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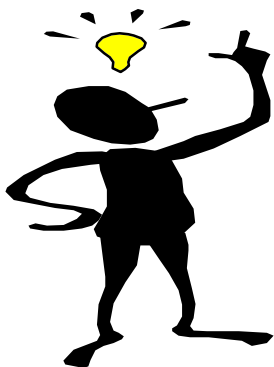
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Got an Idea??

Job Opening??

New Ordinance ??

New Enforcement Program ?

Unusual B.O.A. Case ???

Let Us Know.....

We can do an article in an upcoming newsletter and share it with fellow members.

Please contact the Newsletter Chair, Gary Ouellette by e-mail, gouellette@ci.jacksonville.nc.us or call (910) 938-5361.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRED FEATHERSTONE

I would like thank all of our members of the NCAZO that attended the mid winter conference in Rocky Mount. Phyllis Hicks and Geoffrey Pearson did an outstanding job as Chair and Co-Chair of this very successful workshop. Special thanks to past president Larry Odom for all his help, being the home town boy definitely enhanced the quality of our mid winter workshop.



At our post conference meeting all Board Members reviewed the evaluation sheets handed in by attendees. We were all pleased with the comments and will use your input to continue our efforts to improve future events. Your participation in filling out these evaluation sheets is highly important, please continue to let Board Members know your concerns and any suggestions that you may have.

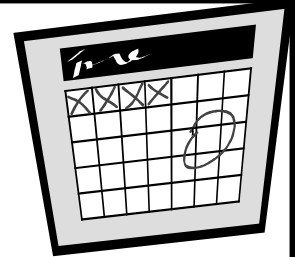
I am sad to announce that Board Member, Don Keziah from Union County has resigned. Don has been a very hard working person always giving the extra effort to get the job done. He will be truly missed. On a lighter note Don's resignation is a direct result of early retirement.

The NCAZO constitution provides for appointment of vacancies to the Board by a majority vote of the Board. At the pre-workshop Board meeting, Sabrina Oliver, C.Z.O. from the Town of Elon was appointed to fill the vacancy resulting from Don Keziah's resignation. Sabrina currently serves on the Certification Committee as Secretary and I am sure she will do an excellent job.

I look forward to seeing you all in Boone for our annual conference. Conference Chair Michael Sandy and Co-Chair Brent Graybeal are hard at work finalizing this event. I am sure this conference will be educational and fun for your entire family.

Please be sure to visit the NCAZO website and while there don't forget to participate in the discussion forum. Also please check the link for NCAZO membership to ensure your information is accurate. In closing, thanks for your continuing support and feel free to contact me at featherstone@townofmanteo.com with comments or concerns.

2004 CALENDAR NOTES



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

Certified Zoning Officials (CZO) Course: The CZO Course is being conducted in two sessions at the Institute of Government. The dates for the sessions are: March 29th thru April 2nd and April 12th thru April 16th. Results of the course will be published in the next newsletter.

The Board of Directors will meet on April 23rd at the Institute of Government.

Newsletter Articles: The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is May 15th. If you have items of interest for the entire membership, let us know. We also have advertising space available. If you know of a Planning/Zoning related business that would like to advertise in our newsletter, let us know. Contact Gary Ouellette at: gouellette@ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

Annual Conference: The annual conference is scheduled for July 25th – 28th in Boone, NC. The theme will be “North Carolina Hillbilly”. Contact Michael Sandy (Msandy@co.stanly.nc.us) or Brent Graybeal (brent.graybeal@ncmail.net) with any ideas for topics, speakers, or to express your desire to help out. Mark your calendars.

Election of Officers: Election of Officers for the Board of Directors is coming up. Ballots will be in the Summer (June) Newsletter and results will be announced at the Annual Conference in Boone.

Zoning Officials Annual Awards: The annual awards for *Zoning Enforcement Official of the Year*, and *Outstanding NCAZO Member of the Year* are approaching. These too will be announced at the annual conference in Boone. If you know of an individual deserving of one of these awards or would like the criteria for nomination, contact any one of your Board Members.

