

**North Carolina Open Government Board meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2008, Noon**

Board members attending: Jon Buchan, Judi Burke, Pauletta Brown Bracy, Jim Hefner, Monica Hill, Paul Parsons, Steve Riley, Hugh Stevens, Rick Thames, Jordy Whichard, Rick Willis, Sue Price Wilson

Non-voting members attending: Connie Book, Dale Harrison

President Sue Price Wilson called the meeting to order at noon.

Minutes from Sept. 10 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The board was briefed on calls, emails, workshops and speaking engagements managed since last fall by Dale Harrison and Connie Book.

The new NCOGC website was debuted by Connie Book. Board members were encouraged to spend some time on the website to see if we could do any additional work.

Treasury report was provided by Jordy Whichard. The summer membership drive did not net much activity with less than a \$1000 in memberships. The board discussed continuing to focus its efforts on fundraising initiatives. The following requests are out without indication if they will be met: Frank Daniels, N.C. Association of Broadcasters. The NCOGC is about \$90,000K short of its endowment goal of \$250,000.

Potential donors:

Bill Bondurant (Triad Foundation) Paul Parsons to discuss.
Jordy (Cox)/ Sue P. Wilson
Z. Smith Reynolds (Connie Book to assist Jon)

The following tasks were assigned with a goal to have board members reach out to potential donors by Sunshine Week in 2009.

Subcommittee on litigation reported on its findings (attached). The subcommittee recommended new language in the mission statement of the NCOGC to reflect the fact that we are currently do not maintain a legal defense fund. After board discussion, a motion was put on the table by Rick Willis to accept the language. Pauletta Brown-Bracy seconded the motion.

During discussion, an amendment to the recommendation was motioned by Paul Parsons to strike the following sentence from the mission statement:

“and initiate or assist in legal proceedings when necessary.”

That motion was seconded by Jim Hefner. A vote found all in favor except for one board member.

Jon Buchan agreed to chair the Sunshine Day committee to create a program. He was joined by Rick Thames as a co-chair. The committee was established to include Judi Burke and Pauletta Brown-Bracy. Connie Book and Dale Harrison will provide technical support. Hugh Stevens indicated he would work with the new governor's staff to determine if she can speak at the event in Charlotte.

President Wilson indicated the board has an empty seat with Joan Siefert Rose's resignation. Board discussed transitions for the presidency during the February meeting and asked if anyone had nominations for the vacancy. President Wilson indicated that Beth Grace asked to transition out of the role of secretary next year and asked for anyone interested in that position to let her know.

The board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.