

Minutes
NAHBA Annual Business Meeting
Monday, April 15, 2013

(1) Quorum was present. States represented were: Illinois, Arkansas, Arizona, Kentucky, Texas, Maryland, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina and Florida.

(1) Election of Board of Directors for 2014

Chairperson	Keith Melvin (South Carolina)
Past Chair	Barbara Wessinger (South Carolina)
First Chair	Roy Grasse (North Carolina)
Second Chair	Windy Knox (Texas)
Host State Chair	To Be Announced (Utah)
Secretary-Treasurer	Juanice Hughes (Florida)

(2) Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting and Budget for 2014 – Approved as submitted. Membership noted no objection to the Board using Alliance funds to offset costs associated with Regional Standing Committee meetings and administrative needs.

(3) Co-Location with Right of Way, Utilities and Outdoor Advertising Conference was viewed as being positive. NAHBA's costs are essentially the same as when the Conference was stand-alone. Membership felt this was the right time to utilize AASHTO for assistance with issues and policies needing national attention. The Board was asked to consider expanding the NAHBA portion of the Conference to 3 days in order for its membership to participate in the Tuesday afternoon project inspection. Membership agreed to look at the co-location issue again at its 2014 Conference and make adjustments as needed.

(4) Amendment of NAHBA By-Laws – The Board recommended the By-Laws be amended to delete committee references. Unanimous concurrence was received from the membership. Barbara Wessinger agreed to draft the revision for Board approval.

(5) NAHBA Mission Statement – Membership approved the Mission Statement drafted at the previous year Conference, which states:

To provide leadership in the interpretation, analysis and research of the regulatory process governing the effective control of outdoor advertising and junkyard screening consistent with the federal laws and regulations, through the fostering of collaborative partnerships, dissemination of information, development of best practices, and necessary training.

(6) Regional Standing Committees were explained. The committees have been assembled with the purpose of defining problems with federal laws and regulations as written. Recommendations to fix the problem need to be identified. Currently, each Board member has a Region; however, the intent is to turn over chairmanship to a state within the region. The Regional topics and recommendations as to changes, concerns, issues, goals and items for implementation, will be discussed in Conference sessions at the 2014 Conference. The topics identified are: 1) 23 UC 131(d)- definition of unzoned commercial or industrial area; 2) 23 USC 131(a) – safety compliance; 3) Federal authorization – post MAP 21; 4) 23 USC 131(d) – definition of customary maintenance and continuation; and 5) 23 CFR 750.707(d)(6) – definition of abandoned, destroyed.

(7) Awards Committee – Need to work through the Regional Committees to secure additional nominations from the states. No suggested changes to the process were discussed.

(8) Surveys and Questions on NAHBA Website – It was agreed only State FDOTs will be allowed to place surveys and questions on the website.

(9) NAHBA Website – Comments were positive. The outdoor control office in Missouri was recognized by the Chairman for the outstanding assistance they provide in keeping the website current and operable.

(10) Teleconferences with NAHBA and FHWA – It was agreed we will hold two teleconferences before next year's Conference – one in July and one in October.

(10) 2014 Conference - The 2014 Conference will be co-located with the AASHTO Right of Way, Utilities, and Outdoor Advertising Subcommittee in Salt Lake City, Utah. The host hotel will be Little America. The NAHBA web site will be updated as Conference information is finalized.