OPINION PLEASE



In this time of fast paced, information technology, we are continually looking for ways to enhance our ability to reach you in a timely manner. As you know, in an effort to provide quality professional education and keep you abreast of the Associations activities, we publish four (4) newsletters each calendar year (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter). Hard copy newsletters are forwarded via the U.S. Postal Service as well as being posted on the NCAZO Web Page.

What we would like to know is how you view your current newsletter. Do you have the capability to view the newsletter on the NCAZO Web Page? Do you view it on the Web Page prior to receiving a hard copy? Do you only read the hard copy? Is the newsletter being received in a timely manner? Do you keep copies of past newsletters? Are you satisfied with the quality of the newsletter? Do you have any suggestions on making the newsletter better?

Please take a minute and forward your comments to any or all of these questions and any comments you may have to: gouellette@ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

Your opinions are extremely important to us. Thank you in advance for your input.

- ◆ Traffic Impact Analysis
- ◆ Corridor Studies
- ◆ Ordinance Development
- ◆ Access Evaluation
- ◆ Air Quality Permitting
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CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to the following persons.

BOARD MEMBER: Sabrina Oliver, CZO has been appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Don Keziah. Sabrina will be representing the Central District and her term will expire in 2005. She is currently the Zoning and Subdivision Coordinator for the Town of Elon. She has served on the Certification Committee for a number of years and will continue her duties as Secretary for the committee. She brings a great deal of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm to the board and we all look forward to working with her. If you would like to drop Sabrina a note of congratulations or express any comments about the association her e-mail address is: soliver@ci.elon.nc.us.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEMBER: Greg McCoy, CZO has been appointed to serve on the Certification Committee. He fills the vacancy left by Patricia Kuhn and will be representing the Eastern District. Greg is a Zoning Enforcement Officer for the City of New Bern. Greg is a seasoned enforcement official who will bring a wealth of knowledge and field experiences to the committee. Greg's e-mail address is mccoyg@newbern.nc.org if you would like to congratulate him or have questions regarding Zoning Certification.



REMEMBER OUR HEROES

Mia Jones, Code Compliance Specialist for the City of Wilson continues to serve on active duty overseas. We want to keep Mia and all of our brave service men and women in our prayers and wish them a safe and speedy return.



MIDWINTER WORKSHOP REPORT

Kudos to Phyllis Hicks and Geoffrey Pearson as Chair and Co-Chair of this years Midwinter Workshop. The workshop was held in Rocky Mount on February 23rd and 24th. There were 62 members of the association and 3 non-members for a total of 65 attendees. The agenda was outstanding, beginning with opening remarks from the Mayor of Rocky Mount to Rich Ducker and Dave Owens legal commentary. Berry Gray, Planner for Johnston County gave an excellent presentation on Subdivision Regulations, Open Space and Roadway Improvements. Rlyne Wood, from the Childcare Division in Raleigh followed with a very informative presentation on Daycare Regulations and Enforcement. There was much discussion from the attendees. Mr. William Warren then gave another outstanding session on Group Home Regulations and Enforcement. Rich Ducker and Dave Owens closed the workshop with their legal update and some practical application exercises (we had to actually read and think) on various boards of adjustment and court cases. Our sincerest thanks go out to those presenters who made this conference informative and educational adding to our continuing professional growth.

A special thanks to Larry Odom who was instrumental in securing the fine facilities, outstanding meals and his assistance in coordinating events.



NCAZO WEB PAGE

The NCAZO Board invites you to visit the web page, www.iog.unc.edu/organizations/NCAZO/index.html, to see the latest in news and events. Also visit our on line NCAZO membership roster. Please check your information on the membership list for accuracy such as correct name, address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address. There is a direct link to the membership chairman, Joey Lea, for any corrections you may have.

