

**North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association
Program Development Committee**

The Committee met on February 19, 2007 at Embassy Suites , Concord, NC.
Present were: Hayden McKenzie, North State; Jeff Shipp, Star; Tracy Sternberg, Embarq (conference call); John Wicker, Lexcom Telephone (via Conference call); Tom Brady, CIENA; Jim Humphrey, Tyco Electronics Power; Hal Carnes, CBW; Tommy Nelson, Power and Telephone;; Board Liaison Charles Pickelsimer, Citizens (via conference call); NCTIA President Carole Woodward; NCTIA staff Rebecca Wyhof (via conference call). Absent: Herb Long, Ellerbe, Chair; Richard Royal, Nortel Networks; Ann Simpkins, FairPoint ;Board Liaison Stan Pace, Verizon;..

The meeting was called to order. Appreciation was expressed to Ellerbe Telephone for hosting lunch. Committee members received a tour of the Embassy Suites, a newly opened property.

Review January 29, 2007 Minutes - NCTIA President Carole Woodward reviewed the previous minutes and committee action items as well as outstanding items.

2007 Annual Golf Championship - Proposals were discussed: Bill Craigle checked and Prestonwood is not available, Jim Humphrey reported Washington Duke is booked October 15 and 29, but is open October 22, Tracy Sternberg reported on Rock Barn in Hickory which is available on October 15. Tom Jackson course is \$50 and Robert Trent Jones course is \$60 per person. The Holiday Inn Express is 3 miles away and we could get a block of 30 rooms there. After discussion, Jeff Shipp moved to hold the Golf Tournament at Rock Barn in Hickory on Monday, October 15 at the Robert Trent Jones Course. The group will research Washington Duke for 2008. The Board will be consulted regarding the Board Retreat followed closely by the Golf Tournament prior to Carole executing a contract for the event.

2007 Annual Convention Contract- Three proposed sites 2007 Annual Convention were discussed:

Pinehurst - is now available August 19-21 \$140

Herb Long spoke with Grove Park Inn and they are willing to allow a shotgun start for golf tournament - August 19-21 room rate is \$189

Embassy Suites Concord - Sept. 9-11 \$129

Following much discussion Jim Humphrey moved 2007 Annual Convention be held at Pinehurst Aug. 19-21, 2007 and at Grove Park Inn in August 17-19, 2008 (contract to be completed next meeting including golf rate and negotiated room rate) and also begin the site selection process for 2009. Charles Pickelsimer seconded the motion that carried.

The 76th Annual Convention Draft Program and Theme was discussed at length

Theme: telephone and security, steeple chase, fox hunting

Legislative / Regulatory Jim Kerr, Jim Fain, Bryan Beatty

Technology - General Bud Kiernan Ft Bragg technology incubator project

Competition - Nido Quebin (Hayden to negotiate a rate)

Chairman's Awards Luncheon Keynote- General Hugh Shelton with Erskine Bowles as backup

Registration Materials - A target "Save the date" correspondence will be sent soon.

Future Committee Meetings: March 26 in Sanford, April 23 Rock Barn, May 14 Nags Head, June 25 in Pinehurst.