



NUTSEA 72nd Annual Conference

Colorado Springs, CO

September 14 – 17, 2014

Monday, September 14th

- I. Jamie Hull called the NUTSEA 72nd Annual Conference to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Mike McKenzie with CREA introduced the Colorado National Color Guard and asked the audience to stand to present the colors. The National Anthem was played after the colors were presented.
- III. Mike McKenzie then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Jamie then introduced Terry Adkins who offered the opening Invocation.
- V. Chairman comments:
 - a. Jamie thanked the host committee from Colorado Rural Electric Association: Mike Williams, Dan Whitesides, Royce Anderson, Mike McKenzie and Laura Turner.
 - b. The Sergeant of Arms were identified as Dan Whitesides, Royce Anderson, Mike McKenzie, Terry Jensen, Thomas Maddalone, Ben Ludington, Pat Bernhardt, Liz Fiddes and Sarah Locke.
 - c. The Parliamentarian was Martha Duggan.
- VI. The group watched a short video from the Wounded Warrior Project and then the passing of the hard hats.
- VII. Jamie Hull welcomed Kent Singer, the Statewide Executive Director to the podium who gave the welcoming speech.
- VIII. Jamie Hull introduced the Board of Directors:

Vice Chairman – Bobby Love, SC
Secretary – Terry Adkins, IN
Treasurer – Glenn Cunningham, GA

1 Year Director – Aaron Graham, LA

1 Year Director – Jim Ed Burris, KY

2 Year Director – Kooney Duncan, OK

2 Year Director – Terry Ebright, SD

3 Year Director – Mike Williams, CO

3 Year Director – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

Past Chair – Jim Wright (not present)

IX. Jamie Hull called for a Quorum from the Sergeant of Arms. A Quorum was confirmed and the business meeting was called to order.

X. Jamie welcomed Micheal Weltzheimer to the podium and presented the following for active membership into NUTSEA:

Last Name	First Name	Utility/Company	State
Mosley	Tod	Baldwin EMC	AL
Cruz	Gabriel	Grand Canyon E.C.	AZ
Kishbaugh	Dale	Grand Canyon E.C.	AZ
Turner	Laura	Colorado Statewide	CO
McKenzie	Michael	Colorado Statewide	CO
Maddalone	Thomas	Holy Cross Energy	CO
Balius	Steve	Sumter E.C.	FL
Jackson	Debra	Walton EMC	GA
Baughn	Barry	Carroll EMC	GA
Steele	Chet	Carroll EMC	GA
Kieler	Cory	Maquoketa Valley E.C.	IA
Campbell	Ryan	Corn Belt Energy Corporation	IL
Helton	Dave	Hoosier Energy	IN
Bullock	John	Hoosier Energy	IN
Bray	Stan	Federated Rural Ins	KS
Monroe	Matt	Wolverine Power	MI
Hunt	Billy	Southwest E.C.	MO
Weston	Ryan	N.C. Statewide	NC
Hoffman	Kyle	Ohio Statewide	OH
Morrow	Chad	Oklahoma E.C.	OK
Johnson	Eric	Cookson Hills E.C.	OK
Glazier	Justin	Cimarron E.C.	OK
Macken	Ken	KAMO Power	OK
Simmons	Mike	Tennessee JT&S Program	TN
Christmas	Robert	Guadalupe Valley E.C.	TX
Conner	Vincent	Trinity Valley E.C.	TX
Duggan	Martha	NRECA	VA
Golladay	Randy	Central Virginia E.C.	VA

The following were also presented for associate membership into NUTSEA:

Last Name	First Name	Utility/Company	State
Ward	Glen	T&D Electric Utility Services	GA
Francone	Anthony	Poudre Valley REA	CO
Ludington	Ben	Poudre Valley REA	CO

There was a motion and second to approve the new members and associate members. Jamie asked those present to stand and be recognized.

