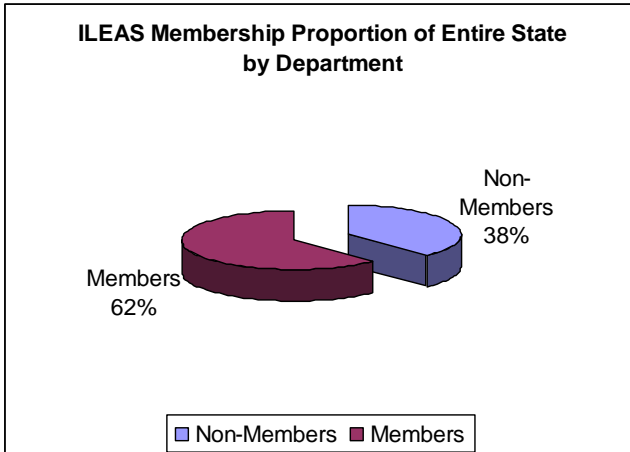


Conference

- There were 370+ attendees and 22 vendors in attendance
- ILEAS should top \$30,000 in program income from the conference

Membership



- The final count of agencies stands at 1,060
- 659 are members with mutual aid agreements on file (62% membership rate)
- 406 have alarm cards on file to one extent or another (62% of members have alarm cards)
- When we started the conference, 4 agencies qualified for the grant. As of Monday the 21st, 123 qualified.

Grants

The grant software is coming along well. Tyrus has posted a grant eligibility checklist on-line. Any agency can sign on with their password and check to see if they qualify. If they don't, it guides them towards completion so they do. Agencies are signing on and getting that done every day. Additionally, we are getting more agreements weekly.

The ITTF will be discussing and voting on providing \$1,965,000 to ILEAS to add to the 2005 grant. This money MUST be obligated by the local agency grant recipients October 31, 2005. It comes from the ITTF Technology Committee and is earmarked for IWIN hardware. In anticipation of that occurring, I have sent out bulk email to the membership that the opening of the grant will be delayed by one week to the week of the 28th in order to change our grant application process to account for the new funds and their earmarked nature.

The Board needs to approve this change to the grant program. I will be asking the Board to approve the addition of the funds and to organize the grant so that any agency can only apply for one of the three options, target hardening, interoperable communications or IWIN.

Training Committee

In the last Training Committee meeting, ILEAS and MABAS were asked to sign an agreement for ILETSB and IFSI to conduct training and to expend funds on our behalf. This is due to the 80/20 split and the fact that ILETSB and IFSI are State agencies. The ILEAS Training Committee report will have further details.

501c3 Status vs. Coalition of Local Governments Status

As of this writing, Bill Fuerer is working on forms and letters that should be available by the board meeting on the 23rd. It has become apparent that the Dept. of Homeland Security rule that funds cannot go to non-governmental organizations (NGO's) – which includes ILEAS. Bill's suggestion is that we change our status to a coalition of local governments as defined under State statute (Cooperative Government Act). As such, we could accept donations from corporations that would be tax deductible and it would continue to make us tax-free. Additionally, he suggests that as a coalition of local governments, ILEAS could continue to use the corporation as a "financial agent" for purchasing, administration, etc. More will follow on this subject at the meeting.

Budget

Since the Board passed the 2005 budget, several changes have been made by ITTF based on the review of the 2005 Federal Guidance and some administrative changes. The overtime/backfill budget of \$3.7 million was originally in the Training Committee budget. ITTF has split that 60/40 with the 40% going to law enforcement. ILEAS will now have control of approximately \$1.4 million in OT/backfill money. Originally, the Training Committee would only pay OT/backfill for the approved courses. Law enforcement needs for the WMD SRT monthly training was different and in an effort to recognize that, the funds were split with ILEAS controlling the law enforcement funds.

In addition to that, there is some Management and Administration funding that is included. As a result, I am proposing that ILEAS hire a part time Grant Training Development Manager. This person's job would be to seek DHS certification on necessary courses for law enforcement. Additionally, he/she would closely monitor the overtime requests for accuracy and appropriateness.

Additionally, ITTF has requested that ILEAS manage the local grants that we are getting ready to announce. This is a significant amount of work for which I have no resource. In the 2005 budget, you will see a part-time staff proposal to manage the grants and work with ITTF on the Initial Strategy Implementation Plan (ISIP) and the Bi-annual Strategic Implementation Reporting (BSIR).

New Regional Members and Roster

I have handed out the new Regional and Governing Board Rosters. Please review them for inaccuracies and let me know of any necessary changes.

Secretary of State Police

I got a call from a consultant named Nina Gianni hired by the Secretary of State. She has been asked by their Director, Brad Demuzzio, to look into ILEAS membership. If any Board member knows anyone at the SOS Police, we may want to make contact to get them on board.

VHF Radio Quote

I have received a quote of \$2,035 from Motorola for the following:

- APCO 25 compliant VHF radio
- "Pelican" type case with ILEAS Logo
- Mag-mount antenna and 12 volt DC plug
- Shipping to individual agencies

Given our budget of \$2,090,000 and this quote, we can purchase 1,027 VHF radios. If every present ILEAS member had an alarm card and would be sent a VHF radio, the cost would be \$1.34 million – well under our budget.

Schedule

This is the Executive Director's schedule as it is presently known:

March 22 – ITTF Meeting Springfield
March 23 – ILEAS Board Meeting – Springfield
March 28th – School Security Committee Meeting
April 12th – ITTF IT Committee Springfield
April 20th – ILEAS Board Meeting – Springfield
April 21st – ITTF Meeting
April 22nd – Major Fire Departments Meeting – Chicago
May 5th – APCO/NENA regional Meeting - Normal

Board Action Items

The following issues need Board discussion and/or action pursuant to this report:

- Voting to accept the new 2005 budget as presented with additional ITTF funds for OT/backfill, management, additional staff, etc.
- Vote to accept the addition of \$1,965,000 to the grant project as IWIN earmarked money.
- Consider the issue of the VHF quote
- Consider the 501c3 status vs. the collation of governments

Submitted By: _____


James Page – Executive Director