

LCERT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES- February 9, 2013
Wannamaker Park, North Charleston SC

VOTING- Voting was held from 11 am to 12:15 p.m. Lunch was also served starting at 11 through 2 p.m.

Tom Crosby opened the meeting at 12:15 and introduced Justin Kier and Howard Van Dyke from SCEMD in Columbia S.C.

Justin spoke briefly to the attendees and thanked the Low country chapter for hard work and diligence and said that the SCEMD is pleased at our success and thanked us for all we are doing.

NOVEMBER MINUTES: The minutes were passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

David Dawson presented the 2012 Annual Financial Report. The balance (December 31st) was \$8,747.17. David said our major expenses for 2012 included:

Go Daddy

Catering for last year's annual meeting

Radios purchased last year.

Biggest revenue for the chapter is from Trident United Way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jim Tarter spoke to the attendees and expressed thanks for our service and told us that we are now really Low county CERT with Berkeley and Dorchester Counties now actively represented.

Matthew McNamara from Dorchester County introduced himself and told us that Dorchester plans to be very active in LCERT.

Valarie White mentioned that a DART program will be starting soon. Check the website for more details.

ELECTIONS:

Danica Sancic presented the results of the election.

By-Laws Change: New wording: “ The Executive Committee Shall consist of the Chairperson, Assistant Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and ADVISORS.”

Advisors: “Each participating EM Organization with a CERT program shall appoint a representative to serve in an advisory role”.

1. Advisors shall have voice but no vote to this Board and its committees.
2. To act as an advisor to the Executive Board of the Organization and its committees.
3. To be the liaison person between the State and County Emergency Programs and the Organization; and
4. To maintain a database of CERT training, instructors and resources of any kind.

Vote: YES- 32 NO- 3

Treasurer: David Dawson - 33 votes

Assistant Chair- Kathy Harren- 15 votes (NEW ASST. CHAIR)
Adam Colley- 11 votes
Gene Alaura- 10 votes

CHILI COOK- OFF AWARDS

1st. Place- Paulette Harrison
2nd. Place- Gerri and Linn Greenwood
3rd. Place- TEENCERT (Harry Sosa)

TEEN CERT PROGRAM AWARDS:

Harry Sosa and Valarie White were recognized for a job well done in organizing the TEEN CERT Program.

Plaques were awarded to the following graduates of the program:

Hal Kroninger

Skyler Jennings

Jonathan Buncher

These are the first three charter members of the program. Congrats to all!

LCERT VOLUNTEER OF 2012

Harry Sosa received the award this year for his accomplishment in setting up the TEEN CERT program. Harry logged 88 continuing education hours and 406 volunteer hours totaling 494 hours.

Thanks to Harry for his great work and to all the volunteers who supported the chapter.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Cathy Smith Haynes was recognized with an award for her 10 year service to LCERT. She thanked everyone for their support in getting this organization underway. Thanks to Cathy!

NEXT MEETING- May 1, 2013 (Wednesday at 6 pm- Location TBD. (Tentative schedule, check the website).

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 by Tom Crosby.

Barbara Eggers- Secretary