I. Welcome (Feeney)
Don Feeney, President, called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM and noted that under the by-laws, the Board of Directors is now comprised of those individuals elected in the elections cycle of June/July 2013.

II. Roll Call & Minutes (Gruber)

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Other Participants:
NCPG staff: Keith Whyte, Executive Director; Jocelyn Wilcox, Program Administrator; Barbara Rollins, Director of Development and Membership; Juan Lopez, Business Manager; Keith Spare and Joy Mitchell, retiring Board Members; various other Members of NCPG and Ives Films.

The Board did not review the minutes from the meeting on June 24, 2013.

III. Election of Officers (Feeney)

Maureen Greeley and Jeff Beck were each nominated for President. Paper ballots with votes were collected and counted by Mary Drexler, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, with assistance from staff. Maureen Greeley elected President.
Wiley Harwell was elected Vice President by voice vote, unopposed.
Rose Gruber was elected Secretary by voice vote, unopposed.
Ray Pineault was elected Treasurer by voice vote, unopposed.

Greeley thanked everyone for their service on the Board. Drexler noted that procedures to make nominations and the entire process of nominations and elections took longer this year because of the changes in the by-laws and the necessary changes to forms. She noted further that we now have guidelines on how to proceed next year. She also noted that the committee would like to have more people involved and nominated; and raised the question of whether new procedures might be needed for the process of nominating Board officers.

**Action Item:** Greeley asked Drexler and the committee to review the procedures and make recommendations.

IV. Administration (Whyte)

A. Financial Reports: June & YTD Financials; Midyear Financial Report
Keith Whyte, Executive Director, and Juan Lopez, Business Manager, presented a report on financials for June 2013 and year-to-date financials with comparisons to the same period in 2012 and 2011, along with a printed report that was distributed to Board members.

**Action Items:** A question-and-answer period followed, with a number of items that Lopez and Whyte will follow up on and provide further information at the next Board meeting. Greeley requested that Board members review the documents provided very carefully and notify them with any requests for changes in reporting.

B. Staff Reports: June Staff Report
Whyte provided highlights of the June staff report, noting that the major project for staff in June was planning and implementation for the 2013 National Conference. Looking to future projects, he identified the Strategic Planning process as the next big project.

C. Midyear Report
In reviewing the 2012-2013 Goals and the 2007-2014 Strategic Plan and its goals, Whyte noted:

- **Affiliates** – we are now at 36 Affiliates, representing 37 states with the recent approval of the Utah-Idaho Council on Problem Gambling, working toward the goal of 50 Affiliates, one from each state. Combined states or regional councils may be a good model to gain representation from states with smaller populations, and the by-laws do not prohibit an affiliate representing more than one state. Discussion included: 1) Georgia is now the largest state (in terms of population) without an Affiliate; 2) In the past, the NH and VT councils were separately incorporated organizations but shared staff; and 3) we might want to draw up guidelines for regional or combined-states councils like Utah-Idaho.
- We have 548 Members, the highest it has ever been – but much below the goal of 25,000 members, which would have been reachable by 2014 only if membership numbers doubled
every year since 2007 when this Strategic Plan goal was conceived – ambitious but unrealistic. We are building a grass roots effort and have restructured membership so it appeals to more people; need to involve the millions of problem gamblers and their family members.

- Organizational memberships are now at 36 but with continuing corporate mergers this will remain a challenge. We are also getting more non-profit organizational members. Continued growth will require input and engagement from board members and specific contact help and integration into a comprehensive development plan.

- We currently have approximately 750 counselors with NCGC certification. If we add those with other gambling certifications, there may be as many as 2,000 counselors with specific training on PG. Strategic Plan goal was to have 4,136, which would be one for every county in the US and would support our mission to provide treatment anywhere in the country. Federal involvement would be important to get to that level.

- NCPG’s internal management information system was revamped in 2007 and needs to be done again – the advancement in technology makes this necessary and it will be a project for Fall 2013.

- National funding via federal government – there is a bill under way but unlikely it will succeed this year; we are staying engaged to remain part of the process particularly as the current economic climate and government funding process is re-evaluated. The group discussed ideas and strategies for how the recent changes to the DSM-5 might affect progress toward this goal.

- NCPG staff is now at 5 FTE’s plus one part time consultant; a new staffing plan will be presented at the November board meeting to underpin deliberate growth.

- NCPG has not made much progress on the goal to foster partnerships with universities and colleges – the NCRG has more funding available as grants for research than we do and that tends to turn these organizations toward NCRG.

- NCPG has established a reserve fund of $200,000, representing roughly 20% of the annual budget. The monies are invested but we are always looking for a better return.

- NCPG has not created an endowment as yet.

- Public awareness – we do not yet have a national campaign and it would be hard to measure the effect nation-wide if we had one.

- Keith spoke about the committee’s work toward starting the next strategic plan.

- Additional notable accomplishments included hiring 2 new staff (Program Administrator and Business Manager); NPGAW: 12 presentations in 5 states, 3,313 miles on 6 planes in 6 days; creating the Strikes for Responsible Gaming event at the LaFleur’s Lottery Conference that will become an annual fundraiser for NCPG.

