

NORTH CAROLINA SEPTIC TANK ASSOCIATION

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Minutes

*Annual Business Meeting
2006 16th Annual Convention & Exposition
Saturday, April 1, 2006
Village Inn Golf & Conference Center
Clemmons, NC*

The Annual Business Meeting of the North Carolina Septic Tank Association was held on Saturday April 1, 2006 at the Village Inn Golf & Conference Center in Clemmons, NC.

The Meeting was called to order. David Cooper opened the Meeting with Prayer. Frank Pearce welcomed the members and guests, and Doug Lassiter asked the Board of Directors to stand and be recognized. In attendance:

Frank Pearce, President

David Cooper, Vice-President

Jimmy Shoaf, Treasurer

Jim Lanier, Past-President

Larry Beam

Keith Blackburn

Gabe Dellinger

Chris Dobbins

Stanley Mills

John Peele

Ace Potter

Connie Stephens

David Wallwork

The Minutes of the 2005 Annual Business Meeting were passed out to the members and reviewed. These were accepted after a Motion by Connie Stephens and second by David Wallwork.

Doug Lassiter distributed copies of the current NCSTA Bylaws and the proposed changes to the Bylaws. These were discussed, and member Tom Mattison made a Motion that the term "Certified Inspectors" and/or "Certified Inspection of Septic Tank Systems" be added where applicable. This would reflect the terminology found if passage of H688 occurs. This Motion was seconded by Connie Stephens and approved by the membership. The proposed Bylaws were then brought to vote and approved by NCSTA Membership.

Frank Pearce and Doug Lassiter thanked all the individuals that made this 2006 Convention a success, specifically John Melnick with SIA Insurance, Connie Stephens (Harold Mabe Septic Tank Service), and Betty Shoaf of Shoaf Precast. Doug thanked all the Board of Directors for their input and support.

Doug Lassiter reviewed the past year's regulatory changes and impacts. Among the most notable were the proposed changes in siting on-site systems, tank tests for structure and leakage, soil science, and pretreatment.

Jimmy Shoaf was asked to give the Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2005, and this was distributed to the members. The General Fund held \$16,452.37, the Scholarship Fund held \$5,878.98, and the Demonstration Fund held \$1,553.96. After explanation, Keith Blackburn made a Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Connie Stephens and approved by membership without opposition.

Also on the Agenda and discussed by Doug Lassiter was the current standing of H688 'Certification of Onsite System Contractors.' Doug noted that the Bill had passed the House 109-3 and had been sent to the Senate, where it would be brought up when the General Assembly convenes for the short session on May 9. Doug emphasized that while there would be centralized training for state-wide rules and laws, there would have to be regional workshops to reflect the specific challenges of Coastal or Mountain installations. Doug also added that many of our members would be called on to come to Raleigh to help push the legislation through.

The report of the Scholarship Committee noted that two (2) \$1000 scholarship were awarded in the 2005 year. Doug Lassiter asked that the NCSTA consider forming a specific Scholarship Funding Committee that would coordinate year-around funding efforts. This way the fund could be fully realized; corporate sponsorship could be established, as well as Sustaining Contribution (Gold Level, Silver Level, etc.). Doug mentioned that Kim Pierson had already asked to be involved with this effort.

The Nominating Committee reported that the following Officers had been elected by the Board of Directors:

Connie Stephens, President

David Cooper, Vice-President

Monica Rhea, Secretary

Jimmy Shoaf, Treasurer

Frank Pearce would automatically move to the position of Past-President with the change. Past-President duties include as a member of the Board and as a judge for reviewing Scholarship Applications.

The Nominating Committee presented the current Board and explained that these members had agreed to retain their position. In addition, the Nominating Board presented the names of Latt Moretz, Jerry Pearce, and Jim Lanier for consideration to the Board of Directors. Gary Dellinger made a Motion that the nominations be closed and the candidates approved, seconded by Stanley Mills, and approved by membership.

Doug Lassiter then asked Connie Stephens to take charge of the remainder of the Annual Business Meeting. Doug noted that working with Frank Pearce had been enjoyable and that Frank had made himself available numerous times to come to Raleigh to help with legislation. Jimmy Shoaf asked that the members recognize the importance and the opportunity of the new NCSTA Website.

With no other business, David Cooper made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Bill Hardee, and approved by membership.