

## **North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association Convention Committee**

The Committee met November 5, 2004 at the Myrtle Beach Marriott, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Present were: John Wicker, Lexcom Telephone; Brenda Dougherty, Sprint; Candy Finley, BellSouth; Herb Long, Ellerbe Telephone; John Wengert, Star TMC; Tom Brady, CIENA ; Jim Humphrey, Tyco Electronics Power; Tommy Nelson, Power and Telephone; Hal Carnes, CBW, Board Liaison; Charles Pickelsimer, Citizens Telephone, Board Liaison; Exec. Director Carole Woodward. Absent: Stacy Hale, ALLTEL; ; Hayden McKenzie, North State; Stan Pace, Verizon ; Todd Murphy, US LEC; Mike Coltrane, CT Communications; Earl Hester, TC&H Supply; Richard Royal, Nortel; Richard Yates, Network Op. Consulting.

Chairman Wicker called the meeting to order, and thanked everyone for making the trip to evaluate the Marriott as a potential site for NCTIA Convention.

Cindy Hull, Director of Sales gave a tour of the property, presented available dates and room rates. After further discussions, Jim Humphrey moved the NCTIA Board be informed that the Committee has found a beautiful site that meets all the criteria to have a good convention if the Board decides to go out of state, the recommendation is for the Myrtle Beach Marriott. Tom Brady seconded the motion that carried.

In addition to the possibility of going out of state, the committee would like the Board's feedback regarding

2. local company commitments to golf on Monday and Tuesday;
3. Combining Golf Tournaments
4. the philosophy of converting to a family event (note: families do not play golf)
5. the length of Convention
6. Vendors who come and play golf with their customers but never attend Convention.

**Old Business** –Herb Long moved for approval of previous minutes. Charles Pickelsimer seconded the motion that carried. Incoming President Steve Parrott will recommend the Board revise the committee's directive, incorporating other program development activities. He will appoint a Convention Committee Chairman. Executive Director Woodward reviewed the Financial Report. The Associates would like to escrow the excess funds to use for future convention planning needs.

**The Committee will travel to Wilmington, NC to evaluate potential Convention sites on January 6-7, 2005.**