**NUCA of Florida**

**Board of Directors’ Meeting**

Thursday, July 11, 2024

3:30 PM

Bonita Springs, Florida

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

P. Danielecki called the Board of Directors’ Meeting to order at 3:45 PM

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

P. Danielecki presented the Minutes from the May 2024 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**

M. Donnell presented the NUCA of Florida financial reports for May-June 2024 for Board review. Staff reported that the ASJMSF Bass Tournament income was $800 over budget, netting the Association $7800; dues exceeded budget to the tune of $151,600 over anticipated $142,000; and transition expenses with hiring a new Executive Director (computer, printer, office supplies, post office box and storage unit) impacted expenses for the quarter.

R. Tripp made a motion to approve the financials, seconded by M. Kivlin and the motion carried.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

C. Stewart updated the Board on the 2024 Annual Conference scheduled for July 11-13 at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, with a Margaritaville theme. C. Stewart suggested Board members reserve their discounted rooms. Staff reminded Chapter Directors and Board members to solicit Silent Auction and Basket Raffle items. After sizeable discussion, the group decided that the “give-away” at the Conference should be a beach bag or a lifeguard hat.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

P. Danielecki gave the Executive Committee Report relaying a discussion about the finances, executive director hire and transition, banking signatories, SunBiz revisions, Member update, Ditchmen, ADS site visit, and Sunshine 811 meeting.

**ADVOCACY**

K. Hebrank provided an update on Advocacy financials, Bidding for Benjamins and “160 for $160” contributions to date. Candidate contributions were recommended and approved by the Advocacy Committee. J. Lee pledged $1500 towards Advocacy and M. Donnell added $1000 from his company. The Board discussed the need to have a “gimmick” to generate Advocacy funds and C. Sorey suggested $250 for ’25, the 2025 Session. A motion was made by M. Kivlin, seconded by C. Sorey, to invoice each member company for $250 with a letter from the President of the Association. The motion carried unanimously. The Board also discussed the $1000 voluntary Advocacy dues paid by each Chapter and sharing statistics on success in the legislative and regulatory arena.

**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY UPDATE**

The Legislative update was deferred to the next day, during the Construction Industry Day Forum. The Board discussed Sunshine 811 and staff gave an update on the July 9 meeting of the ‘taskforce.” There was discussion about how the locators don’t have any liability when they don’t respond timely or don’t show and discussion regarding Sarasota County and Venice requiring GPR for locates, with cost of $15K for the City of Venice process.

**ASJMSF**

Staff gave a recap on the scholarship applicants totaling 32 students with an award amount of $66,750, although all the awards had yet to be announced. Staff also relayed that the $7500 Distinguished High School and Distinguished College Student Scholarship Recipients would attend the Saturday night event. The dates for the 2025 event are May 2-3 at Lake Okeechobee.

**NUCA NATIONAL**

Chair Privitera presented an update to the Conference attendees to attend the NUCA FL Conference. Doug Carlson updated the Board regarding FCCI, Dozier Days, 2025 Convention to be held in Orlando and the Equipment Rodeo National Championship. He also mentioned the safety program, DIRT, and federal legislation of interest to NUCA members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Staff gave an update on the membership to date-- and dues collections as well as the *Ditchmen* advertisers. Membership was recorded as 425 companies with 65 new members.

D. Holdener gave an update on the pipe specification rule and thick-lift issue. He also discussed the mandated inspection requirement for pipes greater than 48”.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next Board meeting was set for October 3 at Longboat Key Club.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was offered by C. Sorey, seconded by M. Kivlin and was approved by the Board.