



## **NUTSEA 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

### **Boise, Idaho**

**September 21 – 23, 2015**

#### Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

- I. Bobby Love called the NUTSEA 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Bobby Love, NUTSEA Chair introduced the American Legion Post 113 Honor Guard and asked the audience to stand to present the colors. The National Anthem was played after the colors were presented.
- III. Don Harbuck then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Bobby then introduced Terry Adkins who offered the opening Invocation.
- V. Chairman comments:
  - a. Bobby Love thanked the hosts Will Hart, Executive Director from Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities and Aaron Howell, President of Northwest Lineman College. Also included on the 2015 Planning Committee: Anne King, NLC, Jeanne Fowler, NLC, Mandi Hitt, ICUA, Heber Carpenter, ICUA, Richard Reynolds, ICUA and Billy Palmer, ICUA.
  - b. Bobby Love thanked the Sergeant of Arms, students from Northwest Lineman College.
  - c. The Parliamentarian was Martha Duggan and alternate Gayvin Strantz.
- VI. The group watched a short video and presentation from Christy Stover from the Semper Fi Fund and then the passing of the hard hats.
- VII. Bobby Love welcomed Will Hart, Executive Director, Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association to the podium who gave the welcoming speech.

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VIII. Bobby Love introduced the Board of Directors:

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

1 Year Director – Terry Ebright, SD  
1 Year Director – Kooney Duncan, Oklahoma (Absent)

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

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

Past Chair – Jim Wright, GA

IX. Bobby Love called for a Quorum from the Sergeant of Arms. A Quorum was confirmed by Don Harbuck and the business meeting was called to order.

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

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Utility/Company</b>	<b>State</b>
Bettis	Brenda	Illinois Rural Electric Coops	IL
Brodsho	Ryan	Wells Rural EC	NV
Caulder	Grantlyn	Brunswick EMC	NC
Cook	Franklin Scott	Energy United	NC
Cromie	Michael	Wells Rural EC	NV
Deverman	Daren	Corn Belt Energy Cooperative	IL
Duniven	Will	Big Country EC	TX
Graham	Curt	Colorado Rural Electric Assoc	CO
Harvey	Jim	Choptank EC	MD
Hedlund	Art	Great Lakes Energy	MI
Henson	Joe	Hoosier Energy REC	IN
McGraw	Dustin	Palmetto EC	SC
Meyer	Angelea	Colorado Rural Electric Assoc	CO
Napier	Christopher	Ohio Rural Electric Coops	OH
Nicholson	Terry	Elec Power Associations of MS	MS
Rogers	William Shane	Hilco EC	TX
Wilson	Nick	Cobb EMC	GA
Woodward	Michael	Choptank EC	MD
Vallee	Calvin	Electric Cities of GA	GA
Walker	Chris	NC Assoc of Electric Coops	NC

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Zitek	Mary	Assoc of Illinois Electric Coops	IL
Thomas	Eddie	Upper Cumberland EMC	TN
Pociask	Matt	Iowa Assoc of Electric Coops	IA
Garner	Jennifer	Lea County EC	NM
Betterton	Brandon	Alabama Rural Elec Assoc	AL
Miles	Jim	Assoc of Illinois Elec Coops	IL

The following were also presented for associate membership into NUTSEA:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Utility/Company</b>	<b>State</b>
Sosbe	Susan	Wabash Valley Power Assoc	IN
Atherton	Jason	Southern Maryland EC	MD
Duckworth	Thomas	Central EMC	NC

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

Bobby took a moment to recognize any past chairmen that were in attendance: Mike Bergeaux, Gary Christopherson, Bob Cooper, Tommy Greer, Kenny Guffey, Stan Rucker, Jim Wright and Vernon Shearer.

XI. Nominating Committee: Bobby welcomed Jim Wright, Chair of the Committee. Jim introduced the proposed slate of Executive Committee Nominees for 2015 – 2016:

Chairman – Terry Adkins, IN  
 Vice Chairman – Glenn Cunningham, GA  
 Secretary – Jim Ed Burris, KY  
 Treasurer – Terry Ebright, SD

1 Year Director – Mike William, CO  
 1 Year Director – Micheal Weltzheimer, MS

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

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

Past Chair – Bobby Love, SC

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

1 Year Directors: Michael Williams and Micheal Weltzheimer move up from Two Year Directors.

2 Year Directors: Aarron Graham and Jim Carpenter move up from Three Year Directors.

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

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

XII. The business meeting recessed until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – Business Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called back to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. The meeting minutes from 2014 were approved as written.
- III. Committee Reports:
  - a. Host Committee Reports: Will Hart and Aaron Howell reported people in attendance with members and guests. Will and Aaron recognized their staff.
  - b. Resolutions Committee: Don Harbuck, Chairman recognized the members (Revonda Laws and Wes Lee). Don wanted to thank the committee for their work on the speaker gifts. It was also announced that Revonda Laws requested to be removed from the Resolution Committee. Don thanked Revonda for her service on the committee and the NUTSEA Organization. Don asked Connie Sparks from Indiana Electric Cooperatives to replace the position vacated by Revonda and she accepted.

