

# Wild Goose Association

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87<sup>th</sup> Board  
Mike Moroney  
and Andren  
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## Minutes of the 86th Meeting of the Board of Directors - April 27, 1989

### 1. Call to Order.

The meeting convened at the Department of Transportation, Room 4340, Washington, D.C. and was brought to order by the President at 1358 hrs.

The following board members were in attendance:

John Illgen, President  
Carl Andren, Treasurer  
John Beukers, Secretary  
Jim Alexander  
Leo Fehlner  
Robert Lilley  
Mike Moroney  
Dave Scull  
Jim Van Etten

Written proxies were received from the following:

Jim Culbertson, appointee John Beukers  
Walt Dean, appointee John Beukers

Jim Van Etten informed the meeting that Vern Johnson was unable to attend the meeting because of family matters.

Also in attendance were:

Daniel C. Cross from Denny Smith, Oregon Congressman's Office.  
Marilyn Beukers was present as recording secretary.

The Secretary reported that the attendance by Board Members and their proxies constituted a quorum in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

The President stated that an agenda for the meeting had been distributed and would be followed.

### 2. Minutes of the 85th Board Meeting.

The minutes of the 85th Board Meeting, having been distributed to Board members prior to the meeting, were accepted upon a motion made by Van Etten and seconded by Andren without formal reading.

It was noted by the Secretary that the minutes for the 84th Board Meeting were waiting for a conclusion to the 1987 convention report which was being held in abeyance.

### **3. Secretary's Report. (Distributed to the Board prior to meeting)**

The Secretary reported that of the correspondence received, two letters should be brought to the attention of the Board. A letter was read from WGA member Dave Haislip who commented upon the need for standards on the terminology employed in the Goose Gazette and a recommendation that, with an increase in membership, a paid central staff should be employed. After some discussion the Secretary was asked to respond to Haislip's letter, thanking him for his suggestions and indicating that the board is considering the actions that he suggests.

The second letter was an abusive response from Avril Jensen in Canada to a letter written by the Secretary informing Jensen of the price for proceedings. Leo Fehlner suggested that this not be taken too seriously since he had had a similar experience with this individual. No action was recommended.

Some of the other general correspondence was mentioned for information purposes only.

The Secretary stated that the correspondence activity was some 15-20 letters a week.

A request for the WGA membership mailing list was received from a WGA member. Leo Fehlner noted that it was stated in the minutes of one of the board meetings that the WGA mail list could not be given to anyone other than for WGA business, such as the WGA mailing of Proceedings, the newsletter, etc. The consensus of the Board was to maintain this policy.

The Secretary stated that mailing constitutes a major expense for the WGA and that the matter was being addressed. Samples were shown of letters and packages sent by the WGA that were either returned because of insufficient postage, lacked envelopes for overseas mailing, or use of envelopes were not strong enough to carry the contents. The Secretary noted that Tyvek envelopes were now in use from Megapulse WGA mail box to Beukers and were doing the job - mail no longer spilled all over the Post Office. The Secretary stated that he had been to a U.S. Postage Seminar and that an assigned representative would be discussing the mailing requirements of the WGA and how best to cut costs. He also stated that he would be sending the WGA mailing list (now in excess of 1050 names) to Post Office for Zip plus 4 information which would cut mailing costs.

Other matters - Directors business cards were being checked into for the best price. Jim Alexander requested WGA stationery with his return address imprinted.

### **4. Treasurer's Report. (Written report submitted at meeting)**

Before Carl Andren began his report, John Beukers stated that he wished to apologize to Leo Fehlner for a statement in a letter addressed to the President and circulated to Board members in which he described the past Secretary's advice on the need for tax returns as being inaccurate when, in fact, the incorrect information had permeated down from past treasurers. Leo Fehlner stated that the misconception stemmed from the WGA beginnings when the dues were small and convention expenses small - at that time it was not necessary to file an income tax return.

The Treasurer presented his report. The Treasurer stated that he had engaged an accounting firm to make up tax returns and to provide an opinion to the Board concerning past years when the WGA may have been required to file but did not. John Beukers expressed that he was gratified that the matter of the WGA's Tax Status had been addressed and that he endorsed the Treasurer's action. Beukers raised the question of WGA inventory which was stated as \$0 on the returns when, in fact, there was considerable inventory consisting of Publications, Medals, Badges, Stationery and other paraphernalia, all in the hands of the Secretary. Beukers stated that he would cost the inventory for tax purposes.

