

NCPTA Advisory Council Meeting

September 30, 2009

Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools

Transportation Department

Nashville, NC

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Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Invocation
- Installation of District Directors, District and State Officers
- Advisory Council Minutes / Roll Call
- Treasurer Report
- Meeting Guidelines
- Advisory Council Handbooks
- Committee Reports
 - Legislative
 - TAC
 - Recognition
 - Hall of Fame
 - Service Pins
 - Nominations
 - Conference
- 2009-10 Committee Assignments
- By Law Update
- Web-site
- Training for Members
 - In depth hands on training for technicians
 - Computer courses for office Staff
 - NAPT Professional Development Series
- 2010 Conference
 - Feasibility of Holding One
 - Overview of layout for new board members
 - Conference Committee role
 - Call for Presentations
- Other Items from Board or Executive Members
- Scheduling of Next Advisory Council Meeting

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Invocation

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Installation of Officers and District Directors

Scott Denton

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Oath of Office

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear to serve my district and state to the best of my abilities, to be an active participant, and to uphold the constitution and bylaws of the North Carolina Pupil Transportation Association.

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Advisory Council Minutes

Charles McDowell

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Treasurer Report

Cynthia Phillips

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Meeting Guidelines

■ Follow Agenda

- Only pertinent discussion to agenda item being discussed will be allowed.
- If a board member wishes to discuss a new item please wait until agenda topic “Other items from Board or Executive Members”.

■ Member Recognized

- Only one advisory council or officer member at a time speaks
- Discussion will be directed to entire group
- No side bar discussions

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Meeting Guidelines Con't.

■ Voting

- Association Constitution isn't clear on who can make motions. In the past only advisory council members have made motions. Roberts Rules of Order state motions can be made by board members and officers unless the organization by-laws prohibit.
- Once a motion has been made and seconded calls for discussion will be made. Members need to keep discussion only to the motion being made. If someone wishes to end debate on a motion *"must first obtain the floor by being duly recognized to speak by the chair, and must then move the Previous Question. Such a motion must be seconded, and then adopted by a two-thirds vote, or by unanimous consent."* [RONR (10th ed.), p. 193-94; see also p 35-37 of RONR In Brief.]
- If someone wishes to amend a motion once it has been presented *"Any amendment, "friendly" or otherwise, must be adopted by the full body, either by a vote or by unanimous consent. If it appears to the chair that an amendment (or any other motion) is uncontroversial, it is proper for the chair to ask if there is "any objection" to adopting the amendment. If no objection is made, the chair may declare the amendment adopted. If even one member objects, however, the amendment is subject to debate and vote like any other, regardless of whether its proposer calls it "friendly" and regardless of whether the maker of the original motion endorses its adoption."* [RONR (10th ed.), p. 154.]
- Only advisory council and state officers can vote on items at advisory council meetings. 23 votes total.

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■ Attendance

- District Directors and Officers need to attend all advisory council meetings.
- District Directors duties include *“to represent the majority opinion of his respective district on business matters in forming policies and procedures of the Association. He shall report any action taken by the Advisory Council to any and all district meetings of his respective district as those actions arise in the Advisory Council meetings.”* NCPTA By-Laws Duties and Terms of Officers and District Directors Section 2

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Handbooks

- Each District Director and State Officer has a handbook.
- The handbook has the following items:
 - NCPTA Constitution and By-Laws
 - NCPTA Advisory Council Minutes (going back to Sept. 2006)
 - TAC Committee Minutes (starting April 2008).
 - Treasurer Report (since 2004)
 - Sea Trail Letter of Agreement (2009 Conference)
 - NAPT State Assoc. Membership Program.
 - PowerPoint's from 2008-09 meetings.

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Legislative Committee Report

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TAC Committee Report

Leonard Campbell

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Recognitions Committee Report

Cindy Carlisle

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Hall of Fame Committee Report

Harold Laflin

No Report At This Time

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Nominations Committee Report

Jerry Wynne

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Conference Committee Report

Binford Sloan

No Report at this Time

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2009-10 Committee Assignments

- Legislative
 - Scott Denton, Durham County
 - Jerry Wynne, Beaufort County
- TAC
 - David Twiddy, Dare County
 - Leonard Campbell, Cabarrus County
- Hall of Fame
 - Harold Laflin, Buncombe County
- Service Pins / Historian
 - Jody Pressley, UNCC

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2009-10 Committee Assignments

■ Recognitions

- Cindy Carlisle, Cleveland County
- Jody Pressley, UNCC
- Chris Jones, Robeson County
- Joey Weathington, Pitt County
- Leslie Cox, Randolph County

■ Nominations

- Jerry Wynne, Beaufort County
- Charles McDowell, Moore County
- Jeff Moore, Wake County
- Terry Campbell, Iredell County

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2009-10 Committee Assignments

- Conference
 - Harold Laflin, Buncombe County (District 1)
 - Shontia Davis, Mecklenburg County (District 2)
 - Frankie Floyd, Ashe County (District 3)
 - Brad Lankford, Stokes County (District 4)
 - Rachel Hussey, Moore County (District 5)
 - Laura Flye, Nash County (District 6)
 - Dianne Grumelot, Cumberland County (District 7)
 - Lizima Dickens, Bertie County (District 8)
 - John Barbour, Carteret County (District 9)
 - Scott Denton, Durham County (Trade Show)
 - Dennis Wood, Yadkin County (Trade Show)
 - Bobby Taylor, Brunswick County (Host LEA)
- All state officers are ex-officio members on each committee
- Recommendation: Board approve all assignments