While you are there, take a look at the Discussion Forum, www.iog.unc.edu/organizations/NCAZO/index.html. You can ask questions or post comments in reference to zoning issues from around the state. There is a wealth of expertise and knowledge within our organization. You can tap into this vast knowledge through the forum.

VOLUNTEERS



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Remember, we continue to solicit volunteers to serve on Boards, Committees, and to help coordinate events. **Only your efforts will continue to help our organization grow, remain active in education and provide informative and fun events.** If you would like to volunteer to serve as a Board Member, Committee Member, or assist in the coordination of an event, please contact Gary Ouellette at: gouellette@ci.jacksonville.nc.us or call (910) 938-5361.

Once again, here is a list of the Board Members appointed as Chairs and Co-Chairs:

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Thank you for your support of the NCAZO. Hopefully, your membership will be beneficial to you, your organization and your career.

If you have joined NCAZO within the past three months and are not on the above list, or if you know anyone that may benefit from membership, please contact; Joey Lea at (336) 222-5085 or email jlea@ci.burlington.nc.us

Notice to all members; we need your help! Please go to the membership list on our web site to check for complete and correct information (names, titles, phone #s, email, etc.). The site will allow you to email me any corrections. (<http://ncinfo.iog.unc.edu/organizations/NCAZO/index.html>)



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CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

The Certification Committee met on January 23, 2004 in the Town of Elon. The committee worked on a code of ethics for participants of the Zoning Certification Course and Exam. The committee recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the policy. The Board of Directors adopted the policy at its February 24, 2004 meeting.

Greg McCoy, CZO with the City of New Bern was nominated and has agreed to serve on the Certification Committee representing the East District.



FAREWELL

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and best of luck to Don Keziah. Don will be retiring from Union County in June with thirty (30) years of service. He began his career with Union County Inspections Department as a building inspector in 1987. In 1990, he took the position of Assistant Land Use Administrator and became the Land Use Administrator in 1999. Don joined the NCAZO in 1991 and acquired CZO Certification in 1994. He has served two terms on the Board of Directors. He and his wife, Sherry, have been married 29 years and are expecting their first grandchildren (each of their two daughters are expecting) this summer. We all wish Don and Sherry the very best in all their future endeavors. Drop Don a congratulatory message at: Dkeziah@co.union.nc.us.

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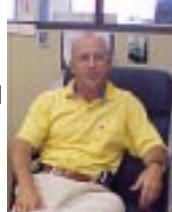
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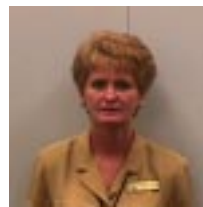
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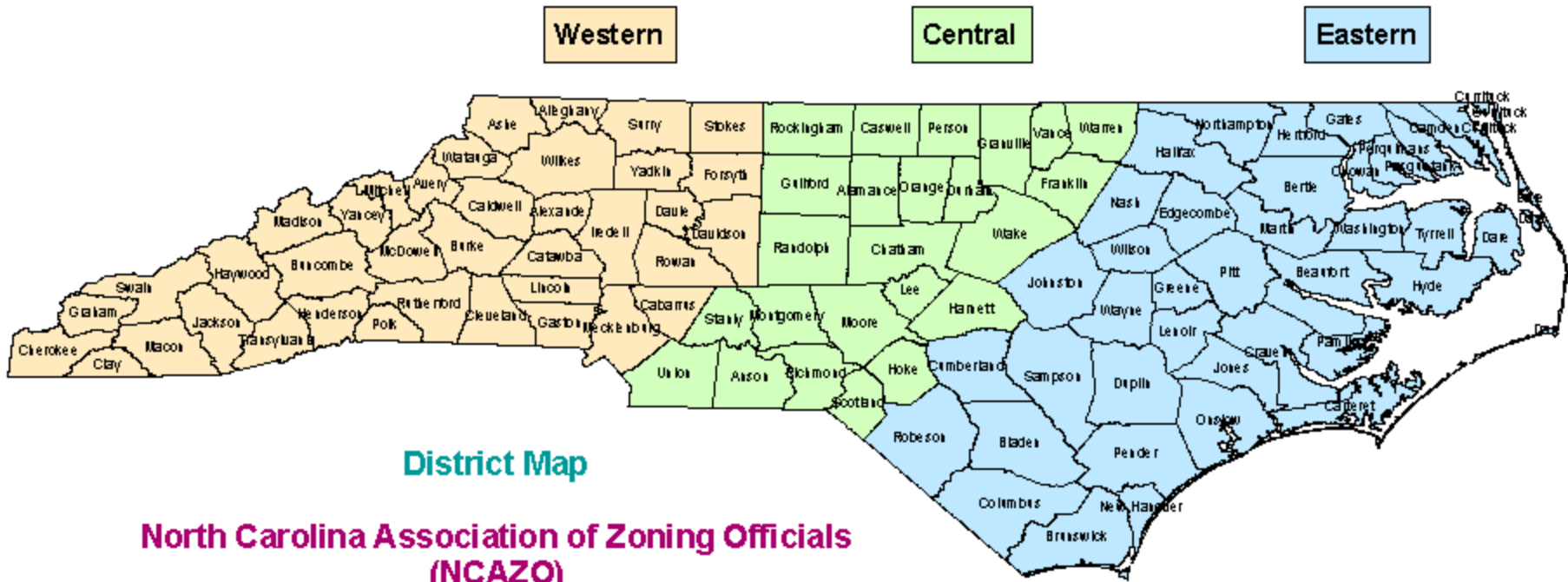
FINANCIAL REPORT



