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**Quarterly Meeting
Remote Attendance
May 21, 2021**

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome – NCFMA President Adam Cloninger

Invocation- NCFMA Chaplain Thomas Bender

Minutes of January 28, 2021 General Membership Meeting and Special Budget Meeting- Secretary Brittany Hocutt

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Geoff Woolard

Old Business

New Business

Report - **Office of State Fire Marshal**

Report - Building Code Council

Opportunity to discuss written reports submitted from Boards:

Certified Fire Investigator- Banks Wallace

Certification Board- Alex Collazo

COCO – Ashley Riggins

Fire Rescue Commission – Paul Padgett

Qualification- Thomas Bender

Opportunity to discuss written reports submitted from Committees:

Scholarship - Kile Davis

Education – Tony Smart

Legislative – Jason Shepherd

Technology - Shandy Padgett

Code Revision – Colin Trimming

Fire Investigations – Eric Wiseman/Virgil O'Neil

Report – NCFMA Board of Directors



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Quarterly Meeting General Membership On-Line January 28, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Adam Cloninger	Colin Triming	Shandy Pargett
Eric Wiseman	Mike Teague	Steve Berry
Adam Stanley	Jay Morris	Steve Kovacs
Amy Flieg	Randy Frazier	T. Suddarth
Brian Kelly	Richard Blaine	Taylor Menster
Brian Taylor	Ricky Leonard	Ted Panagiotopolis
Charlie Johnson	RM Flowers	TJ Patton
Geoff Woolard	Robert Boyd	Thomas Raper
Jason Shepherd	Robert Carmon	Travis Johnson
Jerry Cashwell	Ronnie Hayes	Vinny Sferrazza
Taylor Marsh	Roy Ross	Wayne Strickland
Tim Henshaw	Ryan Parker	Wesley Graham
Wayne Hamilton	Scott Routh	Adam Ryerson
Banks Wallace	Scott Merritt	Andrew Bridges
Anthony Crowder	Ashley Fletcher	Brittany Hocutt
Andrew Bennett	Bill States	Billy Judson
Bobby Stephens	Brandon Chamey	Brandon McGhee
Braxton Tanner	Brittany Garcia	Bryan Phillips
Bryant Beddard	Buddy Walters	Chadwick O Allen
Chris Bisette	Danny Hill	David Lancaster
David Sharp	Doug Steele	Eric Babcock
Frank Meyer	George Gay	Grady Starnes
Henry Watson	Joe Killen	John Fanning
Josh Queen	Justin McLaurin	Keith Aube
Kevin Lowther	Kevin Starnes	Kevin Tipton
George Lutz	Mark Johnson	Bill Marshall
Matthew Barwick	Matthew Bixler	Daniel McKenzie
Michael Townsend	Mike Chorney	

Minutes

Meeting called to order by NCFMA President Adam Cloninger at 1330.

Welcome by NCFMA President Adam Cloninger.

Invocation by NCFMA Chaplin Thomas Bender.

Kelly Ransdell from NFPA gave the membership a summary of activities and projects that are forthcoming from NFPA.

- Standards for cannabis extraction facilities
- 128TH Anniversary of NFPA. Virtual trainings will be offered throughout the year.
- Winter fire campaign
- Wildfire prep day grant. Applications will close on February 21ST
- Food Truck fact sheet has been updated
- Warehouse fact sheet has been updated

Minutes of the November 09, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was offered by Thomas Raper to accept the minutes. A second was provided by Brian Kelly. The motion was approved.

Treasure report was presented by NCFMA Treasurer Geoff Wollard. Geoff also discussed he would be preparing a budget for the Association in the next few weeks. A motion to accept the report was provided by Matthew Barwick, second by Richard Blaine and the motion was approved.

OSFM Report- Brian Taylor

- OSFM staff still teleworking with some staff in the office
- New Covid registry has been rolled out. March 1ST is a cancer registry. Both are designed to provide a dashboard to paint a picture of issues across the state
- Fire alarm grants will be closing the last day of the month
- Adding an additional investigator for Western NC (I77 west to state Line)
- Senate Bill 5 regarding regulations for fire suppression companies which would require licensing. Supported by OSFM and requested by the industry
- State Construction looking to establish a permit and inspection program
- Asking for money to enhance the incident reporting software
- Working on additional funding for training facility

NC Building Code Council – Wayne Hamilton

- Next meeting of BCC will be March 9TH. Committee meetings will be on March 8th
- Frankie Meads passed away. He served on the BCC as a county government representative. His vacancy has not been filled. Several positions are up for reappointment or new members.
- The BCC is forming adhoc committees for 2024 code cycle. Building and fire code to be reviewed concurrently.
- Jason Shepherd will be presented for consideration as the Fire Service representative on the BCC when Wayne Hamilton's seat is vacated at the end of his term.
- Council agenda rewrite of section 510. Need good representation from the fire service.
- Valet trash came before the BCC. The proposed emergency rule did not meet the requirements of the General Statue. Valet trash will be enforced as is. An alternate method may be utilized if a jurisdiction deems the issue does not meet the requirements as currently in effect.