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By-Law Change

- Currently Association By-Laws are setup to allow for annual selection and election of state officers at the annual conference.
- With the cancellation of the 2009 conference and a State travel freeze there was no consistency in electing district and state officers.
- To prevent that from occurring again in the future the by-laws need to be modified for more flexibility in electing representatives.
- Amendments have to be filed by the Advisory Council 60 days in advance of voting with Secretary and made public to membership. To pass two thirds of those voting at a membership meeting must approve.

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By-Law Change

- In question is the section on Elections of Officers and Directors.
- Elections Section
 - Sentences needing Change:
 - Assoc. Officers - This committee shall be appointed 30 days or more in advance of each annual convention. The nominating committee shall present their selection of nominees for President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer, one for each of the four offices, on the convention floor of each annual convention for consideration of the association membership. The President will then call for nominations from the convention floor. A majority vote of the association membership present and voting, will determine the elected officers.
 - District Officers – The election of district directors, along with district officers, shall be held during the last meeting of each respective district before each annual association convention.

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Web Site Survey

- In August of 2008 an online survey was submitted for members to provide input on the NCPTA website.
- 156 people responded to the survey.
- Survey reflected site design, content, updates, and online discussion boards.

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Web Site Survey

- Results showed majority of people are currently satisfied with the website.
- Most respondents desire an online discussion board(s) where they can exchange ideas.
- Respondents also wanted a password protected area where additional items for members can be stored. Example – web based training courses.
- During the Advisory Council meeting September 29, 2008 it was voted to keep the site in its current form.

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Web Site

- NCPTA website is off line . The domain name wasn't renewed this summer and has since been purchased by someone on the WWW.
- Our hosting company Applachacian Technologies has closed their doors. After several attempts of contact we have to assume they are out of business.
- Toni Floyd is the current web master. She has expressed an desire to leave the position.
- The website needs to get back online ASAP.

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Membership Training

- New technology in pupil transportation has created challenges for staff members
 - Computerized vehicle power trains
 - Multi-plex wiring
 - Air-conditioning
 - Spreadsheets
 - Databases for analyzing / forecasting needs

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Membership Training

- NCDPI has been conducting regional training classes on various topics that are vehicle contract related. Most of these courses are one day in length.
- NCDPI/ITRE/UNCC have conducted training for TIMS and BSIP on a regional and statewide basis.

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Membership Training Con't.

- We had setup up courses with Thomas and IC on the DT-466, VT-365, FS-65 Electrical Diagnostics, MB-906, and CE-200 Electrical Diagnostics at the 2009 conference.
- We had many people sign-up to pay extra for these courses before the conference was cancelled.
- The instructors from both companies have expressed an interest in still doing these courses if we would like.
- We are still due 8 hours of NAPT Professional Development Courses free of charge.
- Is the group interested in holding some or all of these courses around the state during the next few months? Providing no changes in fees from instructors course amounts would remain the same.
 - \$165 DT-466, VT-365
 - \$82 CE200 Advance Electrical Diagnostics
 - \$50 FS-65 Advanced Electrical Body/Chassis
 - \$25 NAPT course

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Conference Information

- Annual Conferences were in schools from 1951-2003. Since 2004 the event has taken place in a convention center atmosphere.
- Conference was cancelled in 2009 due to State budget crisis.
- Membership at the conference ranges from about 530-630. The largest conferences tend to be the coastal locations.
- Our association has relied on vendors to pay the majority of the conference cost.
- The association has utilized different conference coordinators for several years to assist the state officers in planning and organizing the event.
- The 2010 conference is now in question because the State is having financial issues.

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2010 Conference

■ Things to Consider

1. With the State financial prognosis not getting better it is doubtful to suggest we hold the 2010 conference in June.
2. With the school year calendar being moved by to August 25 the “summer” isn’t what it used to be. Moving the conference to July has been mentioned in the past.
3. Training is becoming more specialized for different groups within the membership. Should separate tracks be run within the same conference for technicians, routers, office staff, and administrators? We do this now to a degree.
4. Do we reduce the number of days the conference is held?
5. Do we keep the traditional coordinator role?

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2010 Conference

■ Option for Consideration

- Move the conference to July
 - New FY for LEA's to allot travel
 - Allows LEA's to complete Inventory and Summer School first.
- Go back into a high school for conference events
- Most of planning work from 2009 conference can be applied in 2010 to save time.
- SESPTC will be held in Columbia, SC July 11-14.
- George Douglas has asked we consider Concord as a conference site. If we considered this and followed the SESPTC people could travel from one to the other. Our conference could be July 14-16. With a trade show on the 17th making it easy for vendors to go from SESPTC to us.

■ Looking at an Outside Resource

- We are a state member of the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT).
- NAPT will provide registration for our delegates at the conference.
- NAPT has resources from a national perspective that could be brought into NCPTA if we choose.

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New Items from Council Members

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Next Meeting

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Adjourn

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