



ILEAS Board Meeting
October 27, 2004
Illinois Education Association Building
Springfield, Illinois

Meeting Attendees

Don Bennett, Jeff Bock, Gib Cady, Ralph Caldwell, Mike Chamness, Jeff Chudwin, Jerry Cormier, Terry Dove, Kevin Eack, Bill Feithen, Brent Fischer, Carl Hawkinson, Don Kliment, Tom Larson, Terry Lucas, Tim Lyerla, Price McCarty, Mel Messer, Susie Nichols, Dave Owens, Jim Page, Bob Quarello, Roger Scott, Gary Stryker, John Zaruba, Bill Feuer, Steven Poole, Jody O'Guinn.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

- Jim Page introduced new corporate lawyer, Bill Feuer. Bill said a few words about what corporation classification would be most advantageous for ILEAS. 501c3 may be the way to go, but it will require that the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws be adapted to qualify for 501c3 status. Bill will draw up the application to be approved by the Board and then present it to IRS.
- Motion to approve last meetings minutes by Kevin Eack and 2nd by Mel Messer. Voice vote carried motion.

Treasurer's Report

- Don Bennett presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Roger Scott, 2nd by Terry Dove, carried by voice vote.

Budget

- Carl Hawkinson reported on the budget. Although nothing has been finalized, it looks like the law enforcement piece will be at \$13.3million.

Executive Director's Report

- Jim Page gave the Executive Director's report. Handouts regarding the annual budget summary, Robotix quote, Memorandum of Understanding: ILEAS RCT Vehicles, Standing Committee list and Director's report for October were provided to attendees.
- Canister recall procedure has been developed and will go on the ILEAS website and be part of the upcoming bulk mailing to all departments in the state. ILEAS web page is up and running and passwords will be sent out to all departments so they may access information and membership forms. The system will be set up to automatically make real time changes at dispatch centers as they are made at the Urbana office.
- IWIN project is in progress.

Credentialing

- Jim Page will be attending a seminar next week with Ralph Caldwell on credentialing procedures.

Committee Reports

Financial

- No report

Communications

- Everything has been ordered for the teams and are just waiting for members from the southern teams.

Training

- The committee attended an ITTF Training Committee meeting at IFSI in Champaign. Gib recommended ILEAS attendance at each of these training meetings.
- Jeff Chudwin brought up training for hospitals. Should security guards get involved or should rapid response teams be brought in? General discussion followed with Kevin Eack to contact Dr. Culp to set up a meeting to address this area of concern. Jeff Bock indicated that this is an issue that Certification & Standards Committee should also look at.

Car Plan

- No report
- Gary Stryker stated there had been an ILEAS callout with Addison PD. It was a level 10 callout that was successful, but resource allocation was a minor issue needing resolution.
- Discussion about a command team responding to activations from ILEAS ensued. This will require further attention and discussion.
- Susie Nichols encouraged ILEAS to go through Mobile Training Units for Unified Command train the trainer courses. How the information will be put out is being worked on now.

Legislation

- No report

Annual Conference

- No report
- Tim Lyerla suggested having Islamist expert, Sam Karouba, for a guest speaker.

Transportation

- No report
- Gary talked about a scenario involving O'Hare Airport, Midway Airport, METRA, Chicago PD, and IDOT that occurred. Chicago had an ILEAS activation as part of their plan but was told ILEAS would not be able to respond due to Chicago not being a member of ILEAS.

Certification and Standards

- Gib Cady again stated the importance of ILEAS being present at each of these meetings. Susie Nichols said ILETSB can give ILEAS web access to all training venues being presented throughout the state.

Car Plan Video

- No report
- Gary Stryker emphasized the importance of moving forward on this project. Discussion about who can produce the video and where it will be made concluded with Jim Page and Susie Nichols to enter into a negotiation with a university to develop the video.