CFI – Banks Wallace

See report

Fire Rescue Commission- Paul Padgett

NO Report / No Meetings

Qualification Board –Tom Bender

See report

Scholarship Committee – Kile Davis

See report

Education Committee –Tony Smart

See report

Legislative Report – Jason Shepherd

See report

Technology – Shandy Padgett

See report

Code Revision – Colin Triming

See Report

Fire Investigations Committee – Adam Stanley

See report

Audit Committee – Geoff Wollard

See report

New Business

NCFMA President Adam Cloninger discussed NCFMA merchandise would be forthcoming. Eric Wiseman will be working with vendors to offer merchandise on the website.

Meeting schedules for 2021 are being confirmed and the information will be posted on the website.

NCFMA President Adam Cloninger discussed the website and the tools available for members.

The NCFMA Board voted to make a donation to the burn center in the name of BT Fowler for \$100.00. A donation for \$300.00 has been made to the scholarship fund for Dan Austin's three children.

Jerry Cashwell discussed the tuition payments that had been prepaid for the 2020 spring continuing education classes that were canceled due to the pandemic. The Board is working to credit or reimburse members.

Motion to adjourn by Colin Triming with a second from Thomas Raper.

Meeting adjourned at 1446.

Respectfully,
J. Cashwell
Secretary



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Special Budget Meeting On-Line March 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE

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Amy fliegF
Brittany Hocutt
Adam Stanley
Geoff Woolard
Jason Shepard
Taylor Marsh
Tim Henshaw
Brian Kelly
Tony Smart
Eric Wiseman
Brian Kelly

Minutes

0905- come to order

Introduction

Budget Update

Most all money has come in already for the year

Budget group- concerned about scholarships

Also concerned with strategy performance/wild apricot- transition away from

Scholarships would be funded by savings- no other money coming in

Online payment system- currently have 3- 2 being used

Affini pay could be used- used paypal for the name familiarity

Already been billed over \$3000 this year already for fees etc.

Affini pay has the same security/protection as the others

Can keep paypal for back up but affini would offer to streamline some processes

Can check with SC IAAI and other agencies to see if they are having issues with Affini- suggested research and then come back at later date.

Suggested contact Geoff for any problems/questions for the new website- can use strategy for emergency back up

Motion made

Motion Second

Motion carried

Want to get con-ed back in the fall- wants to keep from refunding money- refund the money to get a "clean slate"

Some members are still with remote training with some are back to in person training

Adam Stanley- able to run classes locally in person just for information

Suggested that we use the budget as a guide and formally begin using it next year.

Gifts- paid out this year

Refer to Banks Wallace for policy for gifts/flowers

Refer to historical expenses/revenues for a good foundation

excel document and explained to group

Motion to fund 6000 worth of scholarships- how to feel best served

The amounts of scholarships could be changed or moved based upon board approval-

Motion second

Motion carried

Comments- explain to membership that participation is crucial for workshops- had to get into savings to fund scholarships for this year. Suggest short video- be transparent. Volunteers to help put together- suggest President to present to membership.

Suggestion to keep the 3 original and scratch the member scholarship- all approved

Need to advertise for American red cross- smoke alarms and home fires. Virtual town hall- about their processes.

All approves- President to send out

Motion to adopt budget

Motion Second

Motion carried

Memo on date for in person classes?

There is no definite date- too many questions possibly.... Add snip to video from education committee suggested- send to President

Randy frazier- wife passed away recently- keep thoughts and prayers

Merchandising for stuff added to the website- add to private side, not public side of website.

Motion to adjourn

Second

Adjourned at 1003

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Financial Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Items for Board Discussion/Consideration

May 21, 2021

The following internal Treasurer's Report is for consideration by the Board of Directors relative to the General Membership Report, Audit Committee Findings, and future proposals.

Cash Asset Summary as of May 14, 2021

Checking Account	\$ 4,074.87
Savings Account	53,017.85
CD	<u>2,555.30</u>
Total Cash Assets	\$59,648.02

Bank statements are available on the NCFMA One Drive.

Tax Preparation

Tax preparation is being performed by Eli Robles. Mr. Robles has provided this service previously to NCFMA.

