



NC VOAD Quarterly Meeting, 2019-11-05

- [Call to Order](#)

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by NC VOAD president Dan Altenau.

- [President's Message](#)

Daniel Altenau opened the meeting by talking about all the work that VOD's have done over the past year. He then spoke of our partners local Emergency Managers and their state association the NC EMA. He noted that we have this board meeting at the NC-EMA fall conference to ensure the connection to the NC-EMA stays strong.

He thanked everyone who was in the room as well as on the phone.

He moved quickly into the review and acceptance of the July QTR minutes

- [Minutes from July meeting](#)

Gene Ziemba moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Laura Block. The motion passed unanimously.

- [Treasurer's Report](#)

The treasurer Gene Ziemba gave the treasurer's report.

Current balances are:

Checking:	\$6,684.85
Savings:	2,002.13
Total:	\$8,686.98

Most recent activity:

Premium Installment US Liability Ins Co: -\$261.20

Report motioned for approval by Jere Snyder and seconded by Laura Block.

The motion passed unanimously.

- [Guest Speakers](#)

The second Vice President of the NC-EMA Mary Beth Newns (Director of Currituck County Emergency Management and Communications) spoke to the group. She provided an overview of what the EMA is and how they can help the state and local VOAD's. She explained the origins of the NC-EMA, driving home that the EMA understands the

importance of working with community partners to ensure the best for the people that they serve.

She explained that they offer trainings that NCVOAD member can attend they are all announced on the NC TEMS web site. She encourages VOAD members to go to the web site and join them in some of the trainings.

A conversation about bringing in other trainings was held, and Phil Triplett will get with FEMA to schedule trainings

She then asked the room for assistance with ideas of how to get an LTRG up and active in her home County of Currituck. A discussion was held, and ideas presented along with a promise of support of her efforts to form an LTRG.

- Committee reports

The ad-hoc committee on updating our By-Laws presented. John Robinson gave a brief explanation of the committee and reviewed the committee's major changes in the By-Laws. Membership he reviewed the current membership requirements from the By-Laws. He then read out loud the recommended changes to the membership requirements. John moved that the changes be accepted as written. No second needed as it came from committee.

A discussion was held and a Move to Amend the amount of the fees and change to "fee will be set by the board. Larry Marks made the motion Laura Block seconded the motion. **The motion carried. The exact dollar amounts will be stricken and replaced by the work Fees. There will be a notation that fees are set by the executive board.**

A motion was made to put a cap of \$5000 (five thousand dollars) on the fees Laura Block made the motion and Larry Seconded. After discussion the motion failed.

Mike Patterson made a motion that 4.7-2 of the by-laws include the words "in writing to the organization" Larry marks seconded

Motion passed unanimously the words "in writing to the organization" will be added

A Discussion was then started around section 4.3-1 specifically the words "maintain a presence" there was a discussion about what this means and how it would be monitored. John Robinson motioned that the wording be "the membership committee will review the participation of each member once every (3) three years.

The motion was called to question Jere Snyder was opposed and questioned the ability to properly govern the motion. There was further discussion and a vote was held.

The motion failed

A new discussion was started by Larry Marks on requiring member attendance/presence at VOAD quarterly meetings. Larry indicated that this had been tried twice in the past. His statistics, going back several years, revealed that only four or five organizations would qualify to vote each year. Cliff Harvell expressed his concerns about the changes and question being raised. He then moved that this discussion be tabled until the next

quarterly meeting to give everyone a chance to mull over the changes and come to an agreement on the changes. The Motion was seconded by Gene Ziemba.

The Motion carried and the bylaws are tabled until the first Quarterly NC-VOAD meeting on 2020

Nominating committee

The nominating committee will be selecting people to fill three board members for the 2020-2021 Laura Block, Cliff Harvell and Gere Snyder have agreed to be the committee. The vote on new members is usually held during the February Executive board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Case Management – Ann Hoffman (ahuffman@nccumc.org) reported that they have had a couple of meetings so far. They have discussed the different case management (endeavors, LTRG and Faith agencies). They have been working with the training committee and training is scheduled for Dec and 3 more date are to be announce soon. They are discussing a standardization of form for all the DCM as it is believed this will help survivors only need to tell their story once. Ann would like to see more involvement from our partners.