SCT

- Development of operational guidelines is in progress with Stu Erlenbush. Jeff Chudwin stated that Illinois National Guard Chinook's will be made available to ILEAS as they cycle back from Iraq and are refitted. We will only be charged for flight time, but it should be noted the charge is between \$3,400 and \$4,000 per hour. Tour buses are another alternative to take care of mass transport. Plans need to be finalized to address this issue.
- Gary Stryker stated he has received a letter of intent to form an SCT in Region 8 from Tim Lyerla.
- Motion to accept Region 8 SCT by Mel Messer, 2nd by Dave Owens and carried with a voice vote.
- Ralph Caldwell suggested an informational meeting involving all teams to hear the information and establish a time line for developing training, procurement and completion. This would be a good venue to ask questions and move forward. IFSI has training dates scheduled and Jim Page will get the information to post on the website. PTI, in Champaign, also has training available through ILETSB. Jeff Chudwin cautioned that whoever delivers the training, it must be an 80-hour course. Anything less does not meet the established standard.
- RoboticFX robot has been discussed before and ILEAS would need ten at a cost of \$293,900.00. There are now 11 teams (up and proposed), 6 north and 5 south. That would increase the total cost to \$323,290.00 for the robots.
- Motion to move \$14,000 from Individual PPE to Robots in the budget and buy 10 robots at a cost of \$293.900 made by John Zaruba, 2nd by Mel Messer and carried with a voice vote.

IT

- No report

Membership

- Once Jim Page finishes member input on website interactive map, a concerted effort to increase membership will have to begin. In addition, current members who do not have an alarm card will be urged to get one completed.

Mike Chamness gave a brief report on law enforcement piece of the Illinois Homeland Security Grant Program Budget.

Break for lunch at 11:30.

Meeting resumed at 12:30PM

SCT

- Reimbursement for SCT training must be specified on the form in order to get it. In addition, the reimbursement is for OT or backfill – not both. New guidelines are scheduled to go into effect after 12/2/04 regarding how the reimbursement is done. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Motion to have ILEAS use funds, up to \$2,000.00 from Exercise Fund to reimburse Utica for expenses incurred during the ILEAS callout on 04/20/04 if IEMA is unable to do the reimbursement by Jeff Bock, 2nd by Dave Owens, carried with a voice vote.

Old Business

StarCom21 – some radios have been ordered. Orders are still being accepted but filling the order will be based upon funds available to pay for them. December 31, 2004 is the cutoff date for ordering StarCom radios.

Dispatch centers need to be contacted to make sure they have an opportunity to get a radio.

Radios will also be made available to mobile command posts.

Vehicle agreements – Jim Page passed out vehicle agreements for the Board to look at. Six trucks have been ordered and allocated:

- 2- NIPAS
- 1- DuPage Co. /Naperville
- 1- Region 2
- 1- Joliet
- 1- Champaign

New Business

First mobile command post delivery will be for the March Annual Conference with two more set for delivery shortly thereafter.

Gary Stryker suggested, due to the volume of information disseminated now, that a clearinghouse (such as STIC) be employed to collate all data to try to reduce redundancy. Kevin Eack stated he would look at it and come back to the December meeting with a proposal.

Kevin Eack brought up the idea of having a small handheld nuclear radiation detection device for officers or squad cars. Matter was tabled after some discussion.

STIC

- Gary Stryker wants have mouse pads with ILEAS and STIC contact numbers on them available for the March conference. Kevin Eack stated he needs approximately 5000 to 6000 more STIC stickers.
- Motion by Jeff Bock to spend up to \$1,200.00 to print more STIC stickers, 2nd by Mel Messer, carried with a voice vote.

RICP

- Jerry Cormier to check with Linda Drager, Director of RICP, for availability of funds.
- Mike Chamness stated a new contract with RICP has been signed.

Budget revision – after a brief discussion, it was determined that the FY 2005 budget would be scaled back to \$10,640,000 (see FY 2005 Budget Summary distributed by Mike Chamness).

Motion by Mel Messer to accept the new budget proposal of \$10,640,000, 2nd by Terry Dove, carried with a voice vote.

2005 Grant

- Jim Page stated that ILEAS needs to decide on a format, guidelines, award cap, eligibility, etc. for the next round of grants. \$2,000,000 is available.
- Jim Page to develop a criteria/guideline for the board to look at to decide how grant process will go forth for 2005.
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Next meeting will be changed to **December 15** from December 8. Location of the meeting will be determined and members will be notified.

Member fees: this needs to be discussed and ready to roll out at the March Conference.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Owens, 2nd by Roger Scott, carried with a voice vote.