

North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association Convention Committee

The Committee met on May 3, 2004 at The Outlaw Cottage, Nags Head, NC.

Present were: John Wicker, Lexcom Telephone; Jim Humphrey, Tyco Electronics Power; Richard Royal, Nortel Networks; and Exec. Director Carole Woodward. ABSENT: Brenda Dougherty, Sprint; Candy Finley, BellSouth; Herb Long, Ellerbe Telephone; Hayden McKenzie, North State; John Wengert, Star TMC; Tom Brady, Catena Networks; Richard Yates, Network Op. Consulting; Tommy Nelson, Power and Telephone; Hal Carnes, CBW; Charles Pickelsimer, Citizens Telephone; Stacy Hale, ALLTEL; Todd Murphy, US LEC; Stan Pace, Verizon; Earl Hester, TC&H Supply; Mike Coltrane, CT Communications.

Chairman Wicker called the meeting to order, and thanked Sprint for hosting the dinner and Jim Humphrey for hosting the meeting.

Old Business – The March minutes were reviewed, including the reports from all sub committees. Ballantyne welcomes and even prefers NCTIA find volunteer bartenders for the Hospitality Suites Sunday through Tuesday.

The Invitation Brochure cover designed by Star Telephone through the Communications Sub Committee was reviewed and approved.

A Convention format that accommodates shortening the meeting was discussed. Speakers could begin on Sunday, Monday would be casual night and bingo and end Tuesday. The vendors want adequate time with their customers and members want quality programs.

Executive Director Woodward discussed the Association's proposed revenue shift from dues to programs and sponsorships. The Convention Committee can become a Program Committee, coordinating other speakers and fund raising activities throughout the year. An Operating Committee to review cash flow projections monthly is needed to monitor finances closely. Carole will send out an email asking companies for topics / speakers / programs they would like to hear in the coming year.

2005 Convention Hotel Contract was discussed. Grandover is currently holding rooms and meeting space. The Committee understands that only one golf course is available due to the GGCC. Carole will go back to Pinehurst and request information on a room blockless event – rent ballrooms and get out of a contract for room block.

The next meeting will be scheduled as soon as committee members are available.