Budget

Current Running Budget Google Sheet -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w99jAVhEXFTSuJPF09s-K2nuSeXaUUZI56AAuO34Jdc/edit?usp=sharing>

Expenses to Date: \$3,589.29

Revenue to Date: \$2,130.00

Net Income to Date: - **\$1,459.29**

Payment Systems

Prior discussion on payment systems used by NCFMA. The current payment system used is PayPal. This service has a monthly cost of \$30 for an annual expense of \$360.

Wild Apricot, the new association management application (membership, events, etc) has a built-in payment system that would result in no monthly fee. Currently, NCFMA pays an annual service fee of \$345.60 for NOT using the built-in payment system.

The current arrangement results in expenses of \$705.60 solely for service fees.

Other organizations polled using Wild Apricot included SC Chapter IAAI, NC Chapter IAAI, Tennessee Fire Safety Inspectors Association (TFSIA), and Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson (TACA). These organizations all reported using the built-in payment processing system of Wild Apricot with no significant issues. One item discovered by TFSIA and TACA was the inability to refund a credit card charge directly back to the original method of payment. A check was required for any refund activity.

The Board may wish to consider a transition to using the Wild Apricot system to streamline the payment process and avoid the \$700 additional expenses incurred. Impacts from increased Wild Apricot subscription fees (described below) would increase these expenses to \$770 in 2022.

Wild Apricot Pricing Changes

Wild Apricot is implementing a change to the pricing structure of their tiered levels effective June 15, 2021. NCFMA's subscription will not be impacted until renewal June 2022 as our plan just renewed May 2021.

NCFMA current subscription is **\$2,073.60** per year (before the payment system service fee). The new subscription fee will be **\$2,462.40**. This is an increase of \$388.80 per year. The payment system service fee will increase from \$345.60 to \$410.40 per year.

This price change for NCFMA will be effective with renewal on May 11, 2022.

The additional cost is described by Wild Apricot as "increasing prices so we can further improve your overall experience with Wild Apricot." Some of the improvements are listed here: <https://roadmap.prodpad.com/4f1519e4-8b25-11eb-b247-0abbec7104a5>

Highlights include: Job Board (manage job postings and track candidates); integrate with learning content or certification programs to track progress and CE credits; ability with learning content to restrict access to membership levels; update administrator dashboard; simplify administrator access and membership process.

Audit Committee Findings, Update

Per the Audit Committee's findings, an update on the recommendations:

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3. DONE - Receipts, invoices, and supporting documentation. Beginning early 2020 and currently being done.

4. IN PROGRESS – Develop a formal budgeting process. An outline budget was prepared and reviewed by the Board in the first quarter of 2021. Review and revision is on-going.
5. DEFERRED – NCFMA By-Laws Article VII(E) to be updated relative to payment types used by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Woolard, Treasurer

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 21, 2021

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Board Reports

☐ Certified Fire Investigator
☐ COCO
☒ Code Qualification

☐ Certification Board
☐ Fire Rescue Commission

On April 6, 2021, a special meeting of the NC Code Officials Qualification Board ("Board") was held via WebEx teleconference. The Board discussed and adopted Temporary Rule 11 NCAC 08 .0735, Temporary Certificates and Temporary Rule 11 NCAC 08 .0736, Special CE (Continuing Education). Mr. Mike Hejduk, OSFM, presented information on the Request For Proposal ("RFP") for a new contract to administer exams for the Board. PSI Services, LLC was the only respondent. As there were concerns regarding remote testing and exam prep courses needing further research and discussion, Chairman Thunberg directed Mr. Hejduk and Mr. Rob Roegner, OSFM, to perform further review and make recommendations to the Board. Chairman Thunberg offered to make a committee available on this matter. The creation of an Investigation Review Committee was discussed. The committee would function much like the NC Home Inspector Licensure Board ("NCHILB") which processes complaint investigations and has proved to be efficient in the past. Mr. Roegner stated that typically the committee makes a recommendation and if there are any questions the investigator would be present to answer them. Mr. Jeff Griffin, Chairman Education & Research Committee, will get a recommendation from a Sub-committee on this item and staff will include it on the next regular Board meeting agenda.

On April 27, 2021, a meeting of the Qualification & Evaluation Committee was held prior to the regular meeting of the Board to held at 1:00PM via WebEx teleconference. Per directive of the Board the Committee meeting was conducted to discuss the renewal of the PSI contract. The current contract has an option to renew it for a period of one (1) year. The new contract would be for a period of five (5) years. Items discussed included Remote Proctoring, changing of test items which can be conducted by OSFM, complaint rates which are low, and the prosed cost of future exam services. The proposed fees would be \$65.00 for the exam prep course & practice exams and \$135.00 for standard exams. As a quorum was not attained by the committee, the members present for the meeting will present a recommendation to the Board that the Board move forward with a new contractual five (5) year agreement for services.

On April 27, 2021, the NC Code Officials Qualification Board met via WebEx teleconference.

