

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Board of Directors held on 14 October 1977 at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington.

1. A short breakfast meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington on Friday, October 14th. The meeting was called to order by President Beukers at 8:00 a. m. The minutes of the 27th meeting having been distributed to directors were adopted without reading or amendment by a motion made by Fehlner and seconded by Van Etten.

2. Attendance

3. Dates for directors meetings were established for the year as follows:

December 13th	1977
February 15th	1978
April 11th	1978
June 13th	1978
August 8th	1978
October	Convention to be decided

4. Officers

The President appointed the officers for 1978.

Vice President	Leo Fehlner
Secretary	William Polhemus
Treasurer	Bahar Uttam

5. Committees

Chairman for the various Standing and Special Committees were established:

STANDING COMMITTEES	CHAIRMAN
Constitution	Vernon Johnson
Membership	Lloyd Higginbotham
Historical	Walt Dean
Awards	Leo Fehlner
Convention	Vernon Johnson
Nom. & Elect.	Walt Dean

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN

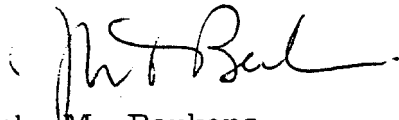
Congressional	Ed McGann
FAA Certification	Richard Pasciuti
Loran-C Spec.	Jim Van Etten
Spectrum Clearance	Leo Fehlner
Publicity	Sam Goldstein
Radionavigation Jour.	Bahar Uttam

6. Convention

After some discussion it was decided to hold the next convention in New Orleans. Johnson agreed to be Convention Chairman and assign a committee for the purpose of organizing and running the convention.

7. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Beukers
President

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Mr. John M. Beukers
President, Wild Goose Association
Beukers Laboratory
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Dear Mr. Beukers:

Thank you for your letter of 4 October 1977 concerning the participation of Coast Guard personnel in the Wild Goose Association.

Several months ago, a question arose concerning the participation of Coast Guard personnel in the activities of private, non-governmental societies or associations. The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard was requested to look into the matter. He found that participation by Coast Guard personnel in the management and control (e.g. as board members) of any private organization or society which is to a lesser or greater extent seeking to affect the course of Coast Guard legislation before the Congress or otherwise attempting to influence Coast Guard policy on any given matter should be discouraged. It was felt that such participation by our members would be inconsistent with their status as Coast Guard employees and could potentially place them in the anomalous position of representing a private group at odds with the official views of the service.

It is my understanding that the Wild Goose Association has, on at least one instance, entered comments during a Coast Guard proposed rule-making process. This would, in my view raise the issue of Coast Guard personnel helping to run an organization which might actively take positions with regard to Coast Guard policy. If this is true, then it would seem to create at least the appearance of a loss of complete independence or impartiality on the part of such personnel.

I can assure you that your Association has not been singled out from other organizations. Moreover, there is certainly no objection to our personnel participating as members in your Association, so long as their membership is based upon their particular individual interest in Loran and does not come about solely as a result of their occupancy of a position

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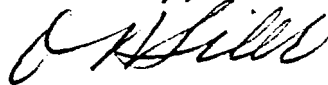
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or assignment within the Coast Guard. Indeed, it is obvious that membership in the Wild Goose Association could be of benefit to the Coast Guard.

I appreciate your highly commendatory comments regarding Captain Culbertson, Captain Roland and Mr. Haislip. I am certain that their participation as officers of the WGA has not prejudiced their performance of official duties as employees of the U. S. Coast Guard. Our policy decision in no way reflects adversely on any of the three.

I trust that this will assist you in making a report to your board and membership as to why the three Coast Guard members submitted their resignations to the Wild Goose Association Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



O. W. SILER
Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commandant



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Mr. John Beukers, President
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Dear Mr. *John* Beukers:

The attached paper has been prepared by a committee appointed by the Council of the Institute of Navigation in June 1977. Your Directors are solicited to consider its contents and contact the ION committee with your reaction to its contents, alternative considerations, or other comments. It is our hope that a mutually beneficial position can be evolved within the next two or three years.