- XI. Nominating Committee: Jamie welcomed Mike Bergeaux representing the committee in Jim Wright's absence. Mike introduced the proposed slate of Executive Committee Nominees for 2014 – 2015:

Chairman – Bobby Love, SC
Vice Chairman – Terry Adkins, IN
Secretary – Glenn Cunningham, GA
Treasurer – Jim Ed Burris, KY

1 Year Director – Kooney Duncan, OK
1 Year Director – Terry Ebright, SD

2 Year Director – Mike Williams, CO
2 Year Director – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

3 Year Director – Aarron Graham, LA
3 Year Director – Jim Carpenter, MI

Past Chair – Jamie Hull

Office of NUTSEA Chair: Bobby Love was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Bobby was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Vice-Chair: Terry Adkins was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Terry was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Secretary: Glenn Cunningham was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Glenn was voted into the position.

Office of NUTSEA Treasurer: Jim Ed Burris was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Jim Ed was voted into the position.

3 Year Directors: Aarron Graham was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Aarron was voted into the position.

3 Year Directors: Jim Carpenter was nominated by the NUTSEA Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor Jim was voted into the position.

- XII. The business meeting recessed until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 – Business Meeting

- I. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. The meeting minutes from 2013 were approved as written.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Host Committee Reports: Mike Williams reported 152 people in attendance with 125 members and 43 guests. Mike recognized the CREA staff and Sergeant of Arms.
 - b. Resolutions Committee: Don Harbuck recognized the members (Jim Ed Burris, Bobby Love and Revonda Laws). Don Harbuck read the resolution to change the calendar year from November 1 through October 31 to October 1 through September 30. The resolution was voted on and approved. Don wanted to thank the committee for their work on the speaker gifts. It was also announced that Bobby Love would step down from the committee and would be replaced by Wes Lee.
 - c. Operations and Rules Committee: Garry Christopherson, Chair reported that he would be meeting with the Executive Board to review several items that need to be revised/deleted from the current by-laws and operating rules. Main subjects would be RESAP delegates from NUTSEA and the need to provide a conduit between NUTSEA and NRECA RESAP programs. The delegate group as it was known has been dissolved by NRECA.
 - d. Membership Committee: Michael Weltzheimer reported that there were 31 new active members representing 17 states.
 - e. Regulatory Standards/Legislative Report: Martha Duggan, no report. Martha gave her Regulatory Update during the conference.
 - f. New Member Orientation – New Members luncheon was held on Monday. All participants received a NUTSEA computer bag and flash drive with important information.
 - g. Generation & Transmission: Revonda Laws reported that there were 17 in attendance along with three new members. Topics discussed were safety manuals, fall protection, host employer requirements, minimum approach distance, arc flash and associated topics, job briefing requirements, contractor safety, hearing conservation, industrial health, safety committees and family safety. The G&T group also discussed the possibility about having a roundtable meeting in Kentucky next spring. The entire group recognized the value of this forum and the ability to speak with peers about common issues.
 - h. Distribution: Fran Achille reported that there were 27 in attendance at the roundtable. The topics that were discussed were DOT self-certification, medical cards, fit for duty, hours of service, FR clothing (laundering, allowance, face ARC shields). Accidents discussion – what type of accidents people have had. Additional comments from the group were that NUTSEA and NRECA need to get involved with the DOT before everyone becomes disqualified from their medical cards.

