



NUTSEA 74th Annual Conference

San Antonio, Texas

August 22 – 24, 2016

Monday, August 22nd

- I. Terry Adkins called the NUTSEA 74th Annual Conference to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Terry Adkins, NUTSEA Chair introduced the VFW Post 76 Color Guard and asked the audience to stand to present the colors. The National Anthem was played after the colors were presented.
- III. Ronnie Wiggins from TEC then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Terry then introduced Bobby Love who offered the opening Invocation.
- V. Chairman comments:
 - a. Terry Adkins thanked the hosts Texas Electric Cooperatives and Sam Houston Electric Cooperative and 2016 Planning Committee: Martin Bevins, Danny Williams and Tammi Knipstein from Texas Electric Cooperative and Scott Ferguson, Dana Massey and David Babcock of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative.
 - b. Terry Adkins thanked the Sergeant of Arms – Ronnie Wiggins, Phil Hendricks, Wesley Caldwell and James Busby from Texas Electric Cooperative.
 - c. The Parliamentarian was Martha Duggan and alternate Gayvin Strantz.
- VI. The group watched a short video and presentation from the Wounded Warrior Project and then the passing of the hard hats.
- VII. Terry Adkins welcomed Danny Williams, Loss Control Manager, Texas Electric Cooperatives to the podium who gave the welcoming speech.

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VIII. Terry Adkins introduced the Board of Directors:

Vice Chair – Glenn Cunningham, GA
Secretary – Jim Ed Burris, KY
Treasurer – Terry Ebright, SD

1 Year Director – Michael Williams, CO
1 Year Director – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

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

3 Year Director – Wade Hurst, OK
3 Year Director – Jason Saunders, AL

Past Chair – Bobby Love, SC

IX. Terry Adkins called for a Quorum from the Sergeant of Arms. A Quorum was confirmed by Ronnie Wiggins and the business meeting was called to order.

X. Terry welcomed Wade Hurst to the podium and presented the following for active membership into NUTSEA:

On behalf of the membership committee, Wade reported that there were 55 total applications for membership and associate membership representing 24 states. The committee is recommending 48 for membership and 7 for associate membership.

The 48 nominees for membership are:

David Akers, South River EMC, NC
Brenda Atkins, Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc., FL
Nancy Ballard, North Carolina EMC, NC
Eric Chumbley, South Kentucky RECC, KY
Rickey Cummings, Dixie Electric Membership Co., LA
Troy Dahl, Dairyland Power Cooperative, WI
Marcus Dahlquist, East Central Energy, MN
Travis Denison, South Dakota REA, SD
Jeff Denton, Central Electric Cooperative, PA
Joe Donald, Dixie Electric Power Association, MS
Micheal Farley, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, ND
Trish Fenton, Roosevelt County Electric Co-op, NM
Kelly Grones, South Texas Electric Cooperative, TX

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Gene Hale, Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative, TN
Amy Hamm, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, KY
Steven Hopkins, Duck River EMC, TN
Warren Huggins, Farmers Electric Coop, TX
Julie Jelen, Minnesota Municipal Utility Assoc, MN
James Jouett, San Bernard Electric Cooperative, TX
Adam Lock, Northeastern REMC, IN
Tyler Lonsdale, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, OK
Russell McCasland, Cooke County Electric Cooperative, TX
Curtis Miles, Moon Lake Electric, UT
Kevin Mizzell, Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., SC
Gregg Morrell, SECO Energy, FL
Mark Mosley, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, FL
Mike Myers, Jackson Electric Cooperative, TX
Joseph (Todd) Neville, Florida Public Utilities, FL
Larry Oetken, Nebraska Rural Electric Association, NE
Jacob Overhultz, Dixie EMC, AL
Jason Patton , HILCO Electric Cooperative, TX
Craig Peay, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities, KY
Timothy Phegley, Tennessee College of Applied Technology, TN
Robert Pippin, Big Country EC, TX
Michael Ramsey, South Kentucky RECC, KY
Megan Randolph, Glades Electric Cooperative, FL
John Roberts, Talquin Electric Cooperative, FL
Jason Smith, Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc., SC
Walt Stephens, Florida Keys EC, FL
Bruce Stumpe, Association of Missouri Electric Coops, MO
Michael Sullins, Cullman Electric Cooperative, AL
Buck Taylor, Arizona G&T Cooperatives, AZ
Scott Thieret, Boone Electric Cooperative, MO
Keith Twitty, AREA, AL
Stephen Wehner, North Carolina EMC, NC
Jeff Whatley, Alabama Rural Electric Association, AL
Brent Wiltbank, Graham County EC, AZ
Jim Wolfe, Iowa Association of Electric Coops, IA

