



ILEAS Board Meeting
Crowne Plaza, Springfield
March 6, 2005

Meeting Attendees: Gary Stryker, Matt Tobias, Gib Cady, Mel Messer, David Snyders, Roger Scott, Don, Bennett, Kevin Eack, Dave Owens, Jeff Bock, Terry Dove, Doug Edmonds, Bob Quarello, David Reubhausen, Jim Vazzi, John Zaruba, Ron Shipp, Tim Lyerla, Jim Page, Angela Page, Jeff Chudwin, Tyrus Dejarnette

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 PM by Gary Stryker.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting made by Zaruba and 2nd by Dove. Voice vote carried.

Don Bennett gave the treasurer's report and covered the year to day expenditures. Motion by Zaruba to accent, 2nd by Vazzi. Voice vote carried.

Jim Page gave the Executive Director's report at 7:10 PM. He covered the new staff, Angela Page and Tyrus DeJarnette.

- The conference – 375-380 attendees vs. 280 last year and 23 vendors vs. 6 last year. There will be a surplus of nearly \$30,000 estimated from the conference.
- The membership – final count of agencies in Illinois is placed at 1062. A suggestion was made to develop a “read-only” password for dispatchers.
- The previous request for a copy machine for the office. One has been located and h will ask for a motion to purchase
- A development in the pursuit of 501c3 tax status. He discussed the new requirement of DHS to view ILEAS as a collation of local governments. That project is underway.
- The fact that the ILEAS WMD SRT Excursions are no longer being made. Gary Stryker directed Page to determine if they are still on State bid. The board has already voted to authorize Page to purchase the trucks.
- A Discussion of the three by-law changes that must be voted on in the business meeting on March 7th. Permanent delegate, Chicago Board membership and Unanimous By-law changes.

A motion to propose the by-law amendments at the annual business meeting on the 7th was made by Dove and 2nd by Owens. Voice vote carried.

A motion to have Page direct the attorney to pursue the DHS “coalition rule was made by Bennett and 2nd by Eack. Voice vote carried.

A motion to purchase the copy machine was made by Messer and 2nd by Bock. Voice vote carried.

A motion was made to add the Chicago proposed by-law at the business meeting on the 7th was made by Zaruba and 2nd by Quarello. Voice vote.

Membership dues were discussed. The point was made that agencies could appeal to the Board if paying them is a hardship.

Committee Reports

Communications – VHF radio purchase update. Motorola will provide a bid price of a VHF radio in Pelican case with an ILEAS sticker. More to follow. Motorola is also ready for ILEAS to provide a list of agencies receiving STARCOM radios. Page will review the list with IEMA and provide it to Motorola within two weeks.

Grants – Dave Owens will provide a power point presentation on the 2005 grant program in a general session on the 8th.

Training – Gib Cady reported that the numbers were down for training in Illinois according to the Police Standards and Training Board.

Car Plan – Doug Edmonds reported that the car plan change is progressing smoothly.

Public Transportation – Gary Stryker reported for Pete Smith that the METRA planning was still underway and that they had had trouble getting AMTRAK to the table.

Page discussed the regional meetings on the 8th. He distributed regional meeting agendas and the list of departments in each region that are NOT members. Region 9 co-chairs were no-shows at the conference. New co-chairs will be elected. Bock, Stryker and Page would attend the region 9 meeting and get their election started and get them underway.

Page also reported that a letter of support on the helicopter was not done yet.

Old Business

The membership committee came up. Stryker is looking for a membership committee chair volunteer.

New Business

Jim Vazzi brought up the issue of the regional WMD SRT's being able to solicit funds from local companies. After discussion, it was decided that this is tied to the 501c3 or DHS “coalition” research. Put aside for time being.

Stryker brought up a request by the Sheriff of Jo Davies County about ILEAS interacting with out of state agencies on alarm cards. Stryker requested that this be discussed at length at the March 23rd meeting. Does ILEAS assume additional liabilities by Jo Davies County having out of state agencies on their alarm card.

WMD SRT Committee Report

Jeff Chudwin reported that the WMD SRT equipment inventory is underway. He also reported that the feedback from the SWAT school in region 8 was very positive. Regions 9 & 11 have a SWAT school scheduled. The next team commander's meeting will be in Pontiac on March 14th. Policy and Procedures are getting done and that project is still underway.

Board Membership Discussion

Don Bennett encouraged the secretaries and treasurers from the regional board should get involved with Governing Board committees. John Zaruba requested a list of committees and members be distributed to the co-chairs. It was discussed that many Board members are nearing retirement and that younger members need to be recruited to get experience on the Board as replacements.

Page reported to the Board that he has been approached by Champaign County to assist with a \$7,000 planning grant for NIMS typing. This would not be an ILEAS project and would not impact ILEAS's business. Page agreed to assist with the grant implementation unless the Board objected. No objection was raised.

A motion was made by Zaruba to adjourn, 2nd by Vazzi. Voice vote carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.