

# SPECIAL EDITION

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# Groundbreaking News

## 2008 Board Member Election

At the end of each year, ballots are sent out for the election of Board Members for the upcoming terms. This special edition of *Groundbreaking News* has been done to provide information about each candidate. Biographies of each person running for a Board seat are printed, in no particular order, throughout the newsletter. Voting proxies have been mailed to the membership of The North Carolina One-Call Center. The election results will be announced at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board Meeting to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina on January 18, 2008.

### Matt Jordan, PE (Class I Candidate)

Mr. Jordan has been employed by the City of Gastonia for the past 21 years and is currently the Director of Public Works/Utilities which includes water distribution and wastewater collection, streets/storm drainage, traffic operations cemetery/landscape, facility maintenance, the water treatment facility, wastewater treatment facilities and customer service.

Mr. Jordan was the 1998 President of the NC Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA). He continues to be active in APWA and is also active in the North Carolina Chapter of the American Water Works Association. He received his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Architectural Drafting from Pitt Community College and Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology from UNC-Charlotte.

Mr. Jordan has been married for 24 years and has two children, ages 19 and 16. He is seeking re-election to the North Carolina One-Call's Board.

### Ronald Horne (Class I Candidate)

Mr. Horne is Manager for Sprint in North Carolina and South Carolina. He has been with Sprint, since 1972, working in Network, outside plant, radio and fiber communications. In his present position with Sprint, he is the Manager of outside plant and transmission work forces in North Carolina and South Carolina. Prior to this position he was the Fiber Outside Plant Engineer and Supervisor. He has a Degree in Mechanical Engineering and has 37 years of Telecommunications experience.

Mr. Horne has shown his dedication to One-Call by being involved in North Carolina One-Call and local UCC's for the last 30 years in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Mr. Horne is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call's Board for his second term.

## **Jeff Hedrick (Class I Candidate)**

Jeff Hedrick completed a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Appalachian State University in 1988 with a Double Major in Marketing and Management. He later completed a Masters of Business Administration from Pfeiffer University in 1998.

Jeff began his career with Piedmont Natural Gas in Hickory, NC in July of 1988 where he worked Residential Sales. In 1990 he was promoted to New Construction Sales in Salisbury, NC. In 1993 he was promoted to Food Service Specialist in Greenville, SC. In 1996 he moved back to Hickory to work the Commercial Sales Market. In 1999 he was promoted to District Manager in Lincolnton, NC. In 2003 Piedmont acquired North Carolina Natural Gas and Jeff was promoted to District Manger in Fayetteville, NC. In 2005 he was promoted to District Manager in Greensboro, NC. In the Spring of 2006 Piedmont Natural Gas began a reorganization process, and in June of 2006 Jeff was promoted to Regional Executive for the Northern Region that includes responsibilities for Greensboro, High Point, Burlington, and Reidsville.

Throughout Jeff's 18 year career with Piedmont he has been involved in many civic, trade, and charity associations. Some of the organizations he has been involved with are Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Associations, Rotary, United Way and Coaching for Youth Associations. Currently in Greensboro he is on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross, Communities In Schools, Greensboro Merchants Association and is a member of Greensboro Rotary. He is also volunteering as a coach in the Oak Ridge Youth Association. Jeff has been married for 16 years and has two Children, Taylor (13) and Dane (10).

Jeff has served on the NC One Call Board of Directors since April of 2006 and is a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and the Legislative Committee. Mr. Hedrick is seeking re-election to the Board of the NC One Call.

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## **David Hanks (Class I Candidate)**

Mr. Hanks has over 25 years of government and private experience at the federal (Dept of Defense, US Air Force and Defense Logistics Agency), municipal and private sector levels. Mr. Hanks is currently the Director of the Water Resources Department for the City of Asheville. He is responsible for the daily operations of the water department, including over 1800 miles of transmission lines, 53,000 customer base, 3 water production facilities; water maintenance- including repair of water mains, service lines, meter maintenance, asphalt and concrete repair, internal construction projects, valves and hydrants, meter reading, GIS, GPS, line locating, engineering, conservation and water administration functions. Mr. Hanks received a Masters of Public Administration from Troy State Univ., Bachelors of Art-Criminology from Saint Leo University.

Mr. Hanks is married with two sons and two grandchildren. His hobbies include computers, basketball and reading.

Mr. Hanks is seeking re-election to the North Carolina One-Call's Board for the third time.

