

**I-85 Corridor Alliance Annual Members Meeting  
NCAT, Auburn, Alabama  
April 19, 2007**

Attending:

*Deroald Hopkins, President*

*Al Cook, Vice President*

*Ray Vaughan, Secretary*

*Scott Slocum, Treasurer*

*Joe Sumners, Executive Director*

*Larry Fillmer*

*Mary Lou Ewald*

*Titus Lindsey*

*Mary White*

*Allan Hendrix*

*Darin Baldwin*

*Crystal Farr*

*Ben McGhee*

*Mike Easterwood*

*Clint LeNoir*

1. Joe Sumners, Executive Director, provided a welcome and introduction.
2. Officers provided reports. Deroald and Al indicated that they would be able to continue to serve as officers due to their hectic schedules. Both Deroald and Al pledged support to the organization and indicated that they would continue to be active participants. Scott indicated that the I-85 Corridor Alliance account balance was \$9,300.
3. Revisions to Bylaws:
  - ♦ The last Bylaws revisions were made in March 2006 (attached to agenda). Participants discussed whether to change the dues for being a board member. Currently, there are 11 active board members. A motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that dues be kept at \$500 per year. No other changes to the bylaws were offered.
4. Election of new officers:
  - ♦ The slate of nominees was:  
  
President: Scott Slocum  
Vice President: Mary White  
Secretary: Ray Vaughan  
Treasurer: Scott Slocum

- ♦ After a discussion, a motion to approve the slate was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

5. Committee structure:

Last year, we moved away from the cluster approach, for the short term, and moved into focusing on doing discrete projects until we could move back into the cluster format later when more financial support became available. Participants discussed whether the current committee structure was working or needed any changes, especially as related to promotion of tourism. No changes to the committee structure were offered, and several participants volunteered to serve on committees. The committees are:

- ♦ Stakeholder Relations
- ♦ Fund-raising / Finance
- ♦ Promotions and Marketing
- ♦ Networking Workshop Planning

6. Income tax form filing:

- ♦ Since the organization raised less than \$25,000 in income in 2006, we do not have to file a form 990 or form 990EZ with the IRS for 2006.

7. New Business:

- ♦ Larry reported on a number of Auburn University projects that could partner with the Alliance, especially a biofuels demonstration project that may happen at Exit 26 on the E.V. Smith Experimental Station.
- ♦ Extension has funded the Rural Alabama Initiative through Joe's office, and some of the grantees are in the Alliance's region. The Town of Shorter got support for a youth leadership program. The high school Alabama BEST program, robotics and video, was also a grantee. A camp for high school counselors will also be run at Southern Union to help them learn more about technological careers.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.