

WILD GOOSE ASSOCIATION

34th

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth meeting of the Board of Directors held 20 October 1978 at the LePavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

In attendance were:

Bahar Uttam
Vern Johnson
Carl Andren
Ray Abraczinskas

Leo Fehlner
Lloyd Higginbotham
Walt Dean
Jim Van Etten

Absent were:

John Byekers
Hank Hilbun
Ed McGann

Art Pankopf
Bill Polhemus
Vernon Weihe

1. A short meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the LePavillon Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana on Friday, October 20 during the closing of the Seventh Annual Wild *Goose* Association Technical Symposium. President Bahar Uttam called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. with three agenda items:

- 1) 1978 Convention Comments
- 2) 1979 Convention Location
- 3) Fish Expo

and expressed unanimous congratulations to Vern Johnson on a marvelous job as 1978 convention chairman.

2. President Uttam expressed convention comments mainly from the ladies to the extent,
 - 1) have a non-technical banquet speaker or none at all
 - 2) make the awards presentations longer.
3. On the subject of the 1979 convention, L. Fehlner suggested staying with the existing convention theme format and that Toronto be considered as a candidate site. Gallery comments suggested problems with IRS on "conventioning" in Toronto. Other suggestions were Niagra Falls and back-to-back with IOA in San Diego. V. Johnson recommended returning to Northeast to facilitate more of the membership participating. Suggested candidates were Boston, Washington, D.C., New York and Williamsburg, Virginia. L. Higginbotham pointed out that the Washington, D.C. area can be used as a reason for people to attend due to business ties. J. VanEtten made a motion to hold convention '79 at Williamsburg, Virginia, W. Dean seconded. WGA 1979 CONVENTION TO BE PLANNED AT WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

L. Higginbotham made a motion that Niag^{ra} Falls be the backup site. V. Johnson seconded.

4. Relative to 1979 Convention Chairman - B. Uttam and L. Higginbotham will review the membership for potential candidates to be discussed at the next board meeting.
5. B. Uttam commented that the 1978 Convention panel discussion indicates concern and interest level. Transcripts will be generated by L. Fehlner and will be made available for further action.
6. Point of perspective - Board discussions indicate that the ~~LORAN~~ specification characterization generated by APL is WGA sanctioned as a point-of-departure specification to further formalization with the U.S.C.G.
7. B. Uttam indicated that an offer had been extended to WGA to have a free booth at "FISH EXPO" the week following the WGA Symposium. Consensus discussions resulted in a decision that time and manpower constraints hampered active participation so, B. Uttam will write a letter of acknowledgement, but regretfully declining the invitation.
8. General - Louis Peterson, Chairman of the ~~LORAN~~ Certification Committee, gave a verbal overview of the situation to the board and gallery.
9. Meeting adjourned about 5:30 P.M. Next board meeting tentatively scheduled in Washington, D.C. on December 12.



Raymond J. Abraczinskas
Secretary