



NDA Board Meeting  
April 18, 2016  
Hard Rock Casino, Catoosa, Oklahoma

**In Attendance:**

Dennis Duty, Eric Hajek, Jim Howe, Rick Hutchings, Chuck Valenta, Matt Vass, Frank Villella, Mike Willey

**Conference**

Rob Caho, Dan Dunn, Larry Gibel

**Unable to attend:**

Jay Boland, Sam Connelly, Steve Parisano

**Chapter Presidents:** Todd Bromley

**Committee:** Butch Babcock, Brian Walker

**Guest**

Michael DiCindio, Acker Drill Co., Scott Cosby, SEDC

Mike Willey called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM, EST.

A motion was made by Jim Howe and seconded by Rob Caho to accept the December board minutes as accepted. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report**

Larry Gibel reported that everything looks good. He did have a concern regarding membership as the YTD total is \$56,000 which is \$7000 lower than last year. His other concern is that the promo and safety expense category (6300) is already at 12,000 and we budgeted for \$6000. Sheri advised the board that the increase was due to the fact that we had to re order Safety Labels after we received defective labels.

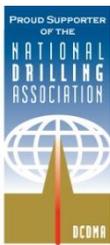
Mike asked Larry about the Baltimore SSI class where the venue was embarrassing to say the least. Sheri advised that they charged the NDA card but that we refuted it. **ACTION ITEM:** J&M will separate SSI income and expense.

The Columbus SSI ended up with a \$200 loss. It would be difficult to increase the registration fee as they are already paying over \$1000 for the class and NDA sends \$925 to NHI. The fee has gone up every year. It started at \$325 and is now \$925 pp. NDA is only involved with Maryland and Ohio.

**Admin report**

Sheri reported that membership is low as Larry mentioned and we currently have 195 members. We have had 7 new members since the last board meeting. **ACTION ITEM:** J&M will send a list of those who have not rejoined to the board.

Safety and training material sales have been slower the first quarter of 2016. *Drill Bits* is almost ready to the printer and revenue is down slightly from the fall 2015 issue. It is scheduled to be mailed in mid-May.



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Safety award applications are coming in but slowly, we have received 4 applications so far.

**ACTION ITEM:** J&M to check if Jim Howe's company has sent in a safety award application.

**ACTION ITEM:** Push exams, membership, *Drill Bits* advertising and product guide.

### Convention

Rick Hutching reported that they had a great committee meeting this afternoon. They discussed the 2016 convention. Currently we have 16 exhibitors; most sponsorships have been spoken for except for lunch, entertainment and a promo item. The committee discussed the days agenda and the presentations that were submitted. The committee has lined out most of the program and there will be 3 presentations, 3 workshops and end the day with a round table discussion like last year.

The committee is changing up the format that we have used in the past so as to freshen up the convention. We are incorporating suggestions that we received on the 2015 survey. The golf outing is pretty much lined out. We will have a shotgun at 9AM and everyone should be done by 2PM to allow time before president's dinner. In 2015 the golf outing had a surplus of about \$3300 after all expenses. We are keeping the registration fee the same as the last few years as well as keeping the tee sponsors the same. The committee is recommending that NDA purchase a combination of golf promotional items such as an NDA hat (with new logo) and another small item or two not to exceed 15 to 20. **ACTION ITEM:** J&M will price these items out.

Mike asked Todd to discuss his concerns about the member/nonmember rates for NDA events. An example Todd gave is that it will cost him \$915 to attend the convention when you add in his membership fees and the member rate to attend, yet a nonmember can attend at \$570.

After much discussion at looking at how many nonmembers attended last year (57 out of the 130 attendees) it was decided to increase the nonmember cost to 20% over member rate as well as allow a nonmember to attend one time and the next year they would need to join NDA or not attend.

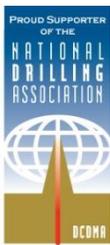
Jim made a motion that any nonmember who attends NDAs convention the following year they need to be a member. Motion was seconded by Rob Caho. Motion approved.

Jim Howe made a motion to increase the nonmember convention fee to \$500 and institute a one year rule on company attendance as a nonmember beginning in the 2016 year. This motion was withdrawn.

### Amended motion

Jim Howe made a motion to increase the nonmember convention fee (20% surcharge over the member fee) across the board, except golf, and institute a one-year rule on company attendance as a nonmember beginning in the year 2016.

The committee also discussed the location for the 2017 convention and the committee proposed a few locations. They feel we should stay in the core region as we have in the past few years. The committee is considering someplace in the Pocono area. This location will be easily accessible for the New England chapter so we can support them in their effort to grow and hopefully will bring other contractors in from upstate New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts as well as maintain a travel distance for the Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Buckeye chapters. **ACTION ITEM:** J&M to begin looking for venues in 2017. Michael



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DiCindio and Matt Vass from Acker Drill will provide J&M some suggestions as well as serve on the 2017 conference committee. **ACTION ITEM:** The conference committee will bring three options to Jubilee in June.