The 7 nominees for associate membership are:

Brent Fischer, Novinium, WA
William (Shelton) Gilmore, Bartlett Electric Cooperative, TX
Rachael Harms, Hi-Line Engineering, AL

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Mel (Hutch) Hutchison, ARECA Insurance Exchange, AK
Wayne McKee, Pedernales Electric Cooperative, TX
Gordon (Mike) Roberts, MikeR Pro Safety
Eric VanPraag, Bartlett Electric Cooperative, TX

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

Terry took a moment to recognize any past chairmen that were in attendance: Mike Bergeaux, Kenny Guffey, Jim Wright and Bobby Love.

- XI. Nominating Committee: Terry welcomed Bobby Love, Chair of the Committee. Bobby introduced the proposed slate of Executive Committee Nominees for 2016 – 2017:

Chairman – Glenn Cunningham, GA
Vice Chair – Jim Ed Burris, KY
Secretary – Terry Ebright, SD
Treasurer – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

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

2 Year Director – Wade Hurt, OK
2 Year Director – Jason Saunders, AL

3 Year Director – Greg McKoy, GA
3 Year Director – David Phaup, VA

Past Chair – Terry Adkins, IN

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

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

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

1 Year Directors: Aarron Graham and Jim Carpenter move up from Two Year Directors.

2 Year Directors: Wade Hurst and Jason Saunders move up from Three Year Directors.

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

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

XII. The business meeting recessed until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

Wednesday, August 25, 2016 – Business Meeting

- I. The meeting was called back to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. The meeting minutes from 2015 were approved as written.
- III. Committee Reports:
 - a. Host Committee Reports: Danny Williams reported people in attendance with 156 members, 28 non-members, 57 guests representing 34 states and 21 vendors.
 - b. Resolutions Committee: Don Harbuck, Chairman recognized the members (Connie Sparks and Wes Lee). Don thanked Tami Knipstein for holding the speaker gifts that arrived for the conference. Speakers received gifts at the conclusion of their presentation. The Resolution Committee Chair appreciates the contributions by Mr. Wes Lee during his tenure and welcomes the newest member, Mr. Rusty Wannamaker.
 - c. Operations and Rules Committee: Garry Christopherson, Chair – No report. The Committee is comprised of Steve Savon, Jason Saunders and Glenn Cunningham.
 - d. Membership Committee: Wes Lee, Chair had to leave the conference early and Wade Hurst reported in his place that there were 55 total applications for membership and associate membership with 24 states being represented. The Committee recommended 48 for Membership and 7 for Associate Membership. All were unanimously voted in. Committee members were Wade Hurst, Wendy Regan and Terry Ebright.
 - e. Regulatory Standards/Legislative Report: Martha Duggan, no report. Martha gave her Regulatory Update during the conference.
 - f. New Member Orientation – Terry Adkins, Chair and Micheal Weltzheimer, Treasurer welcomed new members at the New Members luncheon which was held on Monday. All participants received a NUTSEA computer bag and flash drive with important information. Topics discussed: networking, sharing ideas and learning more about safety by listening to speakers and

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attending workshops and the history of awards. Welcomed comments by Terry Ebright, Bobby Love and Jim Ed Burris.

