



**SAIA Fall Meeting  
San Antonio, Texas  
August 22, 2016**

**Chairman- Greg McKoy, Georgia**  
**Vice Chairman - Darren Maddox, Alabama**  
**Secretary- Rusty Wannamaker, South Carolina**

**Minutes of Business Session**

- The Southern Area Instructors Association (SAIA) Fall meeting was held at the Marriott Rivercenter in San Antonio, Texas in conjunction with the 2016 NUTSEA conference.
- **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Greg McKoy(GA) at 7:24 am on August 22, 2016.
- **Invocation**  
Chairman McKoy(GA) led the group in an opening prayer.
- **Approval of the 2015 SAIA Summer Meeting Minutes**  
The minutes from the Summer 2016 meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma were posted on the SAIA website for member review. Kenny Guffey(OK) made the motion to approve with a second from Glenn Cunningham. Voice vote approved the motion.

- **New Members**

Vice Chairman, Darren Maddox(AL), presented the list of new member applications from the Oklahoma meeting for approval. Motion to accept made by Michael Weltzheimer(MS) and seconded by Wade Hurst (OK). Voice vote approved the motion.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Coop/ State</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Mike Wolfe</b>	<b>SWRE</b>	<b>Operations Manager</b>	<b>Greg Hambrick</b>
<b>Devon Melbourne</b>	<b>First Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Safety Supervisor</b>	<b>Jerry Driskill</b>
<b>Kris Sartin</b>	<b>South Mississippi Electric</b>	<b>Field Operations Safety Coordinator</b>	<b>Greg McKoy</b>
<b>Megan Randolph</b>	<b>Glades Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Safety Manager</b>	<b>Greg McKoy</b>
<b>Mark Niswonger</b>	<b>Oklahoma (OAEC)</b>	<b>Loss Control Instructor</b>	<b>Kenny Guffy</b>
<b>Andy Gramling</b>	<b>Cobb EMC</b>	<b>Safety Instructor</b>	<b>Greg McKoy</b>
<b>Kevin Riddle</b>	<b>Arkansas Electric Cooperatives</b>	<b>Supervisor – Job Training &amp; Safety</b>	<b>Greg Motzko</b>
<b>Aaron Mantooth</b>	<b>Arkansas Valley Electric Coop</b>	<b>Health &amp; Safety Tech.</b>	<b>Randy Hooten</b>
<b>Mike Saltsbury</b>	<b>Pioneer Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Safety Coordinator</b>	<b>Larry E. Detwiler</b>
<b>Bruce McAntee</b>	<b>Kansas Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Safety Instructor</b>	<b>Stacey Morristan</b>
<b>Danny Law</b>	<b>Pioneer Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Director of Safety</b>	<b>Larry E. Detwiler</b>
<b>John Barr</b>	<b>Southern Pine Electric</b>	<b>Field Training Coordinator</b>	<b>Micheal Weltzheimer</b>
<b>Mark A. Blaylock</b>	<b>Cookson Hills Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Director of Operations</b>	<b>Lyle Mathis</b>
<b>Bret Boyd</b>	<b>Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative</b>	<b>Safety &amp; Loss Control Director</b>	<b>Kenny Guffey</b>

<b>Jeff Denton</b>	<b>Central Electric Coop</b>	<b>Safety Director</b>	<b>Bill Graham</b>
<b>Gerald Gordan</b>	<b>Electrical Power Assoc. of Mississippi</b>	<b>Safety Instructor</b>	<b>Micheal Weltzheimer</b>
<b>Adam Simon</b>	<b>South Mississippi Electric Power Assoc.</b>	<b>Plant Safety Coordinator</b>	<b>Micheal Weltzheimer</b>

- **New Business**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Jason Saunders(AL) gave the report to present the slate of officers for 2017. No other candidates were nominated from the floor.

Darren Maddox(AL) was nominated for Chairman. Motion was made to accept by Larry Detwiler(KS), second by Bill Graham(OK). Voice vote approved the motion.

Rusty Wannamaker(SC) was nominated for Vice Chairman. Motion was made to accept by Greg Hambrick(OK), second by Kenny Guffey(OK). Voice vote approved the motion.

Wes Lee(MS) was nominated for Secretary. Motion was made by Glenn Cunningham(GA), second by James Thomas(GA). Voice vote approved the motion.

**Recognition:** Chairman McKoy(GA) recognize Mr. Jim Wright(GA) for his years of service to SAIA. During these years Mr. Wright hosted the SAIA conference and was a recipient of the Ray Pantel Award. Upon being recognized, Mr. Wright announced that he will be retiring in February after 45 years. He thanked the organization for the support he has received and the friendships he has made.

**Host State Introduction:** Chairman McKoy(GA) announced that the 2017 Summer Conference will be held June 12-15 in Lexington, Kentucky. Corey Parr announced that Federated will donate \$500.00 each year to the host state to help offset expenses. Chairman McKoy(GA) thanked Federated for their support.

**Proposed New Members:** The following where presented for consideration as members. They will be voted on at the 2017 Summer meeting in Lexington, Kentucky.

Michael Sullins	Cullman Electric Cooperative
Todd Neville	Florida Public Utilities
Gene Hale	Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative
Jeff Whatley	Alabama Rural Electric Assoc.

Passing of the Gavel. Chairman McKoy(GA) thanked everyone for their support during the past 3 years. He also thanked Kenny Guffey(OK) for hosting the 2016 Summer Conference.

At that time Chairman McKoy(GA) proceeded to pass the chairmanship to Vice Chairman Darren Maddox. Chairman elect Maddox stated it will be an honor and pleasure to serve SAIA as chairman. He reminded the group of the Summer 2017 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky.

Adjournment: With no other business Chairman Maddox entertain a motion to adjourn by Kenney Guffey(OK). The motion was second by Glenn Cunningham (GA).

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rusty Wannamaker  
SAIA Secretary  
August 22, 2016**