

North Carolina Pupil



Transportation Association

**NCPTA Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2007
Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC
9:00 AM**

Ricky Carter opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Billy Nixon gave the invocation.

Binford Sloan presented the roll call with the following officers, directors, and committee members in attendance:

Officers: Ricky Carter, Cindy Carisle, Binford Sloan, Cynthia Phillips

Legislative: Scott Denton

Conference Coordinator: Toni Weaver

District 1:

District 2: Kenny Warlick

District 3: Rodney Hardy, Dennis Wood

District 4:

District 5: Charles McDowell

District 6: Gail Baker

District 7: Linda Mack

District 8: Billy Nixon

District 9: John Barbour, Harvey Tyndall

Board Minutes

Binford Sloan read the minutes from the September 8, 2006 board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report

Cynthia Phillips read the treasurers report. The report was approved as read. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Legislative Report

Scott Denton reported the CDL issue has been a concern among school districts. Two bills will be presented in this legislative session. Currently there is an eight year renewal for drivers. Under the new bill the renewal fee will be \$93 for the three year CDL and \$163 for five years. With the current legislation at 8 years besides costs there is a concern that drivers will only be receiving training every eight years. Representative Jonson from Cabarrus County will be introducing this bill.

A second bill also from Rep. Johnson will be introduced that will exempt any school bus driver from having to pay renewal fees after the initial CDL charges are paid. This bill will only go forward if the first bill passes.

NCASA has been helping us in getting this legislation to move forward. Hopes for continued work are desired.

Scott also reported Cell phones are also an issue that will come up in the legislature. Several different bills are being circulated. As school districts we need to ensure the cell phone bill(s) will apply to private contractors offering pupil transportation.

Performance pay raises are also being talked about at the legislature (HB 45) which would apply to non-teaching positions. LEA's would receive guidelines for distributing raises based on individual employee performance reviews. Under the current system all employees in this category receive the same percentage raise, bonus, etc.

Old Business

NASDPTS - Derek Graham reported on NASDPTS and the state bus rodeo. NCPTA has been an organizational member in this group. Membership in this group is \$250 annually. NASDPTS provides policy for the association. Membership includes email for people to keep apprized of events. We are also allowed to send a representative to the conference. Derek requested we send a representative each year. Derek appreciates the continued support of the NCPTA for being members.

Bus Rodeo - Rodeo Events local, state, and national. Last year NCPTA partnered with DPI to run the financials through for the regional's and state rodeo's. Half of the LEA's participated in the district/state rodeos last year. At the district level 1,2,3 winners receive plaques paid by NCPTA. Also \$150 first place, \$100 second place, and \$50 for third place paid to drivers at the district rodeos paid by registration funds. EC division at DPI has paid for entry fees for the EC rodeo and observers/judges. Winners at the state rodeo receive \$1000 for first place, \$500 for second, \$400 for third, \$300 for fourth place, etc. at the state rodeo. National rodeo was in Lake Tahoe last year which was covered for by proceeds from the state rodeo. Registration from state rodeo also pays for national EC rodeo. When all proceeds are paid NCPTA will get back between \$1300-\$1,900 from last years rodeo registrations.

Derek wants the NCPTA to pay for trophies with the registration money. Also registration has been increased to \$55 for unforeseen costs. DPI is considering using a caterer to provide lunch for \$5.50 per person from registration funds. Last year \$1,100 was donated for the EC rodeo that helped offset costs with that rodeo. Cynthia reported the financials were good for NCPTA at the rodeo last year between merchandise and excess funds to be refunded. Binford Sloan requested that the rodeo committee review fees to include district meals. Rodney Hardy suggested the prize checks be mailed to the participants after the rodeo in case of scoring glitches. May 9-10, 2007 is the state rodeo.

Ricky Carter suggested we provide each driver entered in the state rodeo a blue NCPTA cooler. Billy Nixon made a motion and a second by James Wilder to give each state rodeo participant a NCPTA blue cooler. The motion carried.

New Business

NAPT State Assoc. Membership – John Hazellette from NAPT (District 2 Director). NAPT State Assoc. membership currently has 10 states and one Canadian Province as members. Neighboring states Virginia and South Carolina are members. Benefits include RFP negotiations, conference registrations, state assoc. membership renewals, two PDS courses each year are included, speaker's bureau is also provided, state level advocacy, Registrations and renewals are all electronic. Printouts electronically are sent to the state association.

The cost for NCPTA to join will be \$2,500 annually. Cynthia reported we have paid NAPT \$250 plus expenses in the past for each class taught during the summer conference.

While interest is there for the program all options need to be explored and determine how the NAPT program can benefit the NCPTA. Dennis Wood suggested we form a committee to study the NAPT state membership committee. Ricky Carter asked Cynthia Phillips and Binford Sloan to sit on the committee and Kenny Warlick (tech from Cleveland) to study the pros and cons and report back at the summer conference.

A copy of the NAPT State Association program handout and PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.

Service Pins -We are spending \$6,000 annually on these at an average cost of \$25 each. Cynthia Phillips has requested we examine a new vendor who is offering lower costs pins at an average price of \$5. Cynthia also suggested that for every member who has 25 or more service years stay with the current pin vendor. Billy Nixon currently uses this vendor (Brown Industries) and has been very satisfied in his LEA. Jody Pressley reported there are 194 service pins scheduled to be given out at the summer conference. James Wilder made a motion to allow Jody Pressley to contact Brown Industries and get

samples brought to the summer conference. Rodney Hardy made the second and the motion passed.

Conference Update -Registration packets are due April 9 to Toni Weaver. Around the first of May Toni plans to mail schedules and name tags to the LEA's. New name tags that are more universal are being provided. Meal tags will be inside the name tags. Color coded ribbons will be attached to name tags for officers, speakers, vendors, first time attendees, guests, retirees, etc. T-shirts will be given to all conference attendees at the registration table. Trade show layout may make it into the conference book. Book ads are due by March 16, 2007 to Toni.

Secretary Nominations -The nominating committee came up with one nomination for Secretary Jerry Wynne from Beaufort County. Dennis Wood made the motion for Cindy Carisle as President, Binford Sloan as Vice President, Jerry Wynne as Secretary, and Cynthia Phillips as treasurer for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was seconded by John Barbour and carried by the group.

Conference Coordinator Contract -Was changed last year to pay for items as they occur and how well the coordinator completes assigned tasks. Cynthia Phillips reported Toni Weaver has been performing all tasks YTD at exceptional levels.

NCASA Membership -Scott Denton has suggested that beginning next year the incoming secretary serve on the NCASA committee for 3 years and then switch to the next secretary.

NCASA Trailblazer award -The NCPTA has selected Dennis Wood to receive the Trailblazer award at the NCASA award at the March 30 meeting.

Paid positions on NCPTA -Scott Denton suggested we change the stipend for Cynthia Phillips since she has more duties. Dennis Wood made a motion the executive board review the current pay and desired changes and report back at the summer conference. Kenny Warlick seconded and the motion passed.

Monday June 18, 2007 at 5:00 PM will be the next NCPTA Board of Directors meeting at the summer conference unless changed by the President.

Billy Nixon made a motion to adjourn seconded by John Barbour motion carried.