Mr. Matthew David Boswell received his fifth level III certification. The total number of code enforcement officials who have ever achieved this level of certification is 296. The number of active code enforcement officials who have five level III certificates is 186.

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The Qualification & Evaluation Committee presented a report from the committee meeting held earlier today “recommending” that a five (5) year contract with PSI be entered into. After discussion, the Board voted in favor of entering into a five (5) year contract with PSI for site administration of testing at this point only.

Residential Changeout Inspector Update

State exam test item development completion deadline is April 30. Staff plans to administer 150 question State exams in May and June, remotely proctored to those students who completed the EOC and meet requirements of **Board Rule 11 NCAC 08 .0734(d)(1)**.

d) Residential Changeout Inspector. A standard certificate, residential changeout inspector, shall be issued to any applicant who possesses a probationary residential changeout inspection certificate pursuant to Rule 11 NCAC 08 .0602, complies with Paragraph (c) of this Rule, and one of the following education and experience qualifications:

(1) **possess any level standard certificate as an electrical inspector, mechanical inspector, or plumbing inspector; or**

(2) all the following:

(A) at least six months of conducting residential changeout inspections with a probationary residential changeout inspection certificate; and

(B) completion and submission of an inspection performance log as administered by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire Marshal.

For transitioning the course to the Community College, the pre-class orientation materials will be available via the Supplemental tab to anyone who has a CEO ID LOGIN. Staff is currently revising the orientation materials so that upon completion of the self-study portion the student will have a Certificate of Completion that can be provided to the instructor or school registrar.

Temporary Rules Update:

The Rules Review Commission (RRC) approved temporary rules .735 and .736. Staff has worked with IT to get the system changes made for extending the temporary certificates [.735] and for calculating CE for those that have taken CS 4424 (160D)[.736].

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Investigation Review Committee (IRC)

Staff requested the Board consider creating a special committee under existing bylaws with the name of Investigation Review Committee (IRC). The stated purpose of the committee is to review investigations by staff, of complaints filed against code officials, and make recommendations to the Board for the disposition of these complaints. Jeff Griffin was asked to consider this request and make a recommendation to the Board. Griffin asked Michael Crotts to serve along with Mr. Griffin so that there would be a code official present in the event one of them needed to recuse themselves because a conflict of interest involved in a complaint case. The composition of the IRC:

Jeff Griffin (County Code Official)

Mike Crotts (City Code Official)

James Steel (Electrical Contractor)

Rob Roegner (DOI)

Tom Felling would serve as counsel to the Committee.

The Program Manager position posting has closed, and OSFM is awaiting the outcome. Tom Cooney's vacant investigator position has been posted and OSFM is in the process of conducting interviews to fill it. Staff is in the process of transitioning back to in office work.

EXAMINATION SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2020

The Board offers 15 different exams, one for each Trade and Level. Exams are administered by PSI Services LLC. An exam fee of \$125 is paid by CEOs directly to the vendor. Each exam contains 150 multiple choice questions and a 3 ½ hour time limit. Exams are open book. Examinees use their own code books but are not allowed to bring in any supplemental materials. Candidates who fail the exam may schedule an exam review at no cost within 30 days of examination.

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Exam Taken Counts between 01/01/2021 and 03/31/2021

Exam Taken

Area/Level	Number Taking	Number Passing	% Passing	High Score	Low Score	Average Score
Building Inspector I	45	14	31.11	84.00	40.00	64.16
Building Inspector II	19	13	68.42	89.00	51.00	72.26
Building Inspector III	17	10	58.82	89.00	59.00	73.59
Electrical Inspector I	41	13	31.71	81.00	39.00	62.78
Electrical Inspector II	30	19	63.33	81.00	61.00	71.03
Electrical Inspector III	8	7	87.50	85.00	63.00	75.88
Fire Inspector I	57	24	42.11	97.00	50.00	67.65
Fire Inspector II	26	14	53.85	85.00	57.00	70.46
Fire Inspector III	21	20	95.24	89.00	69.00	80.52
Mechanical Inspector I	24	17	70.83	83.00	59.00	73.83
Mechanical Inspector II	17	14	82.35	87.00	61.00	76.59
Mechanical Inspector III	13	13	100.00	93.00	70.00	80.69
Plumbing Inspector I	21	17	80.95	93.00	63.00	77.81
Plumbing Inspector II	11	11	100.00	94.00	76.00	84.27
Plumbing Inspector III	10	10	100.00	93.00	77.00	86.20

Exam Taken Totals

Total Taking	Total Passing	Total % Passing
360	216	60

Exam Challenges (1/1/2021 - 3/31/2021)			
Trade/Level	# of Reviews	# Items Challenged	# Scores Changed
Building I	3	12	0
Building III	1	2	0
Electrical I	5	38	1
Electrical II	1	5	1

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Fire I	5	40	1
Fire II	2	9	1
Mechanical I	1	8	0
Totals	18	114	4

NCCCS Performance Measures Annual Report

On April 13 NCDOT staff met informally with NCCCS staff* to review FY2019-2020 Performance Measures Annual Report on State Exams. (*Karen Tikkanen, Ashley Sieman, Joshua Douglas). The analysis provided success rates for first time test takers by trade but not by level. NCDOT staff requested further analysis prepared for the Board meeting by Level and to extend to reflect the effects of COVID-19 from March 2020 through March 2021. Additional exam data for FY2020-2021 through March 31 was provided.

