



ILEAS Consortium Meeting  
24 July, 2007  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, Illinois, 62703

Attending Board Members:

Gib Cady, Tom Braglia, Mark Beckwith, Dave Synders, Don Bennett, Jeff Chudwin, John Zaruba, Brent Fischer, Robert McCarty, Don Volk, Chris Sullivan, Larry Evans, Tom Cundiff, Lyndon Thies, ISP-Bruggeman, John Risley, Wayne Gilliford. Mike Chamness, Pete Smith

Guests:

Terry Lucas, Terry Knop, Jennifer Ford, Dave Owens, Ed Moen, Ken Swails, Jim Luecking, Ralph Caldwell, Mike Synders, Ron Shipp, Chuck Lanahan, Dave Kolp, Randy Justice, Kevin Eack.

President Beckwith called the meeting to order and attendance taken at 11:10.

- \* Don Bennett gave the financial report.  
Motion by Zaruba, 2nd by Braglia to approve Financial report. Motion passed.
- \* President Beckwith explained that due to a computer failure, minutes from previous meetings were unavailable and would be reviewed and voted upon at a later time.
- \* Old Business - None
- \* New Business - Due to the retirement of Springfield's Chief, a vacancy was created for a Region 6 Co-Chair. Brent Fischer made a motion to appoint Ron Shipp as the Region 6 Co-Chair and Ralph Caldwell to be named as Sgt-at-Arms. **Motion by Fischer, 2nd by Braglia to approve temporary appointment of Co-Chair and Sgt-at-Arms positions. Motion passed.**
- \* Director Page presented budget recommendation information and detailed the entire process on how and who is involved in constructing the recommendations. Booklets were provided to all board members showing the process and how it is accomplished.

- \* Projects that have traditionally operated by ILEAS and descriptions of new initiatives that will be covered in the future were outlined. Mike Chamness spoke of an initiative to contact and work with private business in providing emergency aid to responders that is being considered.
- \* ILEAS budget proposal revised showing award amounts, Administrative costs, and Project distributions were reviewed.
- \* Director Page and Mike Chamness explained an overtime backfill policy and distribution that had been put in place in the past. 60/40 split of funds was initially the goal however MABAS has been forced to use more money than initially believed and ILEAS has been making up this difference. This issue will correct itself in future budgets as specific amounts of funding are being directed to ILEAS and MABAS that can only be used for those respective groups. Mike explained that ITTF will be moving funds as needed to cover as changes in the national response level.
- \* Mike Chamness indicated that Illinois did well during the funding award announcements receiving a larger portion of the funds from what was a smaller available source this year. Mike recognized ILEAS, MABAS, IESMA and other agencies for their professionalism and dedication as being one of the main reasons for Illinois's success.
- \* The state received \$36 million in Inter-Operability Communications funds of which \$16 million has been ear-marked for Chicago area. A grant process is in development and will hopefully be announced by October for other agencies to submit funding requests. Applications will be handled on-line through ILEAS. At this point, all projects must work in the 700 MHz range and involve multiple jurisdiction cooperation.
- \* Responding to recent media attention on Homeland Security Spending and Fusion Centers, Mike Chamness reported that Illinois has expended 82% of all DHS Funding received since 1999. All funds are obligated through 2006 funds which are still open. Mike defended and praised the decision to create a state fusion center (STIC) as being a necessary way for all agencies to channel information and have it evaluated for proper use.
- \* Mike indicated that all audits reports that have been completed for ILEAS have returned excellent results and it is their intention to have all reporting agencies adopt the ILEAS format for budget control and approval.
- \* Director Page gave a project update and overview on the status of the Training Facility Project. Page outlined the possible contract agreement language with the board and stated that he would be meeting with Champaign County this week at their meeting. Jim believes that due to restrictions posed on federal funding, it will be necessary to enter into a 3 year agreement with annual reopeners rather

than a 10 year agreement. The purpose of this briefing was to outline how this project fit into the overall ILEAS budget.

- \* Jeff Chudwin complemented ILEAS staff and board members on the work done in all areas of interest and specifically commented on work done to try and bring the training facility to fruition. Gib Cady mentioned a possible training topic to address in-flight personnel with defensive tactics training.

**Motion by Jeff Chudwin, 2nd by John Zaruba to pass the proposed 2007 Budget Recommendation to the ITTF as presented. Roll call vote held. Board approved.**

- \* Mark Beckwith addressed the concerns of SRT over the construction of Air-Trucks for WMD incidents. Mark stated that ILEAS will have representation on boards dealing with this issue with MABAS.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by Larry Evans ILEAS Secretary