- g. Generation & Transmission: Mike Willoughby, Chair reported that topics discussed were rubber gloving, keeping safety rules current, fall protection, G&T Roundtable, drug testing, wellness, nurse advocate, rescue teams, confined spaces, fitness centers, FR, driver safety programs, rest policies, staffing. Bud Branham came in to speak to the group about the NRECA serious incident focus.
- h. Distribution: Lou Delaby, Chair reported that there were 30 in attendance. Committee Members: Randy Hooten and Bobby Christmas. The topics that were discussed were after hour's safety, job briefings and crew inspections in documentation, review and recording. Other topics discussed were OSHA investigations, OSHA reporting – injuries. Ronnie Hindsman assisted with meeting.
- i. Job Training & Safety: Farris Leonard, Chair reported that there were 87 plus in attendance at the roundtable. Farris reported that the forum was a discussion on challenges and barriers faced daily by the safety professional. Group shared ideas, programs and experiences. Motivation to fight complacency was sub topic.
- j. SAIA: Greg McKoy, Chairman conducted the roundtable also in attendance was Vice Chairman, Darren Maddox (AL) and Secretary Rusty Wannamaker (SC). It was reported that the summer meeting was held in June 21 – 23 in Oklahoma City, OK hosted by the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives. They had 82 in attendance and voted on six new members. Over \$1,800 was raised to benefit Peppers Ranch which is a foster care community in Oklahoma. The SAIA website was displayed to show new content that has been added since the last meeting. The Ray Pantel Award winner was Bill Graham (OK). The fall meeting was held in conjunction with the NUTSEA Conference with 28 in attendance and 17 new members were voted on. 2017 Officers: Chairman – Darren Maddox (AL), Vice Chairman – Rusty Wannamaker (SC), Secretary – Wes Lee (MS). The 2017 Summer Conference will be held June 12 – 15 hosted by Kentucky Statewide in Lexington, KY. The upcoming meeting locations are 2018 Georgia and 2019 Kansas. There are currently 187 members from 22 states.
- k. Quad States: Joe McElroy-Director of Safety/Michigan, acted as recording secretary. The meeting commenced at 7:20 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 a.m. There was not a quorum due to lack of states present at breakfast meeting. States in attendance: South Dakota, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Ohio (late arrival). There were 12 total current members present. As there was not a quorum, an attendance sign-up sheet was not passed. Discussions centered on the following topics: Safety Summit update, FEMA procurement, Use of Drone's and winter meeting location. The breakdown of the discussions follow:

Safety Summit update: It was explained to those in attendance that all appropriate documents have been sent for loading onto flash drives for the Safety Summit presentation. In addition to this, all appropriate documentation has been sent to NRECA

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to make necessary "Showcase" panels. Joe McElroy will follow up with Bud Branham to make sure this is completed to our satisfaction. Any issues will be sent to "Project Committee Chair" Matt Pociask.

FEMA Procurement Policy: As many of the Quad States members are also greatly involved in Mutual Aid restoration, Gayvin Strantz and Joe McElroy briefly updated the group on the recent Cooperative Mutual Aid Coordinators meeting held in Biloxi Mississippi. FEMA has highly recommended that individual utilities become aware of the "Process" that FEMA believes is critical before the emergency occurs. Additionally, FEMA and Office of Inspector General recommends that statewide have a seat in the "Emergency Operations Centers" run during events, normally through state governor's offices.

Use of Drones: South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) updated the attendees on how legislation has changed since the Quad States Summer meeting. Restrictions to "Line of Sight" drone operations have eased but other areas of concern still remain for now.

Winter Meeting Location/Las Vegas: The group briefly discussed the meeting location "issues" that have come up. There was a fear that some QS members would not be able to show up due to the Las Vegas location. Most in attendance believe that this is not a relevant issue.

- l. Treasurer's Report: Terry Ebright reported as of September 24, 2016 NUTSEA had \$222,505.94 in the bank with outstanding conference related invoices yet to be paid.
- m. Report on Hard Hat donation: \$2,640 was collected.
- n. NRECA Report: Bud Branham thanked all the safety professionals and leaders who support the RESAP program and briefly reviewed the program's mission ... "Working together to create a culture of safety". Currently there are approximately 570 co-ops actively participating in RESAP, participation continues to grow due to the efforts of committed safety leaders in the field. The main goals of the program continue to be: 1. Increase leadership engagement, 2. Increase employee involvement, 3. Instill a continuous safety improvement process. The major projects underway this year are: Serious Injury and Fatality Initiative (SIF), Safety Leadership Summit and Leading Practices Showcase, redevelopment and implementation of the new RESAP online system and working directly with co-op leaders on safety as requested.

Old Business:

None.

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New Business:

Terry Adkins thanked the members and the Board for his time on NUTSEA.

Terry passed the gavel to Glenn Cunningham. Glenn thanked Terry for his time and hard work on the board.

Glenn then announced that the NUTSEA Conference for 2017 would be in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 21 – 24 at the Hilton Riverside. Mike Bergeaux, Aarron Graham from Louisiana and Micheal Weltzheimer from the Host States then showed the members the 2017 Conference welcome video.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 74th Annual Conference. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.