NCDOT RFP # 12-001164 NC Code Officials Qualification Board Certification Exam Administration and Course Development

The Special Board meeting held April 6 included discussion of the sole proposal received. The Board directed staff to research several questions and make a detailed presentation to one or more committees.

Applications Processed

January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

Staff processes three types of applications each day. An applicant can apply for a maximum of 5 trades per application. Below is the total number of applications processed during the last quarter.

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Certificates Earned This Quarter

Active Certificates between 01/01/2021 and 03/31/2021

Active Trades	All Levels	Probationary	Standard	Limited	Total
Building	I II III	118	65	-	261
Electrical	I II III	100	72	-	230
Fire	I II III	198	125	-	414
Mechanical	I II III	106	75	-	229
Plumbing	I II III	106	65	-	208
Residential Changeout	I II III	10	-	-	10

Active Certificate Totals between 01/01/2021 and 03/31/2021

Totals	All Levels	Probationary	Standard	Limited	Total
Totals	I II III	638	402	-	1352

Active Certificates

The table below identifies the number of currently active certificates in all trades as of April 20, 2021.

Active Trades	All Levels	Probationary Certificates	Standard Certificates	Limited Certificates	Total
Building	I, II, & III	592	1,165	4	1,761
Electrical	I, II, & III	509	940	1	1,450
Mechanical	I, II, & III	512	1,088	3	1,603

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Plumbing	I, II, & III	478	1,135	3	1,616
Fire	I, II, & III	907	2,359	9	3,275
Residential Changeout		14	0	0	14
Totals		3,012	6,687	20	9,719

Temporary Certificates

Some code officials will have an active Probationary certificate and an active Temporary certificate. The purpose of this certificate is to allow code officials time to take required courses and exams that are not available currently due to COVID-19.

637 Temporary Certificates still active will expire **December 12, 2021**. 354 of those were issued this month expiring January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021. 86 Temporary Certificate holders achieved their Standard Certificates during this time. This certificate is not renewable or extendable. No application was needed for this action.

Expired Probationary Certificates

Notices of expiration are sent to each inspector and his or her City or County Manager.

156 probationary certificates expired this quarter without the CEO completing all requirements for a standard certificate.

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Expired Probationary Licenses from 01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021

Trade	Levels	Total
Building	I II III	26
Electrical	I II III	23
Fire Protection	I II III	67
Mechanical	I II III	18
Plumbing	I II III	22
Residential Changeout	I II III	0
TOTAL		156

PRE-QUALIFICATION **APPLICANTS MEETING THE STANDARD CERTIFICATION**

REQUIREMENTS: 10

Ms. Beth Williams continues to oversee the RCI course and continues to work directly with SMEs, administrators, key stakeholders, and leadership team to ensure rollout of State Exam and final course revisions. 10 probationary Residential Changeout Inspector Standard Certificates have been issued.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Status Periods:	10/1/20 - 12/31/20
Courses Submitted Denied	19
Courses Approved	21
Course Rosters Submitted	86
New Con. Ed. Sponsors Approved	4

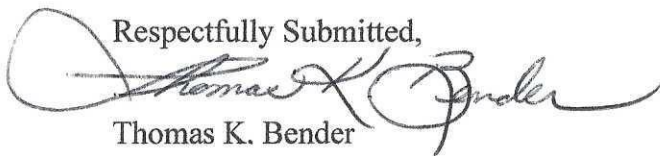
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New Con. Ed. Instructors Approved	1
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Currently standard certificates 5294 out of 6,650 have met CE requirements for 2021 (80%)

STANDARD EDUCATION COURSES			
Trade	Course Count	Total # Students (avr. class) (Q)	Total # Students (Total) (Q)
Law and Admin	7		
Building	24	4	101
Electrical	31	3	88
Fire	29	9	247
Mechanical	19	3	52
Plumbing	21	3	50
Total Courses Held	131		
Courses Canceled	14		
Standard Courses Scheduled	90		
Standard Course Grades Pending	4		

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas K. Bender

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Committee Reports

☐ Scholarship	☐ Education	☒ Legislative
☐ Technology	☐ Code revision	☐ Fire Investigations
☐ Nominating	☐ Audit	☐ By-Law

This is the latest distribution from the NCSFA. The bills highlighted in **bold** have passed in their respective chamber and crossed over.

