

**ILEAS Board Meeting
January 30, 2014**

Meeting called to order: Board President Dave Snyders called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Attendance was taken:

Sheriff Dave Snyders	Present
Chief Victor Moreno	Absent
Chief Bill Ackman	Present
Sheriff Roger Scott	Present
Chief Tom Roman	Present
Sheriff John Zaruba	Present
Chief Steve Neubauer	Absent
Sheriff Mike McCoy **	Present Delegate Doug Gaa
Chief Brian Fengel	Present
Sheriff Derek Hagen	Present
Chief Don Volk	Present
Sheriff Jim Vazzi	Absent
Chief Richard Miller	Absent
Sheriff Andrew Hires	Present
Chief Jody O'Guinn	Absent
Sheriff Keith Brown	Present
Chief Eric Smith	Present
Sheriff Tom Schneider	Present
Chief Wayne Gulliford	Present
Captain William Smith	Present
Deputy Chief Steve Georgas	Present

Out of 21 Board members 16 Board members were present with 1 delegate.

Also in attendance: ILEAS Executive Director, James Page, ILEAS staff, Jim Luecking, Nancy Crossman, Pete Smith, Jan Plotner, Mick McAvoy, Calvin Stearns, Dave Fellows, John Marszalek and Angela Page .

Introductions: ILEAS' attorney, Dick Stites, Molly Rollings, ILEAS' primary Insurance representative, Joe Galvin, FirstNet, Tad Williams, Illinois State Police Lieutenant and John Millner, lobbyist.

o New Board Members

- Chief Brian Fengel – Bartonville Police Department – Region 6 – Chief Robert Williams retired from the Springfield Police Department and Sheriff McCoy officially appointed Chief Brian Fengel to fill out the rest of Williams' term as Region 6 Co-Chair.

- **Bill Ackman – Robinson Police Department – Region 9 – Sheriff Andrew Hires** has appointed Robinson Police Chief Bill Ackman as the new Chief's Co-Chair for region 9 to complete the remainder of Chief Evans' term.
- **Sheriff Snyders – President** – President Larry Evans retired from the Centralia Police department on January 10, 2014. Sheriff Dave Snyders has agreed, as the current vice-president, to act as the President until at least the Conference in March of 2014. It will be up to the Board as to whether to retain Snyders as president or find another one.
- **Executive Committee Membership** – With Chief Evans' departure and Sheriff Snyders moving from Vice-President to President, there is a vacancy as Vice-President of the Board. If the Board agrees to retain Snyders as president, someone who has been on the Board for at least 1 year can assume that position. No one has expressed any interested in the position to date.

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2013

Motion made by Schneider and seconded by Gaa to approve the minutes of November 7, 2013. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial

- **Grant & Fiscal report** – Jan Plotner gave a brief overview of ILEAS' financial status. Motion made by Volk and seconded by Roman to approve the grant and fiscal report. Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Dues Report** – To date, 914 agencies have paid their dues, which totals \$102,900 paid. There are a total of 17 agencies that have not paid for a total of \$1,380.
 - **Request for Waiver of Dues** – The Ellsworth Police Department has made a formal request for a dues waiver. Motion made by Hagen and seconded by Schneider to approve the waiver of dues. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Citizen Corp Grants** – At the November 7, 2013 Board meeting, the Board voted for staff to manage the Citizen Corps grants. Since that approval, ITTF received a much lower number of grants than anticipated and, as a result, decided to manage the grants themselves. Therefore, ILEAS will not be managing the Citizen Corp sub-grants. As a result, ILEAS has \$125,000 remaining in that grant. ILEAS staff will develop a specific expenditures plan for those funds and bring it to the Board at the March 2014 meeting.
- **Conference Budgeting** – ITTF/IEMA has asked ILEAS (and other ITTF organizations receiving conference funds) to closely review all conference expenses. ILEAS has conducted an internal review of the last several years of our conference budgets. It is the intent of staff to continue to develop strategies to make the conference self-sustaining in the near future which will not require grant funds to conduct.

Current Issues & Updates for Board

- **Legislative Update**
 - **Funding** – Since the last Board meeting in November, negotiations have taken place between ILEAS, MABAS and various other entities involved. During negotiations and discussions, the original proposal was modified from \$10 to \$3 per registration, with \$1 going to ILEAS, \$1 going to MABAS and \$1 going to IEMA for distribution based on the advice of the ITTF. This would create a maximum result of \$9 million annually for ILEAS. ILEAS staff is currently putting together a proposed budget to answer the question how

the funds would be spent. A sponsor is being sought to submit the bill. Milner provided background on the Bill and reviewed legislative status. Snyders asked Board if anyone wanted to review or vote on an amendment to the legislation. Snyders proposed going ahead as planned. No discussion.

- **ILEAS Public Agency Status** – ILEAS is submitting a proposed amendment to the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act to identify ILEAS in the statutes as a public agency. John Millner is working with Sen. Mike Frerichs to sponsor this amendment. This is NOT a funding bill, only a clarification about ILEAS' status as a public agency.

