



NC VOAD Quarterly Meeting. January 10, 10:00 AM. North Carolina Emergency Management Command Center, 1636 Gold Star Dr. Raleigh, NC 27607 & Via Zoom Communications

- **Welcome and Call to Order – NC VOAD Vice-President Reverend Roland Whitley**

Reverend Whitley welcomed everyone in attendance vis Zoom and in-person. He reminded the zoom participants to remain muted unless addressing the group and welcomed everyone to utilize the chat function to introduce themselves and to share organization and contact information. He then reiterated the purpose of the VOAD explaining the 4 Cs of Communication, Cooperation, Coordination, and Collaboration.

- President Dr. Greg Lentz was unable to join the meeting from the field due to being out of the country and poor signal to call in.

- **NC VOAD Secretary, Robert O. Moore**

Secretary Moore presented to the group a proposal from the Board to amend the by-laws. Secretary Moore explained the reasoning behind the proposal was to provide more continuity and experienced leadership on the Board, especially the Executive members of the Board. He presented the following proposed changes as recommended by the Board. In accordance with ARTICLE V: BUSINESS FUNCTIONS: ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS you are hereby notified of the following:

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

7.1 Amendments of these By-Laws may be made by a vote of the membership present at any annual meeting, quarterly meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. Membership must be notified and provided with proposed changes by the Advance Notice Period preceding such meeting. The By-Laws, as amended and adopted, shall serve as a set of rules that govern the internal administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.

5.6 The Advance Notice Period shall be ten (10) business days.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

5.2 From: The business of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors of not less than five (5) nor more than nine (9) members, elected by a simple quorum of the membership at each annual meeting. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years each. Notwithstanding the expiration of his or her term, each Director shall continue to serve in office until his or her

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After a discussion of Articles 6.1 and 6.2 of the By-laws, the group found that there were different interpretations of the by-laws regarding the term limits. It was further discovered there was no mention on having to have a gap year after a Board member had completed their 3-year term that prohibited a Board member from serving consecutive terms. The only term limit was to the Executive Board (President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

After the Treasurer's Report it was moved and properly seconded to vote on the proposed amendment. The proposal was defeated by a majority of those in attendance.

- [Jerry Pearson Treasurer's Report](#)

NC-VOAD Quarterly Financial Report

For the Period 09/30/22 - 12/30/22

Community Checking

**Checking Account Balance as of
09/30/22**

673.76

Deposits

Annual Dues

OCTOBER, 2022

\$195.04

NOVEMBER 2022	\$0.00	
DECEMBER. 2022	\$100.00	
Quarterly Total	\$295.04	
Transfers To/(From) Checking		
Quarterly Total		
Bank Adjustments		
Quarterly Total	\$0.00	
\$0.00		
Total Quarterly Deposits		<hr/> \$295.04
Expenses		
Larry Marks / business cards	\$27.75	
Larry Marks / domain renewal	\$429.91	
Total Quarterly Expenditures/Transfers		<hr/> -
\$457.66		
Balance as of 12/30/22		
<u>\$511.14</u>		
<u>Business Money Rate Savings</u>		
Savings Account Balance as of 09/30/22		14,003.58
Deposits	\$0.00	
Interest	0.23	
Transfers To Checking	\$0.00	
Bank Service Charge	\$0.00	
Balance as of 12/30/22		14,003.81

Jerry T. Pearson, Treasurer

Committee Reports

- [Nominations Committee -Ann Huffman, nccumc.org](#)
Presented 3 nominees recommended to be added to the Board.
 1. Kristy Kulberg -Craven County LTRG
 2. Andy Jones – WARM
 3. Tom Bean – Baptist on MissionRobert Moore nominated Dr. Greg Gentz from the floor and was seconded by Jerry Pearson.
By a majority vote, Kristy Kulberg, Andy Jones, and Tom Bean were added to the Board to replace outgoing members, Ann Huffman, Greg Gentz, and Paul Dunn.
- [Communications Committee - Jay Henderson](#)
- Reported that the teams continues to develop the NC VOAD Social Media page. He reiterated that anyone who wants to join the Communications committee, e-mail to communications@ncvoad.org.
- [Volunteer Committee - Laura Block – Team Rubicon](#)
- Want to join the Volunteer Management committee? E-mail to volunteermanagement@ncvoad.org. We will be sending out a survey to all interested parties to set a new monthly meeting day and time. Jim Laman of Team Rubicon added, “Team Rubicon currently is looking for two full time associates in the NC/SC and North Florida areas to fill open vacancies. We have also recently deployed our newest capability, Route Clearance, a few more times, and we are continuing to refine this way of ensuring first responders are able to access blocked areas immediately after major storms and hurricane landfalls. As with seemingly everyone else, we are always looking for more ways to partner with other organizations in order to better help the communities we serve and to also provide training and engagement for our volunteer base.”
- [Disaster Case Management & Spiritual & Emotional Care, Wellness, Child Wellbeing - Huffman, nccumc.org](#)
- Reported on two upcoming webinars.
 1. Human Trafficking: Recognize, Report, Respond - Wednesday, January 18, 2023, from 1:00 PM ET - 2:00 PM ET
 2. Preparedness for People with Loss of Sight, Hearing or Combined Loss Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 12:30 – 1:30 ET
- Provided the Minutes from the January 3, 2023, meeting below.