NC Bills

Here are the North Carolina Bills of interest affecting the fire service that the NCSFA/NCAFC'S legislative committee will be following at this point.

[H 0013](#) **Priority** Robert Davis Provides Search and Rescue Funds For Regional Teams to DPS

1/28/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0025](#) **Monitor** James Clampitt Impaired Driving Law Revisions

2/1/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0036](#) **Support** Kelly Hastings Provides penalties for shooting into or pointing a laser at emergency vehicles

3/29/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0048](#) **Monitor** Harry Warren Allows EMS personnel trained to do so to carry weapons during SWAT or similar law enforcement actions if the are embedded in the team.

3/11/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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[H 0052](#) Support George Cleveland Similar to SB 4 and provides for equal treatment of government retirees on tax exemptions.

2/4/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, State Personnel, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0075](#) Monitor George Cleveland Gov't Retirees Tax Deduction

2/15/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, State Personnel, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0110](#) Monitor Bobby Hanig Increase Building Permit Exemption Threshold

3/25/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0119](#) Monitor John Bradford Property Tax Relief for COVID Affected Bus

2/23/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0134](#) Monitor Jeffrey McNeely Second Amendment Protection Act. Allows guns on school property when used as a church.

3/15/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0198](#) Monitor Jeffrey McNeely Allows certain exceptions to open burning law restrictions, and changes overtime pay requirements for forestry personnel on wildland fires.

4/26/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0203](#) Monitor John Faircloth Extends deadline for certification of Telecommunicators

3/31/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0213](#) Support Patricia Hurley Allows use of electronic devices with GPS such as phones to be used in search situations.

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5/12/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0255](#) Monitor Charles Graham Funds/New Pembroke Ladder Fire Truck

3/11/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0291](#) Oppose Jeff Zenger Commercial Prop. Plan Rev./DOI Oversight

5/11/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0315](#) Monitor Allen McNeill **Makes various changes to the Arson laws, including adding NCDOT to investigations and prohibits fire departments from allowing new members volunteer or career with a criminal history of arson or unlawful burning, and requires background checks.**

4/26/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0342](#) Monitor Deb Butler This bill requires new residential construction in one and two story single family dwellings to include an electrical circuit for vehicle charging. to

3/23/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0355](#) Support Robert Davis **Requires all fire departments and FM offices to report and AFFF Foams in stock, and that need to be disposed of, and any uses during the year. The OFSM shall coordinate this reporting**

5/10/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0356](#) Monitor Destin Hall Includes Speaker Appointment to the 911 Board representing the fire service.

3/31/2021 - Ch. SL 2021-6

[H 0366](#) Monitor Lawrence Yarborough Regulatory Reform Act of 2021

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4/22/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0404](#) Monitor Walter Zachary **Modifies immunity for 911 dispatchers.**

5/6/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0432](#) Support Kelly Hastings **NC Assoc. of Fire Chiefs Special Reg. Plate**

3/30/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0448](#) Support Larry Potts **Auth. Use of Blue Lights on Fire Apparatus**

5/10/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0492](#) Support Donna White **WC/Psych. Trauma-Related Injuries**

5/10/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0501](#) Support Mary Harrison **PFAS Manufacture/Use/Sale Ban**

4/12/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0502](#) Support Mary Harrison **PFAS Contamination Mitigation Measures**

4/12/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0503](#) Support Mary Harrison **PFAS Studies**

4/12/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0535](#) Priority Destin Hall **Firefighters Fighting Cancer Act of 2021**

4/27/2021 - House - Re-ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0575](#) Support Keith Kidwell **Volunteer Rescue Worker Tax Credit**

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4/19/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0614](#) **Monitor** Jonathan Hardister Lemon Law for Emergency Vehicles

4/21/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0652](#) **Oppose** John Szoka NC Consumer Fireworks Safety Act

4/26/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Insurance, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0661](#) **Support** Timothy Moffitt CC Fire Training/15 Yrs Old

5/6/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0666](#) **Support** Ray Pickett Up Volunteer Firefighters' Retirement Benefit

5/4/2021 - House - Re-ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0694](#) **Monitor** Jeffrey McNeely First Responders/Health Care POAs Required

5/12/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[H 0705](#) **Monitor** Terence Everitt Set \$15 Minimum Wage for First Responders

4/28/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0714](#) **Monitor** Linda Cooper-Suggs Volunteer EMS Providers/Grant Program

4/29/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0741](#) **Monitor** James Boles Line of Duty Death Benefits for 911 Operators