The Committee members are:

Col. Brad Parkinson, SAMSO, USAF	(213) 643-1526
Mr. John Beukers, Beukers Laboratories, Inc.	(516) 567-5100
Mr. Russ Weaver, Northrop Corporation	(213) 970-3959

Sincerely,

Russ
Russell E. Weaver
Committee Chairman

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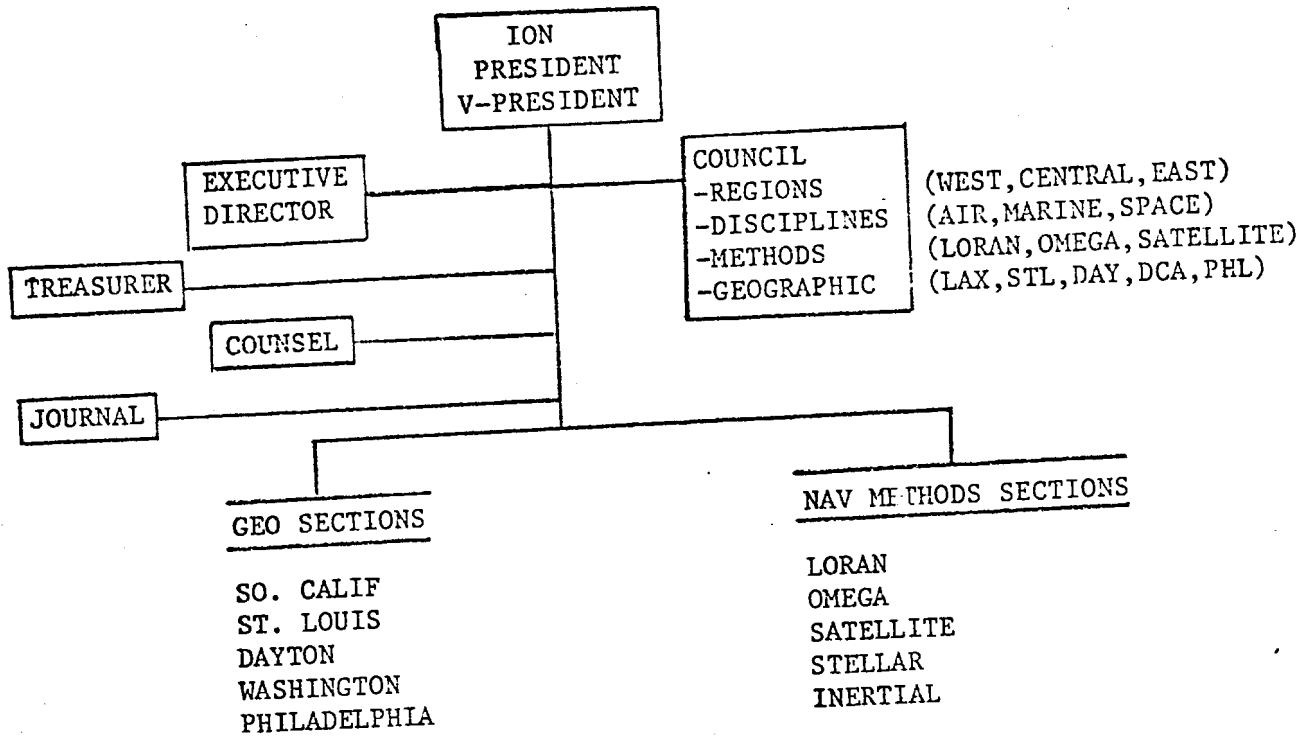
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IN THE PROMOTION OF NAVIGATION METHODS

The Charter of the ION states a primary objective to be "To coordinate the improvements for forward strides made in navigation and related arts and sciences ---". A deficiency in the pursuit of this objective is evidenced by the emergence of a number of organizations over the past few years with the same objective but totally independent of the ION. Substantial duplication of membership exists in these organizations.

Working under the premise that an integrated navigation organization can be more effective in furthering the navigation discipline and in serving a common membership the Council of the ION appointed a committee at the last Council meeting to address the current deficiency and recommend what steps can be taken to consolidate these organizations. To this end, the following plan is submitted for consideration by the governing body and membership of both the Wild Goose Association and the International Omega Association as well as those who feel a satellite navigation, inertial navigation, or stellar navigation organization is required to support their objectives.

The ION has supported, from inception, sections based on geographical areas of coverage and these have been successful in enlarging the membership as well as enhancing the ION structure. Effort is continuing to expand this concept. It is now recommended to institute sections based on navigation methods, for example, Loran Section, Omega Section, et cetera. These sections would have representation in the ION Council similar to that which the existing sections possess.

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Each Section elects its own governing committee; formulates its own annual program while coordinating them with other ION activities; and generally conducts business within a federated network. Members are encouraged to participate in various sections as their interest dictates and time permits.