The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Monday, December 13, 2010, in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Keith J. Pierce, Vice Chairperson William B. Lilly, Randy B. Lee and Jesse G. Meeks. Also present: Executive Director Teresa L. Watson and John Jackson with The Yarborough Law Firm, P.A., Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Pierce inquired of each member if there were any known conflicts of interest or an appearance of conflicts with respect to any matters coming before the Board during this meeting and each member indicated there were none.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2010, were approved as recorded on motion by Member Meeks. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next, Investigator Southerland provided a case log update.

Director Watson then presented a request from the AANC for consideration for approval of a new CE Instructor and CE course. Following a review of the provided materials from the AANC, Member Meeks moved to approve the new CE Instructor, Ben B. Farrell, and the new CE course, “Adding Value to Your Services.” Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next, Ms. Watson presented a request from Arkadia Auction Company for consideration for approval of a new CE course. Following a review of the provided materials from Arkadia Auction Company, Member Meeks moved to approve the new CE course, “The Business of Being in Business.” Vice Chairperson Lilly seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board then reviewed the Requests for CE Proposals and the following motion was
made. Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to award the CE Proposal for the Eastern District to Arkadia Auction Company; to award the CE Proposal for the Middle District to Auctioneers Association of North Carolina; and, to award the CE Proposal for the Western District to Auctioneers Association of North Carolina. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried with Member Lee voting “nay” and Chairperson Pierce abstaining.

Next, the Board considered the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations and the following motion was made. Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to accept Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations 1 thru 10. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Member Lee did not participate in the discussions nor did he vote on these matters involving the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee. Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to accept Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendation 11. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Chairperson Pierce did not participate in the discussion nor did he vote on this matter involving the Probable Cause Subcommittee due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee.

Next, Director Watson provided the results of the December 2, 2010, auctioneer examination which were as follows: 14 examinees with 13 passing and one (1) failing. Concerning the review of apprentice auctioneer applicants and their sponsors’ written summary of their background and experience in the auction profession, Member Meeks moved to approve proposed sponsor, James D. Nelms, NCAL #2064, for apprentice licensee, Stanley C. Hahnel, NCAL #9144. Member Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Next, financial information concerning the individual month of November 2010 was reviewed by the Board.

At this time, a discussion was held regarding the Board’s presentation on Friday, January 14, 2011, at the 2011 AANC Winter Convention and the decision was reached to introduce the Board to
the AANC and hold a "question and answer" session to be led by Board Counsel Yarborough. Also at this time, Member Lee led a discussion on possible rule changes regarding Internet auctions.

Vice Chairperson Lilly moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18 to discuss attorney/client privilege. Member Meeks seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:50 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:55 a.m.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the next meeting as Friday, January 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Greensboro, North Carolina. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Watson
Executive Director