5/12/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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[H 0807](#) Priority Destin Hall

Uniformed Heroes Voting Act

5/6/2021 - House - Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0846](#) Monitor Jason Saine

25-Year Retirement for First Responders

5/5/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Pensions and Retirement, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[H 0944](#) Monitor Jason Saine

Firefighter & RSW Sep. Allowance & Trust Fund

5/12/2021 - House - Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

[S 0004](#) Support Jim Burgin

Provides equal tax benefits for State and Local Government Employees

1/28/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[S 0005](#) Monitor Jim Burgin

Licensing Certain Fire Safety Equip. Work

1/28/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[S 0020](#) Support Jim Burgin

Hands Free NC

1/28/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[S 0030](#) Monitor Todd Johnson

Adds rescue and EMS to reduced Lifetime Hunting Licenses.

2/2/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

[S 0040](#) Oppose Vickie Sawyer

Increases the use of consumer fireworks and moves the age for purchase from 16 to 18.

2/2/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

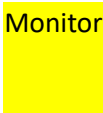
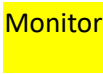
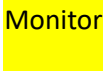
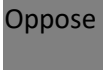
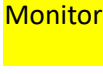
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- [S 0062](#) **Support** Warren Daniel Creates a Fellow program in the Community College System, creates a tax property exemption for volunteer firefighters, and increases the Fire and Rescue Pension
2/9/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0102](#) **Monitor** Warren Daniel REACT/Plates/Siren
2/17/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0134](#) **Monitor** Jim Perry Similar to HB 48 allowing EMS personnel to carry weapons on Law Enforcement support calls.
2/24/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0238](#) **Monitor** Todd Johnson Life & Property Protection Act
3/11/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0273](#) **Monitor** Natasha Marcus Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System Act
5/13/2021 - Senate - Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0290](#) **Monitor** Danny Britt Fire Depts/Prohibit Certain Crimes
3/15/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0308](#) **Monitor** Todd Johnson Prohibits charging an additional inspection fees if a new code violations are found in folow-up inspections.
4/8/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- [S 0320](#) **Monitor** Wiley Nickel Increases unemployment insurance the the length of time.
3/18/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

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- [S 0327](#)  **Support** Michael Lee Requires all fire departments and FM offices to report and AFFF Foams in stock, and that need to be disposed of, and any uses during the year. The OFSM shall coordinate this reporting
3/23/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0329](#)  **Monitor** Steve Jarvis **Eliminate architectural seal requirements for certain commercial buildings and agricultural buildings.**
5/10/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- [S 0374](#)  **Support** Steve Jarvis Auth. Use of Blue Lights on Fire Apparatus
5/13/2021 - Senate - Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0430](#)  **Monitor** Kirk deViere Regional Fire Training Center Funds
4/7/2021 - Senate - Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0440](#)  **Monitor** Donald Davis Nonprofit Fundraising Sales Tax Exemption
4/1/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0465](#)  **Oppose** Todd Johnson **Trash Collection/Multifamily Residential**
5/6/2021 - House - Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
- [S 0472](#)  **Support** Todd Johnson Expand Occup. Cancer Benefits/Firefighters
4/5/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0478](#)  **Monitor** Steve Jarvis 2021 Building Code and Dev. Reg. Reform
4/5/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
- [S 0652](#)  **Monitor** Kirk deViere Expand Fire Grant Fund

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4/7/2021 - Senate - Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate

S 0683 Monitor Jim Perry

Prehospital Stroke Protocols/EMS Personnel

4/8/2021 - Senate - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

The following additional bills have been tracked by our association.

S349 Increase Housing Opportunities

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S349>

HB911 Regulatory Reform Bill 911

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H911>

H804 DOA/DOI Auth. Clair. State Owned Buildings

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H804>

H783 Create Building Code Tech Permit Certifications

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H783>

Chapter 160D Corrections

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H829>

SB5 License Certain Fire Safety Equipment Work

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S5>

HB 48 (SB134) Conceal Carry Emergency Medical Personnel <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/h48>

HB 36 Protect Those Who Protect

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/h36>

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SB40 /H652 NC Consumer Firework Safety Act **OPPOSE**

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S40>

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H652>

SB131 Mobile Beauty Salons

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S131>

HB110 Increase Building Permit Exemption Threshold

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H110>

Charlotte Firefighter's Retirement

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S273>

Justice for Rural Citizens (ETJ Bill)

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H456>

Temporary Event Venues

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H477>

Captive Insurance Amendments

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S347>

Electrical Contracting Licensure Mods.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S372>

Local Gov't Autonomy/Bldg. Stds.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S428>

Local Government/Impact Fees Authorized

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S437>

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Carbon Monoxide Detectors/School Bldgs.