D. Update on ED Evaluation (Feeney)

Don Feeney reported that the Board is in the process of creating an evaluation form but need more time to work together on this. A motion was made by Paul Ashe to recess into executive session to work on the form and the evaluation; seconded by Jeff Beck; motion carried.
The Board went into executive session at 2:40 PM in order to complete the work then, instead of on Friday morning as previously planned, which would have conflicted with the Prevention Committee meeting. Other Committee meetings (Development, Finance and Education) for the rest of Thursday afternoon were cancelled due to lack of time.

The Board ended its executive session at 3:20 PM and resumed the agenda.

V. Committees: 2013 Committee Reports (Whyte)
- Greeley and Whyte noted that written reports had been received from nearly every committee and were distributed. Ty Lostutter volunteered to be the Board Liaison to the Military Affairs Committee. Current Committee Chairs were invited to talk with Greeley about their interest in continuing for 2013-2014.
- Whyte reported for the Federal Affairs Committee. There are federal legislative hearings this week on the House side but they are exploratory and there is no legislation pending. The Barton & King bills are also still in process but still has no funding attached. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and be involved as much as possible.

VI. Update on Strategic Planning (Feeney)
Feeney reported for the Strategic Planning Committee, saying that a revised timeline has been recommended so that the committee can report at the November Board Planning meeting in Florida, starting with the mission statement and core values before moving to specific goals. The committee also wants more time to solicit input from members and colleagues in the field.

VII. Old Business
A. Affiliate Compliance: AZ, NY (Feeney)
1. Feeney and Greeley gave some background of the situation with the New York Council on Problem Gambling and a summary of what has happened since the Board’s June meeting. The NYCPG has agreed to pay the balance of the regular-rate dues, pending approval at today’s meeting; and has said they will budget this amount for next year as well. NCPG staff recommends suspension of the termination of their Affiliate Member status. Feeney made a motion that the NYCPG be reinstated as an Affiliate Member; and upon further discussion, revised the motion to add ‘upon receipt of the balance due on their 2013-2014 dues.’ Motion seconded by Connie Jones. Motion carried.
2. Whyte reported that Texas and Colorado had paid their Affiliate dues and completed other requirements for compliance.
3. Feeney and Whyte provided background of the situation with the Arizona Council—summarizing the report from the June Board meeting the Arizona Council had allowed their state helpline (which also received calls from the National Helpline) to lapse and gave no notification to callers, providers or NCPG so that other arrangements could be made; that NCPG was not aware of the lapse until notified by a third party; that the Arizona Council has
not provided any of the documentation required for compliance with the annual checklist, nor paid dues this year. AZCCG was sent a formal letter on June 26 notifying them they were not in compliance with the Bylaws and that action may be taken at this meeting. Feeney asked for reports/recommendations on what has happened since the Board’s June meeting. NCPG received 2 letters, from AZCCG and Renee Siegel, who had volunteered to reach out to its leadership, reported that the Council appreciated the outreach and requesting extension to fulfill the responsibilities of an Affiliate. NCPG staff recommended termination. Wiley Harwell, Chair of the Affiliate Committee, reported that his committee did not have a recommendation on how to proceed. **Paul Ashe made a motion** to table any further decision on the Arizona Council’s status until the next Board meeting and let Siegel continue to work with them to meet compliance; the motion was **seconded by Jeff Beck**. **Motion failed.**

After further discussion, **Don Feeney made a motion to terminate without prejudice the Affiliate Member status of the Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling under Section 3.2(e)(3) for “conduct detrimental to the interests, mission, purpose or reputation of NCPG.” Jerry Bauerkemper seconded the motion.** In further discussion, Siegel reported that it is unknown whether there are any people willing to help revitalize the organization and no funding has been identified. Others noted that at a minimum, the organization has failed to pay dues or provide required documentation, thus meeting grounds for termination under the by-laws. Members discussed the historic service of the Arizona Council to problem gamblers in the state and to NCPG, and what responsibility NCPG has to help struggling members. It was noted that the Arizona Council has 45 days to respond to a vote terminating their membership and the Council would be able to re-apply at anytime, particularly if new Board members were found to revitalize the chapter. The vote was called; **motion to terminate passed 9-4 with two abstentions.**

**B. Compliance Training (Beck)**

Training on anti-trust issues was carried out under the guidance of Board member Jeff Beck, J.D. He noted that the requirement to complete this annual training will continue through December 31, 2014; therefore additional trainings will be required at the Board Planning meetings in November 2013 and 2014 as well as the summer of 2014. Whyte will file the report as required.

**VIII. New Business: National Services Survey: Feedback and Future Directions.**

An overview of the report on the survey was provided by survey author Jeff Marotta, Ph.D.

**IX. Future Meetings**

A. August/September, October & December 2013 TBD

B. Fall Planning Meeting Nov 20-21, 2013, Hyatt Regency Orlando

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn made by Feeney, seconded by Drexler. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 PM.