### **DCDMA**

Frank reported that the committee has been working on a booklet to help the driller be more educated in bits. He has put together a PowerPoint and feels this will be an ongoing critique as he already has more items to add. This document is being printed in a format that the driller could keep it in their glove box.

### **Safety**

Mike Wiley mentioned we are looking for a chair for the safety committee. Mike asked Dan Dunn how the second DVD was going. Dan reported that we have put a deposit down with a production company a few years ago. We need someone to review the script and Dan feels it is still a priority. Mike suggested we wait until we have a safety committee and have them discuss this and see if we should continue with the DVD productions.

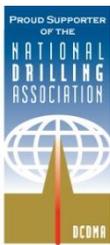
J&M advised the board that since January 2015 we have only received 7 new TST's and should have received 24. Becky has been past TST's. Also, we have not been able to find anyone to translate any more TST's. Dan has some ideas for new TST's and he encouraged anyone to submit their ideas to J&M and they can put them into the correct format.

**ACTION ITEM:** Scott Cosby suggested J&M contact Worldwide Drilling as all their magazines are in Spanish as well as English.

### **Training**

Larry reported that he reviewed the Methods and Procedures exam and he and Dennis feel that there are about 40 questions, multiple choice, and out of the forty 20 of them are very poorly written. Another 20 of them are strictly water well issues. Larry tried to research several of the questions but doesn't know if he has the expertise to answer the questions as they are written. Two thirds of the questions are water well and one third are Geotech. He doesn't see being able to get this back online any time soon. It will take 3 to 4 people a few hours to put this in a presentable form.

After much discussion it was decided to rename the exam to Geotech Methods and Procedures and remove the water well questions. **ACTION ITEM** The training committee will review the questions during the committee meeting at Jubilee in June. The Drillers Manual will also be reviewed by the training committee and will remove water well sections and rename the Drillers Manual to the Geotech Drillers Manuals.



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### **Membership**

Rob Caho doesn't have anything to report. The committee has not made any renewal calls. Mike reported that his chapter is looking at increasing membership which in turn will help NDA's numbers.

### **New England Chapter**

Mike reported the New England chapter held a breakfast meeting during the Massachusetts water well conference in March and Rob, Rick and Dennis attended and discussed with MariLou the status of the chapter. MariLou had contacted J&M to discuss how NDA can assist them in rejuvenating their chapter. The chapter held an officers meeting and will be holding a member meeting on May 25.

Mike also had a long very long conversation with MariLou discussing what other chapters are training on and how often they meet, etc. Mike will be attending the May 25 meeting. **ACTION ITEM** J&M will check on their paperwork.

### **Logo**

The proposed new logos were distributed in the board packet. The group reduced the new designs to three and will ask each person who designed the logo to add DCDMA to their design and they would have two weeks to resubmit. J&M will submit the designs to the board and we will hold a vote via email.

It was brought up that the board should consider not having the DCDMA remain in the new logo design. A motion was made by Jim Howe and seconded by Rick Hutchings to continue to use DCDMA in the NDA logo.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

### **Buckeye Chapter**

Todd reported the chapter is teamed up with the Buckeye DOT. They are offering hammer calibration at their upcoming meeting and so far have 6 drill rigs signed up. They will also be having outdoor demos, Dennis Duty will be demonstrating mixing and pumping grout and Rob Caho will be presenting on Drill Rig maintenance. There will be vendors there as well. Mobile Drill is bringing a rig as well as Geoprobe. As of today they have 40 registrations.

### **Florida**

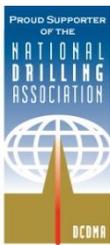
Rob reported that nothing is going on with the chapter right now as Jim Smith has been on the road quite a bit. Jim feels that he will be able to resume with the chapter soon.

### **Mid Atlantic**

Mike mentioned that they will be holding their training day on May 13, he doesn't have an agenda yet.

### **Tri state**

Eric told us that the chapter is putting together a first aid training. They held a meeting in March had and presented a small gift to Roger Eisler in honor of his retirement. Roger has been a longtime supporter of the National Drilling Association.



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**Promo item**

J&M included samples of promotional items in the board packet. J&M uses small items at the prize wheel during exhibits. After much discussion it was decided to order a small quantity of the iPhone credit card holders, Carabineers, and pens. And after we determine what the cost will be to reprint tablecloths, banners, stationary, business cards, drilling manuals, flash drives, hard hat decals for tests, etc. we will revisit promotional items.

**Exhibits and Exhibit Opportunities**

- Jubilee – Myrtle Beach – June 16-18, 2016
- NGWA – Las Vegas, December 6 to 8

**Board Meetings:**

- Jubilee – Myrtle Beach – June 15
- Convention – Pittsburgh PA – September 14, 2016
- December conference call