**NUCA of Florida**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

Ritz Carlton

Sarasota, Florida

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

C. Clark called the Board of Directors’ Meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

A roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

C. Clark presented the Minutes from the April 2023 Board meeting for review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Lee, seconded by B. Hunsicker and carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

T. Carmichael presented the NUCA of Florida financial reports for June 2023, and the financial reports for all accounts for April thru June were available for Board review. There was discussion about the NUCA of Florida money market and investing in an account to earn more interest.

T. Carmichael presented the Legal Defense Fund financials for June 2023. Reinvesting the CD was also discussed.

The Advocacy financials for June 2023 were presented.

A motion to approve all of the financials was offered by C. Stewart, seconded by J. Lee and the motion was adopted.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

C. Stewart and K. Blackman updated the Board on the status of the 2023 Conference, reporting 190 attendees total, and an extra $5K in sponsorships. They also relayed the dates and location for the 2024 Annual Conference.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

P. Danielecki gave the Executive Committee Report relaying a discussion about the finances, money market and CDs, President’s Cup, Bass Tournament recap, General Counsel, conference attendees, NUCA update, and Big Iron program.

**ADVOCACY**

J. Lee provided an update on Advocacy and Bidding for Benjamins contributions to date. Staff relayed that $35K is earmarked for campaign contributions.

**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE**

Staff deferred to give a legislative and regulatory update during the Construction Industry Forum. Brian Dean and Elliott Patterson from Sunshine 811 presented an update on Chapter 558 changes being proposed.

**ASJMSF**

C. Cryer gave an update on the ASJMSF financials for June 2023 and suggested the money market be reinvested to earn more interest. A suggestion was made to add a note to the scholarship application to encourage students to apply for local Chapter scholarships too. It was noted that $55,250 would be awarded to 24 students, with the first scholarship award for our Technical School Scholarship being distributed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Staff gave an update on the membership to date-- and dues collections as well as the *Ditchmen* advertisers.

D. Holdener gave an update on the Section 125 embankment pipe specifications pilot program, discussing the FDOT test and the need for volunteer companies as well as providing an article for *Ditchmen* explaining the program and working with the FDOT districts. He shared that FCPI visited the FDOT districts to promote program, recording successful results and sharing that the program improves safety and is more cost-efficient. Working on developing a NUCA application, template that allows the evaluation of structures to see if the alternative thick-lift program is applicable.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed installing Daniel Young as the General Counsel. A motion by B. Hunsicker, second by R. Bolinger to replace existing General Counsel was approved.

The Board discussed whether to offer continuing education at the Annual Conference and the majority felt it would not be well intended due to the numerous online courses available.

A motion to donate $500 to retiring Executive Director Karen DeWitt was made by P. Danielecki, seconded by T. Carmichael and the motion carried. A counter-motion for the state association to match donations by the Board to K. DeWitt was made by S. Johnson and seconded by B. Hunsicker. After a brief discussion, the motion failed. All Board members agreed to donate $50 or $100 towards retirement gift in addition to $500 from NUCA FL.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was offered by T. Carmichael, seconded by S. Johnson and was approved by the Board. The Board adjourned at 4:57 p.m.