teachers being certified...

There are 2 districts that enroll less than 30% of their students.....it is a critical time in our program's history.

LeeRoy Ltalked about paying for training in his system.....

Long discussion followed

Connie mentioned conferences of interest to all and reminded everyone this is a great way to get your CEUs.

Michelle talked about our state conferences and the importance. She has learned that attendees want more BTW speakers.

Ideas for upcoming conferences would be great.....please send them to her.

Discussion about Exhibitors for the conference.....(Jim is the conference chair for this.)

Devin made the motion to raise the fee from \$200 to \$250. 2nd by LeeRoy Ledford.

Fees have been the same for years

Ray mentioned that we can add them to our website.

The motion passed.

Nominations committee – Tommy is responsible for this

Karl asked if there are any job/position descriptions...asked about rotating between in-house and out of house....

Awards committee – LeeRoy, Chuck, and Dr. Ray Speaks.....All please send suggestions to Ray for the committees. Ray will send out the region ideas.....need suggestions for a formula. Ray will identify the awards and send it to everyone.

Hall of Fame on the website.....to be discussed at the next meeting.

Get each region involved.....

Ray asked for a due date for when papers are due to him.

There were suggestions for revising the constitution.....Ray and Mike are looking at it. Table this for the next time.

Volunteers needed for all committees

Devin gave an update for DEAC....healthy discussion at their meeting. State head of PTA talked about the importance of DE.

New Business

Lindsay mentioned the PP Handout for STEP program. WE must get more instructors.....

Handout shows entire program.

Lindsay made the motion to restore Language from SL2023-2024 to prior language.

There was a second.....discussion.....motion passes.

Secretary to email Susan H. this motion.

Next meeting: Thursday, Nov. 21 @ 10:00 AM

Future meetings: Feb. 13 and April 23, 2025