The following is a brief financial report from the Treasurer:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$18,818.21 |
| Revenue Received: | \$15,081.68 |
| Expenses: | \$ 6,428.08 |
| Ending Balance: | \$27,471.81 |

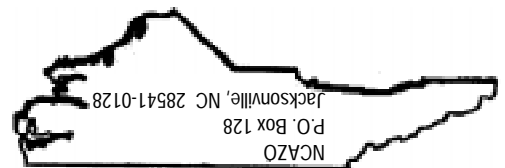
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District Map

North Carolina Association of Zoning Officials (NCAZO)

| Western | | Central | | Eastern | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alexander | Alleghany | Alamance | Anson | Beaufort | Bertie |
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| Buncombe | Burke | Durham | Franklin | Camden | Carteret |
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| Catawba | Cherokee | Harnett | Hoke | Craven | Cumberland |
| Clay | Cleveland | Lee | Montgomery | Currituck | Dare |
| Davidson | Davie | Moore | Orange | Duplin | Edgecombe |
| Forsyth | Gaston | Person | Randolph | Gates | Greene |
| Graham | Haywood | Richmond | Rockingham | Halifax | Hertford |
| Henderson | Iredell | Scotland | Stanly | Hyde | Johnston |
| Jackson | Lincoln | Union | Vance | Jones | Lenoir |
| Macon | Madison | Wake | Warren | Martin | Nash |
| McDowell | Mecklenburg | | | New Hanover | Northampton |
| Mitchell | Polk | | | Onslow | Pamlico |
| Rowan | Rutherford | | | Pasquotank | Pender |
| Stokes | Surry | | | Perquimans | Pitt |
| Swain | Transylvania | | | Robeson | Sampson |
| Watauga | Wilkes | | | Tyrrell | Washington |
| Yadkin | Yancey | | | Wayne | Wilson |



REMINDERS



If you have any ideas for upcoming seminar topics, interesting speakers, need some information or guidance in a situation, or want to serve on a committee; do not hesitate to contact your local Board Representative. They all have much experience and have a willingness to assist you in many aspects of Local Government Zoning.

The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue of the NCAZO newsletter is May 15. You can submit information to Gary Ouellette by email to gouellette@ci.jacksonville.nc.us or call him at (910) 938-5361.