Training & Meetings – Briles Johnson reported they have Webinars planned on training topics (grant writing, becoming a non-profit). They have over 50 people signed up for the grant writing webinar. They are having a meeting after this meeting to put together plans for trainings in the new year.

Housing –Jack Frazier (jfrazier@ncbaptist.org) the committee is focused on best practice trying to combat duplications of efforts and protect survivors from larger paybacks. They need more information and participation from the state and rehab/rebuild agencies. Timelines for programs and better understanding of the programs available (like STEP, NC-Rebuild)

State EOC Coverage – Larry Marks (marks@bellsouth.net) reported State Emergency Response Team (SERT) we volunteer to assist in the state EOC when it is activated. They currently 6 people on the rotation and would like more so if you live near Raleigh and would like to be part of this team please let larry know.

LTRG Committee chair NC VOAD

George Strunk, LTRG committee of VOAD: turned in a report

The committee met via conference call. The following members were present: George Strunk, Chair, John Robinson, Al Foote, Larry Marks, Adrian King and Ilham Thurston. Ann Huffman was unable to make the call.

A brief discussion regarding the proposed Bylaw changes was had with John Robinson clarifying the decision to more closely follow NVOAD procedures and help clarify opportunities for Lowes, Fuller House and SBP.

I reviewed the past year and gave us high marks despite the challenges of creating groups that spanned the rural (Duplin County) and city (Wilmington) demographics and available service agencies and volunteers. John and Ilham spoke to the efforts on Ocracoke as we know them (still forming).

We covered the training needs. A racial equity training has been identified and Endeavors is doing a survey to determine need. We support the Endeavors effort and will reach out to them to see how we might assist. I suggested that all committee members attend the upcoming Casework Training so that they would be able to address any questions as we develop LTRGs in the future.

We will review the NVOAD Power Point on developing LTRGs and incorporate NC specific slides and clarifications (ie. 501c3 status, Charitable Solicitation License, UNMET Needs/Case Review Committee and Double-Blind Case Review procedures).

- [Additional information](#)

Jere Snyder's production company has a documentary called 3 towns 3 rivers it will be airing on PBS

Quick IT issue Yahoo group will be changed as Yahoo has changed the way the groups are managed. Be on the look out for information on this issue over the coming months.

Greg Forrester the National VOAD President was on hand for the meeting today. He had some important information that the national VOAD is working on. They are in the middle of a new strategic plan their focus is how to enhance the state VOAD. They believe the best way is technology. They will be launching a new web site and will have spaces for the states to have secure and open forums. The National VOAD is committed to bringing innovative technology into the VOAD's nationwide.

- [Organization Reports](#)

Reports are presented as submitted (see attached reports)

[The Friday NC VOAD call](#)

NC VOAD continues to hold calls every other Friday (next call November 15 there will be no call Nov 28th). The calls are to assist LTRGS and members connect, get updates and learn of resources. NC VOAD has worked with the state so that the meeting directly follows the state DCM call at 10 am. To ensure you get all the information at one time and on one phone call ([1-800-320-4330 ext. 992589#](tel:1-800-320-4330))

- [Meeting Schedule:](#)

Quarterly Meetings:

January 21, 2020, from 10 am – noon will be at the State EOC in Raliegh

[Adjournment](#)

Motion to adjourn made by John Robinson and seconded by Laura Block

The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Alfred Foote
Secretary
NC VOAD



Quarterly Meeting
November 5, 2019

Welcome
Call to Order

President's Message
Daniel Altenau

Minutes
July 16, 2019 Quarterly Meeting

Treasurer's Report
Gene Ziemba

Old Business

Attendee Introductions

Attendees will introduce themselves and the agency they represent. Organizational updates will be submitted prior to the meeting and uploaded to the NC VOAD website. Agency reports will not be shared as part of the meeting.

New Business

Sub-Committee Updates and Reports
Presentation and Vote on By-Laws with new membership criteria
Nominating Committee Identified
NCEMA Presentation

Announcements

Meeting Schedule:

2020 Quarterly Meeting:

Winter: January 21, 2020 (Raleigh EOC)

Spring: April 14, 2020 (Central NC)

Summer: July 14, 2020 (Raleigh EOC)

Fall: TBD with NCEMA Conference (Southeast Coast)

Adjournment

The purpose of NCVOAD shall be to foster more effective service to people affected by disaster through communication, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration.