- i. Job Training & Safety: Micheal Weltzheimer reported that there were 55 in attendance at the roundtable. Martha Duggan reported on Subpart V, safety rules for emergency workers, reporting on hospitalization, motor carrier safety and FEMA. Don Harbuck gave an update on the Northwest Lineman College. Bud Branham gave a RESAP update and overview, safety leadership summit, Speak Up/Listen Up and On-Site Observation Training. Corey Parr gave a Federated update and strategy labs. There were some roundtable questions – fall arrest, bucket rescue, near miss reporting and communicating with contractors. Martha fielded several questions on Subpart V. Don Harbuck posed a question to the audience “How many people have employees retiring within five years?” - An alarming number raised their hands. Bud Branham strongly encouraged unannounced crew visits. Corey Parr stated that Federated claims are down 20% and \$16.4 million were returned to cooperatives throughout the state. There was discussion regarding rescue with new fall restraint devices. The question was posed about the reporting of near misses and a question was also asked of the group about communicating with contractors.
- j. SAIA: David White (the outgoing SAIA Chairman) conducted the roundtable. It was reported that the summer meeting was held in Biloxi, Mississippi and was hosted by the Mississippi Statewide. There were 95 attendees, 60 members and 14 new member applications. Over \$1,000 was raised for the Fallen Lineman Organization. The fall meeting was held in conjunction with the NUTSEA meeting in Colorado Springs and there were 25 attendees with three new member applications. The yearly summary was reported as follows: updated membership role and SAIA directory is currently at 172 members from 19 states, by-law revision drafted and passed by vote of membership, new website improved and updated – www.southernareainstructorsassociation.org, created new SAIA logo, nominating committee submitted (with approval votes) 2015 officers – Chairman, Aarron Graham (LA); Vice-Chairman – Greg McKoy (GA); Secretary – Darren Maddox (AL), the Ray Pantel Award winner was Aarron Graham (LA). The upcoming meeting sites are as follows: Charleston, South Carolina on June 16 – 18, 2015 and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in June 2016.
- k. Quad States: Roger Wenning reported that their summer meeting was hosted by Dairyland Power in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and was well attended. Committees have been busy revising and updating their objectives. Focus on activities to produce material that will help day-to-day safety operations. Sample programs, etc. The Quad State website (www.quadstateinstructors.com) was updated and contained information about regulatory standards, proposed changes, etc.; close call and accident reports that you can add and review and use as examples in your training, great information sharing resource; meetings archive with past meeting agendas, handouts, PowerPoints, etc. and great lists of programs contributed by members for program sharing; can apply and renew membership via website and lots of sample inspections, audit and training forms, mutual aid agreements. They are currently preparing an Accident Investigation procedure to be displayed at the Safety Summit. Upcoming meeting sites are as follows: Lincoln Nebraska, Host State Nebraska REA on January 12 – 16, 2015 and Traverse City, Michigan, Host States Cherryland, MECA and GLE on June 8 – 12, 2015.
- l. Treasurer’s Report: Glenn Cunningham reported as of September 17, 2014 we had \$132,789.18 in the bank with all conference related invoices yet to be paid.
- m. Report on Hard Hat donation: \$2,243 was collected. A motion was made and seconded to double that amount. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. NRECA Report: No report.

- o. RESAP Report: Bud Branham reported that they were projecting about 540 cooperatives participating in the program. There is an on-line system development project consisting of plans to have tablet use available for on-site observations in 2015 with team merge function available, dashboards for area administrators and an on-site team member should also be available, implementation details will be a challenge with the large number of stakeholders and will be discussed and worked out during the fall meeting, full project should be completed by year-end 2015. The LC Interactive Video is tentatively planned for implementation in 2015. The effort is to enhance effectiveness of the leadership commitment process. They will review and solicit input from Area Administrators at the fall meeting. The 2015 Safety Summit preliminary planning started with the Planning Committee which Perron Nicholas is the team leader. It will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 14 – 16, 2015. They are currently looking for Safety Improvement initiatives to share at the Leading Practices Showcase. Please notify Bud Branham. The implementation of SULU was established. This is a major initiative to help improve cooperative safety cultures. It can be a safety improvement initiative for safety improvement plans and top leader support is critical. They will continue to work with Statewide Associations and cooperatives where needed to support implementation.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Jamie Hull had the staff of the hotel come in so they could be thanked for all their hard work during the conference.

Jamie thanked the members and the Board for her time on NUTSEA.

Jamie passed the gavel to Bobby Love. Bobby thanked Jamie for her time and hard work on the board.

Bobby thanked Mike Williams and the Colorado group.

Bobby then announced that the NUTSEA Conference for 2015 would be in Boise, Idaho on September 21 – 23 at the Grove Hotel. He introduced Will Hart, Aaron Howell, Jeanne Fowler, Don Harbuck, Billy Palmer, Anne King and Heber Carpenter. Don then showed the 2015 Conference video made by Northwest Lineman College.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 72nd Annual Conference. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.