

Election Time Once Again

The time for election/re-election for certain seats on the Board of Directors of North Carolina One-Call is approaching. This year there are five seats available and nine candidates are vying for them. This is a good thing. First the interest in safety and damage prevention, while already important, is becoming more so and drawing significantly more attention and involvement.

The Board is in the middle of a planned transition to a balanced stakeholder represented board of directors. The January 2011 election will complete the transition. As I say this at various meetings, I am invariably asked “what does that mean?” My response is to explain the vision of the board, which was to create a governance board that is made up of representatives from the various constituent groups such as facility owner/operators, contractors, municipal and other governmental representatives, locate contractors and design engineers and to transition from the board make-up at the time of approving this change over a three year time frame. This



change would establish a board with persons knowledgeable in their own industry and would assure that viewpoints of the various types of stakeholders would be considered. They could communicate the actions and decisions of the board to their constituent group with credible knowledge of those actions and decisions.

In October 2008, the board voted to have a governing board made of twenty one (21) members and to

have two additional “at-large” seats available for discretionary use. Specifically, there are six (6) seats that are for the five (5) facility owner/operators that receive the large volume of locate notifications during a specific 12 month period and for the one (1) municipal that receives the largest volume of notifications during the same time frame. These six seats are considered “automatic” seats and are not subject to the elec-

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toral process. The automatic seats are one year terms.

In January 2009, a board position for a representative of a telephone membership corporation, an excavation contractor, a road builder, a design engineer and a representative from the liquid pipeline or natural gas transmission company were placed on a ballot and presented to the membership for election to a three year term. In January 2010, a representative from a natural gas company, an investor owned power company, a locate contractor, a water sewer authority and a plumbing/irrigation contractor will be presented to the membership for election to a three year term. And to complete the transition, in January 2011, a representative of a telecommunications company, a municipal that provides power or gas service, an electric membership corporation, a representative from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and a representative from the North Carolina League of Municipalities will be elected for a three year term.

Some of the identified seats had a representative on the board at the time of the decision to create this type of governing board. Those board members' seats were extended to the date for the transition of that stakeholder seat, at which time they are given the opportunity to seek re-election for that seat's three year term, along with any other valid candidate in that category that may wish to seek the seat via the electoral process.

The candidates elected in 2009 for a three year term were Lyman

Horne, Star Telephone Membership Corporation for the Telephone Membership Corporation seat; Justus Everett, ABE Utilities for the Excavation Contractor seat; Mike Shinn, McKim and Creed for the Design Engineering seat; and Tom West, Colonial Pipeline for the Liquid Pipeline or Natural Gas Transmission seat. The seat for the Road Builder is currently vacant.

The candidates for the 2010 seats are Marc Worth, Public Service NC Energy for the Natural Gas Company seat; Jennifer Kingsley, Dominion and Patrick Foster, Progress En-



ergy for the Investor Owned Power Company seat; Chris Russ, Central Locating Service and James McCarter, Damage Prevention Specialists and Victor Overaitis, Utiliquest for the Locate Contractor seat; Glenn McFadden, Harnett Public Utilities and Roger Watson, Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County for the Water Sewer Authority seat; and Chris Hunt of Carolinas Irrigation Association for the Plumbing/Irrigation Contractor seat. These are for three year terms.

The five stakeholder seats that will open up in January 2011 are now being held by nine people. With the transition to the balanced stakeholder board, these individuals, along

with any other valid candidates, will be given the opportunity to seek election/re-election for the individual respective stakeholder seat for which he/she is eligible; these seats are for three year terms. Currently, the following stakeholder seats are being held by: the Telecommunications Company seat is held by Rick Gould, Qwest Communications; Stan Pace, Verizon; and Mike Urquhart, Windstream; the Municipal providing power or gas is held by Rusty Bost, City of Gastonia; Garey Edwards, City of High Point; and Roger Jones, Greenville Utilities; the Electric Membership Corporation seat is held by Jimmy Allen, South River EMC; the North Carolina Department of Transportation is represented by David West; the North Carolina League of Municipalities is represented by Charles Pittman.

So, how does one become a candidate for one of these seats? First, you must be an owner/operator or an employee of one of the constituent groups that make up the governing board and the company must be a member of the North Carolina One-Call Center. Other minimum requirements include (a) experience with underground damage prevention for at least a year; (b) being a mid-level manager or higher in his/her company; (c) a letter of support from the CEO, COO, City Manager, General Manager, etc. and (d) have some experience serving on various committees in his/her community.

If you are interested in membership or becoming a candidate for a board seat, please contact George Glenn, Executive Director of North Carolina One Call at 336-855-5760.

WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY

Fred “Roger” Watson, P.E. - Mr. Watson is a Project Engineer / Project Manager for the Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County (MSD) in Asheville, NC, where he has been employed since August 1999. Formerly, he was the owner and CEO of Watson Engineering Services in Gastonia, NC (1983-1999), City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Gastonia (1969-1983) and was an Assistant Resident Engineer with the NCDOT (1965-1969). He graduated from NC State University in June 1965 with a BS in Civil Engineering.

Mr. Watson has served on the Board of Directors of the NC Sedimentation and Erosion Control Commission for 10 Years and has been active in the Buncombe County Utility Coordinating Committee (BCUCC). Having served multiple terms as Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer of the BCUCC, he is very familiar with the functions and operations of NC One-Call. He is a member of ASTM and WEFTEC and has formerly been a member of ASCE, APWA, NCHBA, NHBA, and numerous other Professional and Business Associations. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in the State of NC.

Mr. Watson and his wife (the former Ruth R. Hunt of Raleigh, NC) currently live in Clyde, NC, a small town just outside of Asheville, NC. Roger and Ruth have 1 son (deceased) and 2 daughters (one living in Charlotte, NC and the other living in Hickory, NC).

Mr. Watson is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors for the first time.

Steven “Glenn” McFadden - Mr. McFadden has been employed for Harnett County Department of Public Utilities for 14 years. He is the Superintendent of Harnett County Department of Public Utilities. His duties include managing all Engineering, Construction, Maintenance, Locating and Mapping of distribution and collection facilities. He is a 1995 Graduate of East Carolina University and a 2006 Graduate of County Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. McFadden is active in his community serving as Past Distinguished Presidents for both the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. He is also a Board Member for the Lillington Area Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a Commissioner for the Town of Lillington and was elected Mayor of Lillington in 2005, a position he still currently holds. He is a member of the regional RTAC Board advising DOT of potential projects in our region.

Mr. McFadden is currently serving on the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors and is seeking re-election.

PLUMBING/IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR

Christopher W. “Chris” Hunt - Mr. Hunt has over 20 years experience in the agricultural and landscape industry. He is currently President of Hunt’s Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc., which grew out of his sole proprietor business of the same name in 1999. Mr. Hunt is responsible for business development, proposal and cost estimates, resource scheduling, budgeting and quality control for all services rendered to large commercial clients as well as individual homeowners. He manages 15-20 employees serving 8 counties surrounding the Raleigh area. As a certified irrigation contractor, Mr. Hunt is also proficient in all aspects of conventional landscape design, installation and maintenance. Mr. Hunt is currently serving as President of the Carolinas Irrigation Association. Mr. Hunt began his career at North Carolina State University Forestry Department, as a field and laboratory manager conducting various research experiments on tree genetics, after graduating there with degrees in Landscape Horticulture and Turf Grass Management. He owns and manages a pick your own strawberry farm adjacent to his residence. Mr. Hunt has been married for 20 years and has two sons ages 15 and 10. He is active in his local community, serving as Coach for boys’ football.

Mr. Hunt is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors.

NATURAL GAS COMPANY

Marc Worth, P.E. – Mr. Worth is the Manager of Construction and Maintenance for PSNC Energy’s Asheville and Gastonia regions. In addition to his managerial duties, Mr. Worth leads the company’s program to reduce third party damages and oversees compliance with natural gas distribution integrity management requirements. He is active in the Professional Engineers of North Carolina and has served in various local and State offices and has helped coordinate the local and state-level MATHCOUNTS competitions for the past 18 years. Prior to joining PSNC Energy in 1990, he worked for Oklahoma Natural Gas for 10 years in various field and staff engineering roles throughout Oklahoma. Mr. Worth is a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Engineering and has an MBA from Oklahoma City University. Marc and his wife reside in Asheville and their two children are both currently attending North Carolina State University as engineering students.

Mr. Worth is currently serving on the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors filling an unexpired term. He is seeking election to the Board for the first time.

POWER COMPANY

Jennifer C. Kingsley - Mrs. Kingsley graduated from George Macon University in 1992 with a degree in International Studies. She joined Dominion in 2001. She has worked in Design, Construction, Operations and Reliability. She spent three years in Safety and Training as an Instructor of Design and New Technology. Jennifer has been a part of Dominion’s Operations organization for the past year. Her recent responsibilities have included being the point of contact for local, Virginia, and North Carolina Emergency Management.

Mrs. Kingsley is currently serving on the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors filling an unexpired term. She is seeking election for the first time.

Patrick M. Foster, P.E. – Mr. Foster is currently the Underground Damage Prevention and Locates representative for Progress Energy in all three states that they serve, FL, NC, and SC. He has been employed with Progress Energy since 2005 and has almost 30 years in the electric utility industry. He also has experience in water and propane gas utilities. Patrick’s career has included being Chief Operating Officer of Gillette Electric Construction (an electric utility contractor) based in Decatur, Alabama; Division Manager of Florida Public Utilities on Amelia Island, Florida; Service Planning Supervisor of Florida Power and Light in Okeechobee, Florida; and an underwater pipeline diver for Foster Marine Contractors as a summer position. Mr. Foster received his Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida.