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- c. Operations and Rules Committee: Garry Christopherson, Chair reported that the committee discussed the current By-Laws and Operating Rules and up-dates and revisions made. These changes were posted and would be voted on at the Business Meeting. The Committee worked on cleaning up language to align with current structure of the organization and how they operate as NUTSEA. The Committee is comprised of Steve Savon, Bob Cooper, Jason Saunders and Glenn Cunningham.
- d. Membership Committee: Michael Weltzheimer, Chair reported that there were 26 new active members and 3 new associate applicants. All were unanimously voted in. Committee members were Wade Hurst, Wendy Regan and Jim Ed Burris
- e. Regulatory Standards/Legislative Report: Martha Duggan, no report. Martha gave her Regulatory Update during the conference.
- f. New Member Orientation – Terry Adkins, Chair 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: what NUTSEA is about, what NUTSEA does, attending workshops, net-working within organization, program sharing and website.
- g. Generation & Transmission: Kirk Wulf, Chair reported that there were 14 in attendance along with the committee members: Cory Rodgers, Ken Macken and Mike Willoughby. Topics discussed were: partnering with NRECA to hold another G&T Safety Summit, contractor safety management (information sharing, pre-qualification process and observations), observation programs (asking employees about safety) and asbestos. Those in attendance liked the format of NUTSEA but would like more time for roundtable and repeated sessions.
- h. Distribution: Lou Delaby, Chair reported that there were 72 in attendance at the roundtable over two days. The topics that were discussed were vehicle recovery, traffic control/work zone safety, PPE, distributed generation, training schools, incident/near miss, arc flash, full protection and host employer.
- i. Job Training & Safety: Farris Leonard, Chair reported that over the course of two days there were 68 in attendance at the roundtable including committee members: Tony Powell and Dan Whitesides. Farris reported that the group broke into smaller groups and discussed the top challenges for JT&S now and looking into the future. Highlights included: new workforce, hiring processes, making safety personal and compliance challenges.
- j. SAIA: Aarron Graham (the outgoing SAIA Chairman) conducted the roundtable. It was reported that the summer meeting was held in Charleston, South Carolina and was hosted by the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. There were 75 members and 4 new member applications. Over \$1,000 was raised for Fran Achilles (NUTSEA Member). The SAIA website has been updated and programs can now be found there. Aarron thanks M.S. for keeping the website up-to-date. Aarron also thanked David White for continuing to maintain the website and

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SAIA now has approximately 160 individuals from 14 states. The fall meeting was held in conjunction with the NUTSEA meeting in Boise Idaho and there were 28 attendees. The nominating committee submitted the following for 2016 officers: Chairman, Greg McKoy (GA); Vice Chairman, Darren Maddox (AL); and Secretary, Rusty Wannamaker (SC). All officers were approved. The Ray Pantel Award winner is David White (KY). The upcoming meeting sites are as follows: 2016 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and 2017 Lexington, Kentucky.

- k. Quad States: John Dvorak, Chairman reported that the “Model Safety Program” subcommittee continues to update and upgrade the program. Joe will be planning a conference call and do a formal update in the December timeframe. The Quad States forms on the website are being upgraded. Old outdated forms are being deleted where necessary. John requested that members bring their forms to share at the next meeting. The 2016 Safety Summit project is progressing very nicely. Time will be carved out to work on the project at the Quad States 2016 winter meeting. A conference call to prepare for the winter meeting will also be in the December time frame. At the winter meeting a review of the IAuditor program on the iPad would be beneficial as more and more people are using iPads. The recent NRECA regional meeting in Minneapolis was discussed. The rollout of the Speak Up Listen Up Program from the NRECA was also discussed. The attendance of the Quad States membership at this NUTSEA conference is highly recommended. The 2016 Meeting will be held January 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio and the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperative will host.
- l. Treasurer’s Report: Jim Ed Burris reported as of September 20, 2015 NUTSEA had \$140,820.19 in the bank with outstanding conference related invoices yet to be paid.
- m. Report on Hard Hat donation: \$2,571 was collected. A motion was made and seconded to double that amount. Motion passed unanimously.
- n. NRECA Report: Bud Branham, Chair (Garry Christopherson reporting) reported on the on-line system implementation. On-site observation: a few bumps but becoming more stable, will be available to participating coops in November 2015, second phase in 2016, will work on self-assessment. Approximately 560 cooperatives are participating and it is still building. Key priorities are engaging top leaders, updating Leadership Commitment Video, improving Safety Improvement Plans, new guidance materials for making the plans work and modifying the application process in 2017. The Area Administrators Meeting will be held in St. Louis, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Speak Up/Listen Up is making progress with positive results around the country with more cooperatives getting involved.

### **Old Business:**

A motion was made to accept the By-Laws as posted with changes/updates – motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the Operating Rules as posted with changes/updates – motion passed.

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**New Business:**

Bobby Love thanked the members and the Board for his time on NUTSEA.

Bobby passed the gavel to Terry Adkins. Terry thanked Bobby for his time and hard work on the board.

Terry thanked Aarron Howell and Will Hart and the Idaho group.

Terry then announced that the NUTSEA Conference for 2016 would be in San Antonio, Texas on August 21 – 24 at the San Antonio Rivercenter. He introduced Scott Ferguson from Texas who showed the 2016 Conference welcome video.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.