

**North Carolina Open Government Coalition (NCOGC)**

**Board of Directors**

**November 12, 2012, 12:00pm; Elon University, Alamance Building, Room 101.**

**MINUTES**

**Present on site:** Pauletta Brown Bracy, Judie Burke, Rick Gall, Beth Grace, Monica Hill, Paul Parsons, Mark J. Prak, Steve Riley, Sue Rowland, and Rick Willis.

**Call-in:** Annette Privette Keller.

**Call to Order**

President Rick Willis called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

**Approval of the Minutes**

February 1, 2012. **Motion:** Approval. **Carried.**

June 25, 2012. **Motion:** Approval. **Carried.**

**Nomination New Board Members**

Annette Privette Keller and Kelley O'Brien.

**Motion:** Approval. **Carried.**

**Election of New Officers**

President: Steve Riley; Vice President: Sue Rowland; Secretary: Pauletta Brown Bracy;

Treasurer: Beth Grace.

**Motion:** Acceptance.

**Carried by acclamation.**

**Passage of the Gavel**

R. Willis expressed gratitude for the cooperation and support of the board during his tenure.

S. Riley assumed leadership of the organization.

**Update on the App**

B. Barnett presented the NCOGC Sunshine Center app on Android and iPhone technologies.

Discussion about charging for the app led to the decision to offer it free as a benefit of membership on a trial basis for one year and follow-up with an upgrade for a cost.

**Motion:** Offer the app free for one year as a benefit of membership. **Carried.**

P. Parsons suggested that the board explore foundation support to provide the app to every municipality in the state.

**Motion:** P. Parsons and B. Barnett will pursue a particular foundation for support to give the app to organizations and municipalities. **Carried.**

The board agreed to "roll out" the app during Sunshine Week, March 11-15, 2013.

**Launch of the New Website and High School Curriculum**

B. Barnett reported that the new website has been launched and the new curriculum designed for high school civics teachers is posted.

**Fall Workshop**

B. Barnett announced that the fall workshop had to be cancelled because of low registration. She suggested that the program be presented at the Sunshine Day 2013 observance. From the discussion that followed about attendance at professional functions and shrinking budgets, members expressed consensus to explore offering webinars.

**Update on Future Leadership for the Sunshine Center**

P. Parsons' presentation of the job description for a new part-time director of the Sunshine Center was followed by discussion on designated titles for the Sunshine Center and the Coalition positions: Which of both would be led by "Executive Director" or "Director"?

**Motion:** B. Barnett, B. Grace, M. Hill, and P. Parsons will make a decision on the "appropriate" titles, include responsibility for webinar production in the announcement, and disseminate it. **Carried.**

**Plans for Sunshine Day**

S. Rowland, Board Vice-President and Chair for Sunshine Day, asked for feedback about last year's Sunshine Day program. Members are to email comments to her. In addition, volunteers to assist in planning the event for 2013 should also email S. Rowland. P. Bracy agreed to assist. Mid-week of March 11-15 is the preferred time.

**Treasurer Report**

B. Grace reported a balance of \$494,170.13 in the budget.

**David Ardia at the UNC Center for Media Law**

S. Riley suggested collaborating with the UNC Center for Media Law to garner support of the Coalition in its mission and to optimize access to data collected from state and local governments. He will pursue options with David Ardia and Cathy Packer at the Center.

**Other Business/Discussion**

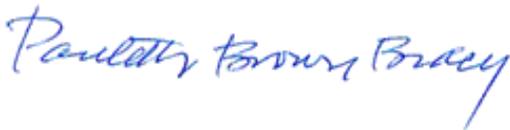
The Coalition should **establish a dialogue with the new state government** including the Office of the Governor. B. Grace indicated that the North Carolina Press Association would like to be a part of any efforts to make the contacts. M. Prak offered to explore possibilities with a partner in his firm.

R. Willis had sent a request to the dean of the Elon University School of Law requesting **legal assistance for citizens** seeking public records or access to meetings. Following no response, P. Parsons will contact the dean as follow-up.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm. The next meeting is a teleconference to be scheduled in January 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Pauletta Brown Bracy  
Secretary