In his current position, Mr. Foster oversees the damage prevention program at Progress Energy including contract locating services exceeding 500,000 locate tickets annually. He is the Electric Co-Primary of the Best Practices Committee at the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) and sits on the Board of Directors of Sunshine One-Call of Florida as well as the Palmetto Utility Protection Service where he is currently First Vice President.

Patrick is an active resident of Daytona Beach Shores, FL where he is a private pilot, golfer, and enjoys traveling, snow skiing and stock car racing. He is currently engaged to Nancy J. Collins of Pasadena, California.

He has served on the North Carolina One-Call Board of Directors since 2006. He has also served on the Finance Committee, Long Range Planning Committee, and Legislative Committee. Mr. Foster is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call Center’s Board of Directors.

LOCATE CONTRACTOR

Victor Overaitis - Mr. Overaitis is currently the Manager of Operations for UtiliQuest North Carolina. Prior to accepting his current position, he traveled for UtiliQuest extensively throughout the United States serving in various capacities such as start-up projects, training and development, and other operational functions. He has been employed with UtiliQuest for six years and in the industry for nearly ten.

Prior to choosing a career in the damage prevention industry, Mr. Overaitis was self-employed for approximately twenty years in Northern Michigan as the sole owner and operator of an assisted senior living center; and before that, a partner in a design and build engineering firm which developed automated machinery for manufacturing plants. Prior to his self-employment period, he worked for nine years at the fifth largest restaurant in the United States as an assistant manager. He was partially responsible for daily operations of a 1,200 seat restaurant.

Currently Mr. Overaitis is a very active participant and promoter of damage prevention in NC. His operation has created a "Safe-Guard" team which is solely dedicated to damage prevention and direct contact with excavators in the field. Since its conception in July 2005, over 12,000 courtesy stops and 750 documented saves have occurred. In addition, he is active in promoting 811 through whatever means possible including annual golf outings and contractor appreciation functions.

Mr. Overaitis is the proud father of an eleven year old son; and a seventeen year old daughter graduating from high school this year! When he is not busy protecting cables, he enjoys golf, fishing and travel.

Mr. Overaitis is currently serving on the North Carolina One-Call Center's Board of Directors and is seeking election.

Chris Russ - Mr. Russ is a District Manager (DM) for the SouthEast Region of Central Locating Services. As DM, he is responsible for daily operations in Southeastern NC. He is also the sole contact for CLS with the North Carolina One-Call Center when it comes to any ticket or database issues.

Before assuming the DM Position at Central Locating Services, he was the TMS Manager responsible for Dispatch and managing the technology used to receive and dispatch locate tickets from multiple states. Previous to that, he held duties from Locator position to General Manager of Locate Operations. He has been in the locating industry since July of 1993. In these positions, he served on multiple UCC's throughout NC, SC, VA and LA. In NC, he has served as Chair of the Wake UCC, currently is the Chair of the Lower Cape Fear UCC and participates in many other UCC's. Chris has been attending NCOCC Board Meetings since 1997. He is familiar with the Members as well as the function of the Board.

Chris graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. Currently, Chris is a resident of Wilmington, NC; where he was born and raised. Mr. Russ is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call Center's Board of Directors.

James McCarter – Mr. McCarter is the President of Damage Prevention Specialists, Inc, of which he started in August 2003. They currently employ 48 people. Mr. McCarter believes in working closely with the One-Call Center to improve not only the industry in which he works, but also the other industries involved with damage prevention. It is his goal to lead by example to try and make an impact on damage prevention in the areas his company works in and around.

Mr. McCarter has been involved in damage prevention for many years. At the age of 14, he worked in the underground construction business with E & M Pipeline Inc, which installs natural gas lines. Mr. McCarter started out as a laborer and when he finished college he worked full time working his way up to Supervisor where he was in charge of 6 underground crews with as many as 35 employees. His duties included; making sure the crews got all materials needed, getting jobs done in a timely and efficient manner, calling the One-Call Center for locate requests, making sure the facilities were marked correctly, and making sure his crews did their best at working around all utilities.

Mr. McCarter is involved with the local UCC's in his contracted areas, by either his personal attendance or the attendance of his supervisors. The areas in NC in which they are involved include: Mecklenburg, Burke, Caldwell, Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly, Yadkin, Davie, Catawba, Lincoln, Cumberland, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties. Mr. McCarter currently has locators working in three states: North Carolina, South Carolina and Kentucky.

James has been married for 3 years and has a 2 year old daughter and an 8 month old daughter. Mr. McCarter is seeking election to the North Carolina One-Call Center's Board of Directors.

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