

**North Carolina Open Government Board meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Board members attending by phone: Jon Buchan, Rick Gall, Monica Hill, Steve Riley, Sue Rowland, Rick Willis

Non-voting members attending by phone: Dan Trigoboth

President Rick Willis called the meeting to order at 11:05a.m.

Minutes from Nov. 7 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Willis said he would follow up with Brooke Barnett regarding quarterly reports.

Board Retreat

The retreat will begin with a dinner in Elon on March 13. The board retreat on the morning of March 14 will precede the Sunshine Day events. Willis asked everyone to hold the evening of March 13 on their calendars and to await further information.

Sunshine Day Program

Steve Riley described plans and panels for Sunshine Program on March 14 in Elon. He thanked Sue Rowland for her work in recruiting several of the presenters. The day will begin with lunch, keynote speaker and presentation on best practices. Two panels will then follow. Riley listed all presenters; see the Sunshine Center site, www.ncopengov.org, for more information.

Elon Law School Partnership Update

Willis reminded board members that, after the previous board meeting discussion regarding a potential law clinic/legal services relationship with the Elon Law School, he had sent a letter to the Law School dean. Willis said Barnett reported the letter had been well-received. The conversation will continue.

Sunshine Center Operations Update

Dan Trigoboth, who now fields all calls to the Sunshine Center Hotline, described the nature of the calls he has received recently. They range from questions regarding release of emails from a city council member to possible violations of open meetings law regarding a city official's request to resign. Trigoboth requested information on the Coalition's mission regarding litigation and lobbying. Willis provided background information to him on those matters.

Building Buzz for Sunshine Day

Willis asked board members to suggest ways to employ social media in inviting more attendees to Sunshine Day. Rowland and Rick Gall each agreed to post on their organizations' respective listservs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.