

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board  
11:00am, December 13, 2016  
Golden Corral, Burlington, NC

Board members: Steve Stroud, Jim Storie, Steve Bright, Phil Lanier, Rafe Rountree, Keith Throckmorton

Public: Drew Roberts on, Mike Williams, Jon Jeffries, Jennifer Richards

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth

Call to Order: Steve Stroud called the meeting to order at 11:25am.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Steve Stroud read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for any conflicts or appearances of conflicts. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Steve Bright motioned to accept the previous meeting minutes, Phil seconded and the minutes were approved.

Approval of Financial Report: Keith motioned to approve the Financial Report. Steve Bright seconded and the financial report was approved.

**Administrator's Report:**

Barden presented the 2015-2016 Annual Report that was filed October 31<sup>st</sup> with the Legislature and other governmental agencies. He provided an update on cases and plan of work with investigators.

Administrative Rules - Steve Bright asked how to update the locksmith community about the proposed rule changes. Board asked Barden to contact the locksmiths. Phil asked about Board's ability to capture information on locksmith companies and institutions.

Steve Stroud asked the Board to remember the Rules adoption and amendment procedure and asked the Board to consider comments but to approve the Rules following his absence from the Board.

Steve reminded the Board that the purpose of the Board was not to restrict locksmith trade.

Steve thanked Phil for his work on the billboard and bumper sticker campaign.

Steve asked Board members to work to educate law enforcement about the law.

Keith asked Board to re-orient language from "scammer" to "security" protection.

**Examination/Continuing Education Committee:**

Jim Storie presented on November 11 exam administration. Largest crowd (27) to date. Ten people failed. The committee was not initially prepared for this many persons taking the test, but the NC Locksmith Association was able to make accommodations.

Jim provided Steve Bright the testing computer. He asked Jennifer to join the committee. He asked the Board consider additional testing opportunities throughout the year. He provided Board with copy of the latest tests.

Jim Storie has given the exam to 368 people. The Board having its own exam has saved the Board \$18,400.

Rafe asked about an age limit exemption from testing for older persons interested in practicing locksmithing in the state.

Ethics - None.

Standards - None.

New Business - Phil asked the Board to work checking licensure among businesses and institutions, including the posting of license numbers. Phil asked the Board consider hiring a consultant or conduct phone banks to ensure license numbers are properly posted.

Phil asked the Board to re-consider the billboard campaign.

Jon Jeffries asked the Board office to consider PSA options with Google, including having telephone numbers listed on the website.

Steve Stroud gave remarks on his tenure on the Board and thanked everyone for their support.

Swearing in of New Members: Incoming Board members Jon Jeffries, Mike Williams, and Jennifer Richardson took oaths as Board members. *Richards'* term was effective immediately, filling the seat vacated by Reid *Barbee's* passing. Jeffries and *Williams'* terms are effective January 1, 2017.

Plaque Presentation to Steve Stroud and Jim Storie

Adjourn: Steve Bright motioned to adjourn. Keith seconded and the meeting ended.