The North Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board met on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the Sheraton Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina, in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Auctioneers Association. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were: Chairperson Jesse G. Meeks, Vice Chairperson Keith J. Pierce, William B. Lilly and Jean W. Woolard. Also present: Executive Director Teresa L. Watson and Garris Neil Yarborough, Counsel to the Board.

Chairperson Meeks 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 June 14, 2010, were approved as recorded on motion by Member Lilly. Member Woolard seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Next, Director Watson provided a case log update.

At this time Board Counsel Yarborough gave instructions to the Board regarding their deliberations in the Final Agency Decision concerning Christopher Beshara, NCAL #7443. Following Mr. Yarborough’s instructions and Board deliberations, Member Lilly moved to hold imposition of judgment and defer the Board’s Final Agency Decision until the August 9, 2010, Board Meeting. Mr. Lilly further moved to authorize Board Counsel to contact Mr. Beshara with the following Consent Judgment offer: That Mr. Beshara’s auctioneer license, NCAL #7443, be suspended for a period of four (4) years; that upon the completion of the suspension, Mr. Beshara be required to attend a North Carolina accredited school of auctioneering; and, that upon the completion of the school of auctioneering, Mr. Beshara would be eligible to apply
for a license in North Carolina. Member Woolard seconded the motions which carried. Vice Chairperson Pierce did not participate in the discussion nor did he vote on this matter due to his participation on the Probable Cause Subcommittee.

The Board then considered the Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations and the following motion was made. **Member Woolard moved to accept Probable Cause Subcommittee Recommendations.** Vice Chairperson Pierce seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Member Lilly 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. Next, Director Watson provided the results of the July 1, 2010, auctioneer examination which were as follows: 12 examinees with 11 passing and one failing. Also at this time, Ms. Watson informed the Board that as of July 12, 2010, 2,272 licensees had renewed their 2010-2011 licenses.

Next, discussion was held concerning the consideration of the renewal of the Lawn Maintenance Contract. Following this discussion, **Vice Chairperson Pierce moved to renew the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Joseph B. Knight as presented for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011.** Member Woolard seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Then, financial information concerning the individual month of June 2010 was reviewed by the Board.

The election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the coming year was held at this time. **Chairperson Meeks moved to nominate Keith J. Pierce for the Chairperson’s position.** Member Lilly moved to nominate Jean W. Woolard for the Chairperson’s position. **Chairperson Meeks called for a vote with Member Woolard being elected Chairperson.** Next, **Chairperson Meeks moved to nominate Keith J. Pierce for the Vice Chairperson’s position.** Chairperson Meeks called for a vote with Vice Chairperson Pierce being elected Vice Chairperson.
At this time, Director Watson presented a “Thank You” note from Deidre B. Rogers, NCAL #4177, thanking the Board for their contribution to the NAA Convention for CE. **Member Lilly moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18 to discuss a legal issue.** **Vice Chairperson Pierce seconded the motion which carried.** The Board went into Closed Session at 9:25 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:30 a.m.

Following the review and approval of applications for licensing, the Board confirmed the next meeting as Monday, August 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fuquay-Varina office. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Watson
Executive Director