**NUCA of Florida**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Innisbrook Resort

Palm Harbor, Florida

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

P. Danielecki 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**

T. Carmichael presented the Minutes from the Julyl 2023 Board meeting for review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by T. Carmichael, seconded by R. Tripp and carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

M. Donnell presented the NUCA of Florida financial reports for September 2023, and the financial reports for all accounts for July-September were available for Board review. It was reported that $15K was added to the Legal Defense Fund CD for a projected interest return of 5.1/4%.

M. Donnell presented the Legal Defense Fund financials for September 2023.

The Advocacy financials for September 2023 were presented.

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

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

C. Stewart and K. Blackman updated the Board on the recap of the 2023 Conference, reporting 190 attendees total, and a profit of $46,466.27. They also relayed the dates (July 11-13) and location (Hyatt Coconut Point, Bonita Springs) for the 2024 Annual Conference and the Margaritaville/Hawaiian theme. Topics for Construction Industry Day 2024 include cyber security, economic outlook, utilizing GPS/drones for locates and implementation of suicide awareness in construction. Sites to review for 2025 include Ocean Reef, Delray Beach, Intercontinental in Miami and Hutchinson Island.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

T. Carmichael gave the Executive Committee Report relaying a discussion about the finances, money market and CDs, President’s Cup, Association management and sharing that NUCA FL has 407 members.

**ADVOCACY**

K. Hebrank provided an update on Advocacy and Bidding for Benjamins contributions to date. It was noted in Chapter Directors’ meeting that legislative reports should be more client specific and shorter in length and that the Muster report from NUCA National be utilized for “Call to Action” items.

**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE**

K. Hebrank also shared issues for 2024 Regular Session, including workforce, heat illness & injury prevention preemption, streamlined permitting, infrastructure funding, Buy American, Sunshine 811 and seats on the Sunshine 811 Board of Directors. The Board discussed workforce issues and the need for a career ladder for underground contractors and listing jobs on the career ladder such as laborer, pipe layer, foreman, etc.

**ASJMSF**

C. Cryer gave an update on the ASJMSF financials for September 2023. It was noted that $55,250 was 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.

R. Tripp & B. Hunsicker 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 mentioned that after 10 runs on a project, thick lifts successful project. He also mentioned FDOT new standards for Section 430 and that the department was seeking feedback.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed searching for a new Executive Director or Association Management firm as K. Hebrank has decided to relinquish the duties due to increased lobbying work. The Board reviewed the proposal by Partners in Association Management and from Sydney Wetteland as well as discussed other alternatives. A search committee was established comprised of C. Ricciardi, M. Kivlin, P. Danielecki and C. Cryer.

The Board discussed adding credit card fees to Conference and event registrations and it was mentioned that there is an option on Constant Contact to calculate the amount.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was offered by C. Stewart., seconded by C. Cryer and was approved by the Board. The Board adjourned at 5:30 p.m.