

North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association Convention Committee

The Committee met on June 28, 2004 at Nortel Networks in RTP, NC.

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

Chairman Wicker called the meeting to order, and thanked Richard Royal, Nortel for hosting the meeting.

Old Business – Motion by Candy Finley, second by Earl Hester to approve the May minutes. Chairman Wicker took a few moments to expand on the minutes and previous discussions regarding NCTIA making a transition from a dues based organization to Program based. The Committee agreed that an operations committee needs to be in place to closely monitor this transition. The Convention Committee is willing to convert to a Program Committee to assist with implementation of new programs and also coordinate fund raising activities. NCTIA may expand its membership to include wireless and cable tv members.

Sub Committee Reports –

1. Golf Committee - Herb Long and Jim Humphrey will make another trip to Ballantyne to confirm every detail of the two golf tournaments. Jim Humphrey and Tom Brady are completing the budget for the Associates Tournament to be held on Monday. Solicitations for team sponsors will be sent to Associate Members in July. Lunch will not be provided on Monday, but will be available for players in the Tuesday tournament. Trophies, Signs, etc. - John Wengert – John will get proposals for trophies.
Tennis Tournament – Hayden McKenzie – The Tennis pro charges \$90 per hour. Three courts are blocked for proposed round robin tournament.
Associate Golf Tournament Monday – Jim Humphrey – Registration information to go out in early July.
Associate Membership – Tom Brady – Current paid members and the Hospitality Fund was reviewed.
2. Convention Special Activities – Charles Pickelsimer, III – A Charlotte calendar of events will be reviewed to determine if there are events that we can partner with. Motor Speedway Tours and Shopping Shuttle.
Convention Activities – Earl Hester, Richard Yates, Todd Murphy – Transportation will be provided for: 1. shopping at Concord Mills Mall and Tour of Lowe’s Motor Speedway, 2. downtown area including the museums and shopping.
Convention Entertainment – Charles Pickelsimer and Hayden McKenzie - A jazz trio or dinner music in Hospitality area were discussed. A dance band is not conducive to dinner conversations and networking.
Bingo and Door Prizes – Stan Pace and Candy Finley – Will find out if Ballantyne has the equipment.
Convention Speakers – Richard Royal – The NASCAR theme “Telecoms- Life in the Fast Lane”. Star Telephone has designed the invitation brochure and will take care of printing, collating, etc. Appreciation was expressed to Star for an outstanding job. Humphrey Wheeler was discussed as keynote, TCA will provide a speaker on Competition, Nortel will provide a technical topic. On Tuesday, Motivational Speaker Dan Thurmon was discussed. Earl Hester moved to sign a contract with this speaker, Hal Carnes seconded the motion that carried. A panel featuring NCUC was discussed.
Hotel Contract and Food at Convention – Brenda Dougherty – The food budget was approved last meeting.
3. Sponsorship – Tommy Nelson – A list of previous and potential sponsors will be contacted.
Corporate Sponsorships – Herb Long, John Wengert, Charles Pickelsimer, Stacy Hale – As soon as the Budget is complete, a better idea of needed sponsors will be determined.
Hole Sponsors for NCTIA Tournament – Herb Long, John Wengert – Beverage cart sponsors are needed.
Associates – Richard Royal, Jim Humphrey
5. Communications / Media - John Wengert – Numerous emails promoting the Convention dates were sent.
Registration – Candy Finley, Frances Carr– Registration materials to be sent in the next few weeks.

2005 Convention Contract – The Committee will await direction from the Board regarding the 2005 Event.

Committee members will be notified of the next meeting.