

North Carolina Chapter
Energy Service Coalition
July 7, 2009 Meeting Minutes

- I. Old Business
 - A. SB 304 Update: *NCSEA indicated that the House Finance Committee is likely to take a vote next week. The full House will vote later in July. NCSEA encouraged ESC members to contact House members to urge a yes vote*
 - B. New Chapter Officer Nominations
 - 1) Private Sector Co-Chair – *Ralph Thompson has indicated he is willing to run for private sector co chair – Ralph was elected on a voice vote*
 - 2) Treasurer – *Cindy Brewbaker has indicated she is willing to run for treasurer – Cindy was elected on a voice vote*
 - C. SEO Update
 - 1) Regional Workshops – *Len Hoey and others at the SEO have conducted nine (9) regional workshops across the state within the last thirty days. The intention has been to raise awareness of how to leverage ARRA funds via the SEO and the appropriate steps to prepare for ESPC and other energy efficiency opportunities. The workshops have been well-received by the participants.*
 - 2) Upcoming ESPC Opportunities
 - a) UNC-Charlotte
 - b) NC DOT
 - c) UNC- Pembroke *by 8/1/2009*
 - d) Fayetteville State University
 - e) NC State University Phase II
 - f) Appalachian State Phase II
 - g) UNC-Wilmington Phase II
 - h) UNC-Chapel Hill

3) SEP/ARRA Funds

SEO is working with the NC Dept. of Commerce and NC Dept. of Administration to finalize how the ARRA monies will be distributed. This autumn, low interest loans to local units of government (municipals, counties) for ESPC projects will be available. The loans would have the potential to extend the ESPC project up to 20% capped at \$1,000,000. This would become a revolving loan fund for ESPC administered by the SEO.

The NC State Constitution forbids one state agency from loaning funds to another state agency. Therefore, grants to cover the costs of third party engineers and other ESPC development costs are being considered.

D. NCSEA Update

HB 1389 (Municipal Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Financing) is before the House Finance Committee

Senate is moving to eliminate wind generation from Western NC

Renewable Energy Tax Credits need to stay in both House and Senate budgets

ESC Members thanked Ivan and his staff at NCSEA for all of their efforts in advancing SB 304 and other measures that benefit ESC and the citizens and taxpayers of NC.

NCSEA had 200 plus people attend their fundraiser in Charlotte in June 2009.

NCSEA will have their annual fundraiser and meeting in Charlotte on 10/8 and 10/9

E. NC Solar Center Update

No one from the NC Solar Center was able to attend the July meeting

II. New Business

A. Duke Energy Efficiency Programs

Len encouraged ESC members to make sure that ESC projects align with Duke program

B. Progress Energy Efficiency Programs

Jim Stevens, Supervisor of CI and Government EE Programs, shared that they have received 68 applications since program inception. However, none from any ESCOs – yet.

C. ESC Chapter Dues (Effective July 1st)

III. Upcoming NC Chapter Meetings

8/4/2009	McKimmon Center 1-2 PM
9/1/2009	McKimmon Center 1-2 PM
10/6/2009	McKimmon Center 1-2 PM