NC VOAD Disaster Case Management Committee Meeting

January 4, 2022, at 10:30 AM

Meeting Notes

Call to Order: Ann Huffman

Attendance:

Ann Huffman, NCCUMC Robeson	Cassandra Campbell, ReNew
Alvaro Hernandez, Endeavors Webmaster	Larry Marks, NCVOAD
Daphne Moore, Volunteer NC Volunteer NC	Luz Sanabria-Reyes,
Chris Baker, FEMA Region IV	Krystal Lee, Peletah Ministry
Phil Triplett, NCEM	George Strunk, LTRG Committee
Kristy Kulbert, Craven LTRG Catholic Church	Daniel Altenau, NC Raleigh Diocese
Sandy Porcaro, Brunswick LTRG Army	Anita Cline, The Salvation

Ann Huffman convened meeting at 10:30 AM.

Larry Marks: Wake IDRT has been reviewing FEMA classes during meetings.

Discussion: What will be presented at the Jan. 20 Lunch & Learn?

Luz: FEMA side will present their deliveries to survivors.

Brenda Morris will present the process for DCM providers to use the state application to enter the DCM procurement process.

Larry Marks: Will how the DCMP provider and LTRGs communicate with each other be included in the webinar?

Luz: will convey the request.

Daniel Altenau: Will information about the DCM platform technology be included?

Luz: Nothing re: the platform will be included. This will likely be a topic for a future webinar.

Chris Baker: Region IV has been supporting Ian response in FL.

Interested in how the DCM platform in NC will work.

Getting information from SC re: grants and CDBG monies and will forward to NC VOAD.

Will the platform be free to users?

Carlotta: Moore County DSS response.

Current SNAP recipients' December benefits were replaced.

Recipients in the certification process will have the application process extended.

Completed on December 21, 2022.

D-SNAP was not authorized. Federal declaration did not extend to IA (Individual Assistance).

LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) has received additional funding through the Infrastructure Bill & an NC Congressional Budget increase.

Joseph Green, Director of the NC Area Agencies on Aging, has passed away. He will be awarded the AAA Director's Award.

Luz: Where is NC VOAD with respect to NCCARE360?

Daniel: Now we should focus on using NCCARE360 for disaster referrals.

Ann: will contact Heather Black about meeting with DCM Committee on Jan. 18.

Action items: NCCare360 presentation for all NCVOAD.

Time/Date of next meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 10:30 AM

Adjournment at 10:59 AM.

- [DEI Committee – VP Rev. Roland Whitley](#)
- Reverend Whitley reported that the DEI Committee had reached out to underserved communities to present NC VOAD to the people across Eastern North Carolina and plans were to continue and expand the outreach.

- [Donations Committee - Luz.sanabria-reyes@nc.gov](#)

Donation Committee report.

The big announcement we have at this moment is that with the help of Duke Energy Foundation, we were able to extend the NL contract. NCVOAD, in partnership with VolunteerNC, will be able to continue offering free access and usage of the platform for the next three years. This will help us determine if we need to keep the platform active, which is why we would like to encourage current users to help us increase donations exchange activities, and for those not yet registered, we encourage you to do so. NCVOAD and VolunteerNC plan on using NL as the primary platform for exchanging goods and services for future disasters, and we want to ensure you are all registered and know how to use the site. At this moment, the site is available in English and Spanish. However, NL has informed us that they can add other languages relatively quickly. So, let us know in advance if your organization requires access to the site in another language.

VolunteerNC is planning to host two NeedsList trainings per year. The first training for this year will be on March 23rd at 1:00 PM. More information about the training will be sent next month. Please contact, Luz Sanabria-Reyes with any questions about NeedsList. Luz.sanabria-reyes@nc.gov

Governor's Office Updates

The VolunteerNC “Learning Together” Disaster series will begin this month. Our first presenters are Brenda Morris from NCEM Individual Assistance and Tammy Brown, FEMA’s Community Service Specialist. Brenda and Tammy will be presenting on FEMA’s Disaster Case Management Grant. Link for the presentation https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsduqhrDsQGuhVo4DHDSMT22KYcMcS_QM

The first VolunteerNC 2023 Lunch and Learn Webinar Presentation is scheduled for today, January 10th at 1:00 pm. This presentation will cover information about the Governor's Volunteer Awards including an overview, nomination procedures, County Award Coordinators and more. If you need assistance with registering, please contact Daphne Moore, Volunteerism Manager at daphne.moore@nc.gov link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdOuoqz8iHJ9VYOA7RAJfml801XRUkqQ>

The Governor's Award Program, we would like to remind everyone that Nomination forms and county award coordinator information for the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Awards are available on our website. Nominations are due by February 15th. For those who are not familiar with the GV awards, the program recognizes individuals and groups that make significant contributions through volunteerism in their community. Here is a link to the webpage, and we hope you can join the lunch and learn today to learn more about the awards. <https://www.nc.gov/working/volunteer-opportunities/governors-volunteer-awards>.

