

Photo caption - Joe Foster (Verizon), outgoing President passes the gavel to incoming President (2005) Steve Parrott (Sprint) at the December Board Meeting.

NCTIA 2005 President Steve Parrott (Sprint) outlined his vision for the association in 2005 at the Committee Orientation and at the Board of Directors Meeting.

North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association 2005 VISION:

- NCTIA Members will continue to adhere to NCTIA's Code of Ethics, always treating fellow "competitors" with respect and professionalism.
- Continue to build on NCTIA's presence as one of the premier trade organizations in North Carolina
- Strengthen NCTIA relationships with key stakeholders (legislators, regulators, community leaders, other non-profits)
- Educate key stakeholders regarding industry economic impact to State
- Ensure NCTIA is providing "value-added" services to member companies
- Strengthen NCTIA financial position (increase revenues/control expenses)
- Ensure staff resources are adequate to support NCTIA program of work
- Market the NCTIA brand (increased visibility)
- Increase member company participation in programmed events (e.g., target 200 registered attendees at 2005 Annual Meeting in Pinehurst)
- Relocate or remodel NCTIA office space to provide better visibility and a professional environment to host meetings and key stakeholder visits
- Strengthen partnership with Central Carolina Community College and NC School of Telecommunications