## **Jeff Bartley (Class I Candidate)**

Mr. Bartley is currently Damage Prevention Manager with Time Warner Cable in Raleigh, NC. He is responsible for Damage Prevention in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Bartley has been employed with Time Warner Cable since 1988 and has been in the cable industry for thirty-five years. He has worked in Installation, Design, Construction, and Security in the Cable Television Industry.

Jeff lives in Mebane with his wife of twenty-eight years, and has three children.

Mr. Bartley is currently completing an unexpired term and is seeking election to the Board of North Carolina One-Call.

## Michael Urquhart (Class I Candidate)

Mr. Urquhart is the Area Manager for Windstream Communications and is responsible for wire-line telephone, broadband, and digital TV operations for the Central District which includes the communities of Charlotte, Matthews, Marshville and the Wadesboro areas. Michael manages and supports outside plant installation and maintenance, central office installation and maintenance, engineering and construction, and business enterprise customers.

He began his career in 1979 with Windstream as a field service technician in Ohio and worked his way through the organization holding a variety of positions managing teams in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. During these assignments, he managed teams in Engineering, Customer Service, Call Center, and Field Operations.

Michael has an Associates Degree in Business Administration from Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. He also is an active member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association being a licensed football and baseball official.

He has been married to his wife Cathleen for 25 years and they reside in Matthews, North Carolina and have an adult son and daughter.

Mike has served on the NC One-Call Board of Directors since 2006 completing an unexpired term. Mr. Urquhart is seeking election to the Board of North Carolina One-Call.

## Jimmy Allen (Class II Candidate)

Mr. Allen is currently Manager, Fayetteville District Operations Center with South River Electric Membership Corporation whose Headquarters office is located in Dunn, North Carolina. Jimmy has been employed with South River Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) for 15 years and has been in the electric utility industry for 33 years. Working mostly in the engineering and operations fields and damage control has always been a part of his responsibilities. Mr. Allen is an active member and past Chairman of the Harnett County Utility Coordination Committee. He also represents South River EMC on the Cumberland County Utility Coordination Committee.

Jimmy is active in his community. He has served on the Harnett County Board of Public Health for 10 years where he held the office of Chairman of the Board and worked on several different committees. He also serves in his church as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher as well as on many different committees. His past involvement has included The Lion's Club, Kiwanis, and The Coats Hunting and Fishing Club. Mr. Allen and his wife Diane have three children and three beautiful grandchildren with one on the way.

Mr. Allen is a past member of the North Carolina One Call Board of Directors. He was a very active member and served on the Policy Committee. Jimmy would love to have the opportunity to serve on this very important Board once again and is seeking election to the Board of North Carolina One-Call.

## Barry Morgan (Class II Candidate)

Mr. Morgan is the Outside Plant Manager for Randolph Telephone. In this position, he is responsible for all construction, engineering, CAD system and contractors. He has been with the company for 29 years. He began his career at Randolph Telephone on the construction crew then he moved into installation and repair and is now in management. He has completed many courses in AutoCAD, noise mitigation, bonding and grounding practices. He is a member of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers.

Mr. Morgan is currently on the NCOCC Long Range Planning Committee. In the past, he has served as chairman of the Engineering & Plant committee of the NCTIA.

He has been a Relay for Life Co-Captain for the company for the past five years. He is a member of Union Grove Baptist Church. Barry and his wife, Ruby, live in Seagrove. They have been married for 34 years and have one grown daughter, Stephanie.

Mr. Morgan is seeking election to the Board of North Carolina One-Call for the first time.

## Garey Edwards (Class II Candidate)

Mr. Edwards has worked for the City of High Point since 2005 as the Electric Utilities Director. He is currently responsible for the administrative work overseeing the design, installation, operation, maintenance and repair of the City's electrical system. Mr. Edwards is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

Prior to his employment with the City of High Point, Mr. Edwards worked for 21 years with the City of Albemarle as Public Utilities Director and City Engineer. He has also worked as a Project Engineer for SEI Consulting Engineers.

He is a member of the APPA, ASCE, AWWA and WEF. He also serves on two Committees for Electricities of North Carolina, Safety/Training, and Operations Standards. He is a past chairman of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems. Mr. Edwards is a Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina.

Garey is a member of Friendship United Methodist Church along with his wife Crystal and two sons. He is seeking election to the Board of North Carolina One-Call for the first time.

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