- [LTRG – George Shrunk](#)
- Working with groups across eastern north Carolina on ways to keep them relevant and active during “blue skies”. C Emergency Management Human Services Partners
- Human Services holds monthly virtual training meetings so that their partners can learn which services each agency provides. Other state agencies and voluntary agencies attend. These may include representatives from other departments (Dept. of Health and Human Services, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Dept of Agriculture, etc. as well as voluntary organizations including American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Baptists on Mission, and NC VOAD.
- For the November meeting, they would like several NC VOAD partners to each present a short 10-minute overview of their role in disaster response and recovery, with the audience being the rest of the NCEM Human Services SERT Partners.
- Have been working with Matthew Brague to identify NC VOAD member agencies and I have invited nine of them to join the November meeting and make brief presentations to the communication committee. For more information email
- [Webmaster Report for NCVOAD – Larry Marks](#)

SERT Report to NC VOAD Annual Meeting
January 10, 2023

The SERT team reports a quiet year. We have participated regular NC VOAD exercises. Larry also furnished the following report:

[Wake Interfaith Disaster Team Report to NC VOAD Annual Meeting](#)
January 10, 2003

Wake Interfaith Disaster Team continues to meet and train in the absence of a disaster. This past year we covered all the aspects of an LTRG during recovery including Crisis Cleanup, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Construction Management, Long-Term Recovery Workflow, Unmet Needs Committee, Case Management Best Practices, Volunteer Management, Outreach: When Intake

Slows to a Crawl, Donations Management, Disaster Case Management, and a Tabletop exercise covering the first weeks after a disaster.

2023 started off with a review of the services supported by FEMA Individual Assistance.

Wake Interfaith Disaster Team continues its long-standing practice of delivering a seminar on “Preparing an Emergency Operations Plan for Your House of Worship” on request by any House of Worship. Note that without such a plan and regular drills, congregants will do dangerous things in an emergency.

[Rev. Nell Herring](#) - representing Presbyterian Disaster Assistance shared that PDA continues to engage in long-term response in NC, KY, FL, and PR. PDA tends to engage in work related to volunteer management and emotional/spiritual care. Please contact nell.herring@pcusa.org with any questions or collaboration opportunities.

- Daniel.Altenu@ccharitiesdor.org
Reported that Catholic Charities are completing homes from Hurricane Florence.
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- [Pittman, Rebecca](mailto:rebecca.pittman@redcross.org) <rebecca.pittman@redcross.org>
- The American Red Cross is kicking off their Intermediate financial assistance program, called Bridge, in Florida following Hurricane Ian. This is important for us in North Carolina because this program has become a standard part of our Recovery program for medium to large scale disasters. In previous responses, this program was not standard and only offered in certain situations. With this change to our standard programs, we are able to consistently put more money in the hands of our clients after a disaster.
- As always, the winter months are busy for our Red Cross volunteers because it is our busy season for single family and multi-family house fires and other disasters. This program, provides care, comfort, and financial support to individuals immediately following those every day disasters. The ask we have for our VOAD partners is that as you are working within your communities, that you help ensure people know about this support because we can only provide this assistance when we are asked.
- We are preparing for a busy spring season working with our National Sound the Alarm campaign which focuses on installing smoke alarms in homes that have no working smoke alarms. This is a great way to work together with other VOAD partners to connect with vulnerable communities and ensure that people living within those communities have access to our preparedness services and free smoke alarm installations. While we are installing these alarms, we also take the time to educate individuals on other preparedness messages like hurricane or flood safety and how to develop a home fire safety plan.
- Lastly, across our two Red Cross regions in North Carolina we have our two Preparedness & Partnerships Managers (Adrian Mines & Melissa Hartzell) that you'll begin seeing more often at VOAD meetings and on these calls. They both work to ensure that we have strong local partnerships within their regions and can be valuable members of this team. Melissa supports the Eastern North Carolina Region and can be reached at melissa.hartzell@redcross.org and Adrian supports

the western half of the state in the Greater Carolinas Region and can be reached at
Adrian.mines@redcross.org

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM
Respectfully Submitted,
Robert O. Moore, Secretary
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