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S450>

Trash Collection/Multifamily Residential

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S465>

Arson Law Revisions

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S454>

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H315>

Emergency Management Reform Act

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S481>

NC Farm Act of 2021

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S605>

Expand Fire Grant Fund

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S652>

Prohibit PPE That Exceeds Law

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H572>

Protect NC Citizens from Radon

<https://ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/S696>

NC School Safety Act

<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2021/Bills/House/PDF/H657v0.pdf>

Private Commercial Inspection System

<https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookup/2021/H865>

NCFMA OPPOSES HB291

Respectfully Submitted,



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☐ Scholarship	☒ Education	☐ Legislative
☐ Technology	☐ Code revision	☐ Fire Investigations
☐ Nominating	☐ Audit	☐ By-Law

The NCFMA Educational Committee met virtually on April 20, 2021. Committee minutes are found below within this report.

The committee is working toward scheduling the postponed face-to-face continuing education on Flammable Liquids/Repair Garages in Fall 2021 working with the same venues as last year, either in the months of October or November, in Conover, Charlotte, Chatham Co., and Morehead City. More to be announced on this later, to include dates, as the State's restrictions are lifting as of last week. Stay tuned.

Virtual offerings of continuing education classes are still being discussed and formulated as well, as we are trying to give the membership every opportunity to gain their continuing education in a manner that is best for them. More to come regarding this platform.

We received feedback from an online survey that totaled 71 members, and of those received, it was nearly a 50/50 split regarding travel restrictions by local governmental units. Hopefully, these numbers will continue to improve for more face-to-face offerings, as the majority of those responding preferred the classroom setting for classes overall. (60%)

The third quarter meeting of the Educational Committee will tentatively be held on July 20, 2021 at 0900 virtually via "Go to Meeting". More information will be forthcoming regarding classes and our efforts to offer quality education to the membership.

(The second quarter meeting minutes are reflected below)

2nd Quarter Meeting NCFMA Educational Committee 04/20/2021 0900 hrs.

The meeting was called to order by T. Smart, Education Committee Chair at 0905 hrs. virtually, via Go to Meeting platform. Welcome & Appreciation for participation was conveyed to all by Chair.

Those in attendance: Eric Wiseman, Charles Eldridge, Shandy Padgett, Kimberly Dorsey, Charlie Johnson, Tony Smart, Billy Judson, & Amy Flieg. (*Please forgive any omissions or additions.)

Charlie Johnson gave an update on the Educational Continuing Education Status and the OSFM update for the group. Six Con Ed Hours have been assigned by QBoard for the online 160D

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Class. Class is now MANDATORY and must be completed by all Code Enforcement Officials by June 30, 2021. Other educational offerings were discussed that are in the process of development and scheduling, and more information will be forthcoming.

A discussion was held by those attending involving the in-person attendance by local governmental entities and any relaxation of travel. Most governmental units have given some degree of latitude regarding in person classes, and some are still limiting this option. The virtual platform to use for continuing education classes was discussed, as well as the type of delivery via virtual delivery. It was felt that the classroom involvement of students was going to be approved at some point soon, as there are some in person classes being held now, both continuing education, as well as Standard Level Classes. Due to the ongoing travel restrictions by some local governmental units, it was felt that a blend of virtual and classroom delivery was still a viable option at this point, until restrictions can be lifted further. It was also felt by the members attending that reduced COVID cases will result in more opportunities for face-to-face learning.

The discussion turned to the delivery of the Flammable Liquid/Repair Garage Con Ed Class that has been on hold for the past 12 months, and the possibility of taking preliminary steps to schedule these classes for in-person delivery in October/November 2021 for the previously scheduled locations of Conover, Chatham Co., Charlotte, and Morehead City. Contact(s) will be made to tentatively gain approval from the previously scheduled venues, for these classes to be held. Advertisement for these classes will start once restrictions are lifted by the Governor. The fees are slated to be the same for these classes to subsidize the scholarship fund for the Association as it stands now.

A survey is to be conducted online to assess the travel restrictions by governmental units at the present time, as well as any restrictions that are imposed by those that have "relaxed" their travel policies, if any. Topics for future consideration for classes to be assessed as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 hours, with the next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2021 virtually, via "Go to Meeting".

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Smart, Chair
Education Committee
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****ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES****

With 71 online responses given, 51% of those respondents are allowed in person attendance with 49% still having no travel being allowed for in person classes. Of those responding allowing in person attendance, the present mask/social distancing restrictions were mandated to be followed. 60% preferred the in class setting for education, 22% preferred hybrid, and 17% preferred virtually only. 80% had completed the 160D Class. Multiple topics were suggested for continuing education, with Emergency Radio Responder Coverage, Sprinkler/Fire Alarm Systems, and Plan Review topics being reflected as the majority.