



**NC VOAD Annual Meeting, January 11, 2022 , 10:00 AM Via Zoom
Communications**

Call to Order

- **Dr. Greg Lentz -**

Dr. Greg Lentz called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He reiterated the normal housekeeping protocol of placing contact and organization affiliation in the chat. He also requested to use the chat option to share reports.

Agenda

- **NC VOAD Board of Directors Elections**

President Lentz shared that the first item on the agenda was the NC VOAD Board of Directors Elections. Three members, **Cynthia Bradley, Jere Snyder, and Laura Block** were rotating off the Board and nominees were to be voted upon during the meeting. He took a moment to thank **Cynthia Bradley** for her service with the Red Cross and as a member of the Board. Cynthia shared that **Rebecca Pittman** was named new Director with the Red Cross. He also recognized **Jere Snyder**, who was completing his 2nd term on the Board and rotating off as Treasurer. Jere reflected on his 2-term experience as being rewarding and offered assistance in making a smooth transition for newly elected Board members. When asked of her reflections, **Laura Block**, who is rotating off and served as vice-president, expressed joy in experiencing the teamwork and offered to help new board members as rotating off Board members had assisted her. She shared her intentions to continue to work with the Volunteer Management Committee and assist in any capacity.

- **Nominating Committee**

Initially tabled until later in the meeting due to committee chair not on the call. Board and Committee member Reverend Roland Whitley represented the committee.

- Nominees - Daniela Archibold - Church Word Services, Lesley Wiseman Albritton - Legal Aid of NC, and Reverend Jerry T. Pearson - 2nd Episcopal District AME Disaster Relief - North Carolina Conference.
- Motion to close nominations by John Robinson and 2nd by Larry Marks. Motion With no further questions the motion was carried, and the “ayes” have it. President Dr. Greg Lentz welcomed the new members to the Board and extended invitations to the Board meeting to follow.

Reports

- **Jere Snyder, Treasurer's Report**

Received \$800.00 in dues and \$30.00 in donations. There were \$29.20 in expenses. New Balance \$11,891.46 in checking. \$2,002.67 in saving.

- **Briles Johnson – Executive Director VolunteerNC** briles.johnson@nc.gov

provided information on 'Needs List. Provided link for Governor's Volunteer Service Awards link: <https://www.nc.gov/agencies/volunteer/volunteer-awards> and introduced Mia Currin and Daphne Moore.

- Mia Currin provided an update on NeedsList:

“Brief NeedsList background (place to post resource requests and also fulfill requests posted). Currently have 83 registered users on our site. We are planning to do outreach around the beginning of February to bring in more users to the platform so that everyone can get in and become familiar with the system now. This will allow it to be ready to be utilized if and when another disaster hits the state. I will also be putting together a pdf of step-by-step for posting on the site this week.”

- Daphne Moore, Volunteer Coordinator, reported on the current N.C. Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service projects corresponding with the State Service Plan for 2022-23. As VolunteerNC's Volunteerism Coordinator, one of the projects I'm working on with the VolunteerNC staff is implementing the non-profit Lunch and Learn series. The Lunch and Learn series include a variety of topics hosted virtually by VolunteerNC with selected guest speakers to better support and guide nonprofits and for-profits in addressing multiple concerns within the organization, such as increased volunteerism, youth engagement, disaster recovery, and so forth. Aside from the Lunch and Learn series project, I am currently strategizing diverse methods for increasing VolunteerNC visibility through outreach efforts to various non-profits.

- **Small Business Administration – Sharon Gadbois (Gabby)**

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Sharon provided an overview presentation on SBA Disaster Assistance Loans. (PPT attached). The following are the bullets from her presentation:

Motto:

SBA Loans help to Repair, Replace, and Rebuild

Types of Loans

Physical – structure (ie, debris removal, fences, and landscaping)

Personal property – contents inside the home/business

Mitigation – prevent future damage (ie, house raising, retaining walls, sump pumps, storm shelter, repair to private roads and bridges)

EIDL – Business Loans for Economic Injury;

How To Apply

In person – Business Recovery Center (Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania)

By Mail – call our Customer Service Line to request a paper application:

1-800-659-2955 - Online – disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela

Amounts:

Homeowners – Up to \$200k

Mitigation – Up to 20% of the physical property loan amount

Personal Property (for Homeowners/Renters) – up to \$40k

Businesses – Up to \$2M

Repayment Terms

Up to 30 years –

No pre-payment penalties

Not required to take the loan; also can take any portion of the approved loan amount; and 6 months to decide

Low fixed interest rates – 1.563 for Homeowners/Renters; 2.855 for Businesses (EIDL; Economic Injury Disaster Loans); 2% for Non Profits

Key Notes:

SBA Loans are to help rebuild, repair and replace; we help those that are underinsured and uninsured and cover losses if you qualify for a loan

Flood and Hazard/Homeowner's Insurance is required through the life of the loan

- Terrell Perry also chimed in on the importance of preparedness. She offered to speak to groups and provided her number 404-387-8716.
- **Phil Triplett North Carolina Emergency Management**
- 5,100 homes have been completed in the aftermath of Tropical storm Fred in Western North Carolina. Sharon Gadbois added these numbers. Number recap for TS Fred; apps received 260 and dollars approved \$4,159,100, the combined (home and business) totals for Tropical Storm Fred; however, for the homeowners and renters the numbers are: FEMA Registration Referred – 1910, Applications Received – 197, Loans Approved – 91, Dollars Approved - \$3,286,200
 - John Robinson – Clinton Chapel Church encouraged disaster survivors to apply for the SBA loans.
- **ReBuild NC/NCORR Leslie VanHoy -**
 - Applicant Services Liaison (ASL), NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, introduced new ASL, Betty Vines who is serving the Beaufort ReBuild NC Center. She reminded everyone that the 18 centers remain closed due to COVID-19 and that program staff continue to work remotely during regular office hours to serve applicants. She asked the group to help existing applicants by referring them to case managers and to help potential applicants by advising them to call ASK RBNC at (833) 275-7262. She also shared the web site, www.rebuild.nc.gov, for general information and provided her contact information [Leslie.VanHoy@ncdps.gov, (984) 365-5475].
- **Emma Baltezare, Director of ONE Christian Network**
 - One Christian Network unites the church to transform the city. We have a monthly call to discuss needs and resources for our city every 4th Friday at 11:00 am. We are connected with the New Hanover Disaster Coalition. We have a website www.onechristiannetwork.com to connect people to resources.

Also, we are working on setting up a warming shelter and if anyone has any insight on how to do this safely with covid I would love to connect!
info@onenchristiannetwork.com.

- **Wanda Hunter – from the chat**

- DHHS has 13 million adult N95 masks that they want to distribute ASAP. HT is ordering a lot and we're sharing this info with our community partners. Any community-based organization can order these, so in addition to sharing this information with our partners, you could make this request for any orgs that you're a volunteer with, your church/faith organization, etc. Use this form to make the requests and the sky's the limit. They seriously want to give out all 13 million and for comparison, they only distributed 1 million total in 2021.

- **Heather Black NC 211**

- We do still have opportunities on our team at NC 211 and are especially looking for bi-lingual Community Resource Specialists. If you, your organization can help spread the word and direct folks to the posting on our website, I would greatly appreciate it! thank you! <https://www.unitedwaync.org/jobs-board> !

- **Webmaster & Communications Committee –**

- Website updates continue. These include new staff at LTRGs, new members, forms, and manuals for use by case managers and LTRGs. The NC VOAD Committee continues to take part in a National VOAD project to create an automatically updated registry of all COADs, VOADs, and LTRGs in the 50 states and five territories. For more information email webmaster@ncvoad.org

- **Ann Huffman - UMC** -Reported that their response centers for Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence are now closed.

- **George Shrunk** – LTRG's - The LTRG Committee continues to assist the Haywood County Recovery with resources and attendance at meetings as invited. Existing LTRGs/COADs/VOADs are still meeting and providing casework to assist their clients. Our State partners, Catholic Charities and Legal Aid continue to work to enable families to qualify for NCORR projects. Thank you for your continuing efforts.

- **Rev. Roland Whitley** -Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI)

The goal is to get out and assist in preparing for a disaster and it continues to be a work in progress. Was able to secure a warehouse in Wayne County and Robeson County. All materials to be distributed in English as well as Spanish for more inclusion.

- **Verbal Reports and Info shared I the chat.**

Verbal Reports, Updates and check-ins were provided by:

- Carlotta Dixon – NC DHHS
- Evelyn Dunn
- Rebecca Pittman
- Curtis Hill
- Tom Beam

- Jil Christensen
- Jere Snyder
- Tony Barr
- Alfred Foote - Cumberland County
- Kristy Kulberg – CCDRA
- Rev. Roland Whitley
- Rusty Cready - Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders
- Dr. Greg Lentz
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President Dr. Greg Lentz

- Ended the meeting by asking for announcements. Laura Block spoke briefly on Volunteer Management Committee and asked to please consider joining the Volunteer Management Committee - meets third Thursday monthly, Chair is Laura Block at laura.block@teamrubiconusa.org. Dr. Lentz reiterated the need to join committees. He announced the next meeting schedule to continue to meet virtually at 10 AM, April 12, July 12, October 11, and January 10. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert O. Moore, Secretary
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