Motion made by Neubauer and seconded by Hagen to authorize staff and the legislative liaison to continue to pursue the Homeland Security Preparedness Act as described and the amendment to the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act Verifying ILEAS' status as a public agency. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **New Resource Database** – ILEAS has redesigned the resource database to be more current and applicable to field situations. Staff has also expanded the resource list to common resources possessed by outside agencies. Dave Fellows and John Marszalek are here to present the new resource database and do a live demonstration of its capabilities. The plan is to finish the work prior to the conference and unveil it at the opening session so that agencies can immediately start entering data into it and using it. Moved up in the agenda.
- **Washington Tornado Update** – Chief Volk of Washington P.D. reviewed the effects of the tornado. Chief Volk expressed his appreciation for ILEAS and other law enforcement agencies that provided assistance.
- **New Mutual Aid Agreement** – Staff brought a draft agreement to the governing Board in 2013. About that time, IEMA issued the letter that in their opinion ILEAS was a public agency. The Board directed staff to finish the new agreement for implementation when it was ready. The proposal is to present the new mutual aid agreement at the upcoming conference. The theme of this conference will be ILEAS 2.0. The new mutual aid agreement, the new resource database and the potential legislation should launch ILEAS into its second decade on a stronger, more flexible and sounder foundation. Hagen discussed issue with the sometimes lack of cooperation between the County President, County Board, and the County Sheriff. Stites cited the Attorney General opinion that the Sheriff is not a public agency. Stites stated that the issue could be resolved through legislation, amending it so that the Sheriff can enter into mutual aid agreements. MABAS has a similar issue. Page suggested pursuing changing the legislation. Motion by Scott and seconded by Hagen to allow Milner and Page to work to change the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act to allow sheriffs and fire districts to sign mutual aid agreements. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. One issue that needs discussed and resolved by the Board is the issue of Stafford Act Reimbursements. The ILEAS agreement has always been mutual aid for free. FEMA's interpretation of the Stafford Act for federally declared disasters has been that if an agency has signed an agreement to respond for free, it cannot then later submit for reimbursement simply because federal funds exist. Discussion that there is a difference between an initial response and a response when the State declares a

disaster. Motion made by Eric Smith and seconded by Schneider to Leave the Stafford Act as is, no reimbursement. Discussion concerning language in LEMAA. Page read revised language from page 5 removing the 12 hour stipulation in paragraph 1 and striking the entire first sentence in paragraph 2. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously. ILEAS' attorney, Dick Stites is present to answer any questions the Board might have regarding this. Neubauer suggested that we come up with a marketing package to hand out to explain why we need this.

- **Motorola User Fee for StarCom21** – ILEAS has negotiated a contract for services for all ITTF-issued StarCom21 radios. Motion made by Hagen and seconded by Scott to approve the execution of a contract and the expenditure of up to the limit of the grant to \$513,000 to extend the ITTF-issued StarCom21 user fees until January 31, 2016. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.
- **FirstNet**
 - **Description of Program** – The Federal FirstNet program's goal is to implement a national wireless broadband capability so that public safety responders have high speed wireless access to various services. IEMA has reached out to ILEAS to partner with them to bring this service to Illinois.
 - **Acceptance of Grant** - Plans have been developed for the implementation of the FirstNet planning grant. IEMA would provide ILEAS with grant funds, including management and administrative support money, to implement a portion of the program.
 - **Hiring of Staff** – The expansion of this grant will include the eventual hiring of three additional staff members who would work under Joe Galvin and possibly pick up a portion of the RPC salaries recognizing that they have local contacts and can assist in the field arranging meetings and logistics.

Neubauer asked if this would replace radio systems. Page replied, No, that it is more like and IWIN alert system. Initially to be used by public safety but will include public works later as security/access concerns are addressed. Motion made by Roman and seconded by Hagen to approve the development of a commonly accepted budget between ILEAS and IEMA, Expansion of the current SLIGP FirstNet grant for one year – the amount to be reported back to the Board at the March 2014 meeting, hiring of the three positions and the acceptance of the organizational chart to include the FirstNet division. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Salary Schedule Revision**

- **FirstNet Inclusion** – Potential FirstNet staff hired pursuant to that grant would need to be placed in the salary structure.
- **Consideration of Salary Outliers** – Outliers employees on ILEAS' payroll but works at the IEMA facility in Springfield and answers both to ILEAS and to other ITTF committees.

Georgas asked if FirstNet personnel positions in salary table are influenced by IEMA. Page replied that they fit in the "Manager Technical" range. Motion made by Volk and seconded by Hagen to adopt the modified salary structure. Voice vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Insurance Review** – Molly Rollings attended the Board meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding ILEAS' insurance coverage. Molly stated that our limits are adequate, but could

possibly be increased at no extra cost. ILEAS will continue to explore this and possibly raise our limit.

- **Workers' Compensation Claims** – Two workers' compensation claims filed with our insurance carrier prompted a complete review of ILEAS' workers' compensation and liability insurance coverage.
- **Overall Liability Insurance Review** - ILEAS senior staff met with our insurance representative to discuss these issues.
- **Workers' Compensation Policy**
- **Role Player Waiver** - Close examination of the policy for non-employee volunteer role players and a re-write on our participation waivers
- **Rebanding Update** – The rebanding project is moving forward into another phase. In January ILEAS delivered a list to Motorola of approximately 55 agencies that have fixed base stations or consolettes. Motorola service shops will contact the agencies and schedule on-site rebanding. Staff has developed a strategy to close out the rebanding program. Staff suggests that at the conclusion of the rebanding process in March, that the same process as described above be used for the law enforcement VHF radio that were issued in 2005. It is time to drop them from the inventory based on their current value and the grant guidance.
- **CNN Interview – Armored Vehicles** – ILEAS was contacted by producers for the Anderson Cooper's AC360 show at CNN regarding the "militarization" of law enforcement. They have been working on a story for months regarding the distribution of armored vehicles to small rural towns and counties. Executive Director Page spoke at length to the producers of the show about the Bearcat that ILEAS bought for the Region 9/11 SRT currently stationed in Mt. Vernon. They conducted an on camera interview for the story. ILEAS provided a background material document explaining the ILEAS mutual aid system and how the Bearcats' assignments worked.
- **End of Year Grant Funds -**

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment – At 1:50 P.M. Motion was made by Hagen and seconded by Schneider to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted



Dave Snyder
ILEAS Board President