The question as to what tax code was given to the WGA by the IRS was discussed [501C(3) or 501C(6)]. The Treasurer stated that he would undertake to get a ruling on the matter. Carl Andren undertook to write to the IRS regarding the section of IRS code under which the WGA is registered.

After some further discussion, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by John Beukers and seconded by Jim Alexander.

Beukers stated that he wanted to make it a matter of record that the Board was appreciative of the Treasurer's effort in doing the work necessary to get the tax return completed and for his interface with the accountants. The Board so moved.

## **5. Vice President's Report.** (Distributed prior to meeting)

Vice President Jim Culbertson submitted a written activity report and raised issues which were discussed during the meeting under the agenda items.

## **6. Standing Committee Reports.**

(a) **Audit** (No Report)

(b) **Awards** (No Report)

Chairman Bob Frank - No report was submitted but one would be prepared for the next meeting. The President stated that he would send a letter to Frank regarding the awards.

(c) **Constitution**

A typeset copy of the Constitution and By-Laws was sent to Vern Johnson for proofing prior to publication. Some minor corrections were made on this form. Jim Van Etten requested that the information on filing and status of the WGA be put into the By-Laws and Constitution. Action: Beukers, Andren, and Johnson to get together on this.

(d) **Convention**

**1988** - The 1988 report is still in suspension awaiting input from Bob Bronson. Detailed break down of the convention costs and expenditures involved in the printing and mailing of the Proceedings are required by the Treasurer for tax filing purposes. Andren will get this information from Bob Bronson.

**1989** - Chairman Mike Moroney supplied a written report and stated that the mailing for "Call for Papers" was larger than in the past. So far two papers had been received. Arrangements for the Convention were proceeding according to plan. The Secretary stated that two extensive mailings had been made to the media, one for the "Call for Papers" and the other requesting a Calendar Listing.

Chairman Moroney stated he will be spending a night at the Tara hotel to check it out.

1990 - Chairman Alexander submitted a written report. He requested hiring a professional who does convention planning to handle the 1990 convention. Suggested a convention planner could get better hotel prices and would be responsible to find another hotel if the WGA had an overflow. The convention planner would charge a fee of \$675 to do the pre-convention planning and \$2675 to handle all the arrangements. It was mentioned that lower room rates should attract a larger group to the convention. A discussion followed regarding hiring a convention planner. A point was made that Bronson had II Morrow staff to work on the 1988 convention and Moroney has FAA and Cassidy's company to help out with the 1989 convention. However, Alexander and Culbertson are the only two people working on the 1990 convention. A motion was made by John Illgen that the WGA pay the \$675 for the pre-planning convention arranger and this was seconded by Moroney. The motion was passed. It was suggested that a re-evaluation be made after the pre-planning session was held.

**(e) Historical (No written Report)**

John Illgen reported that John Castonia will be working with Walt Dean to get the ball rolling.

**(f) Journal (Written Report distributed prior to meeting)**

The Chairman, John Beukers stated that substantial progress had been made with the Loran bibliography and that it was coming together nicely.. Beukers stated that it was anticipated that the Journal would be ready for the convention.

**(g) Membership (Written Report submitted at meeting)**

A written membership report was submitted by Walt Dean along with a draft letter directed towards the European community for membership. The membership administration is being conducted by the Secretary. Beukers stated that he was at present, and had been for the last few months, running a collection agency for the outstanding dues. The current membership statistics were presented.

1987	51 delinquent
1988	108 delinquent

There are now 440 to 450 current paid-up members, and the WGA mailing list now stands at 1044. The Manufacturers' Cards program is doing very well. 10% of the cards that are sent out are returned and 10% of these returns become members

Certificate of Regular Membership was brought up. Wording needs to be changed to be non-sexist and not to credit people for their contribution to Loran which is not applicable. Wording was agreed upon.

Beukers stated that the WGA does not send out membership cards except to brand new members - this should be changed to be a yearly function.

## **WGA Growth Initiative.**

At this point in the meeting the President suggested that Item 7 on the agenda be addressed since it refers directly to the question of membership.

John Beukers stated that he had prepared a five year budget for the WGA and that this had been circulated to all Board members. He emphasized that the process of putting numbers down on paper brought many aspects of the Growth Initiative into sharp focus that suggested some bold and new thinking. Beukers presented the user scenario for the 1990's and the gradual introduction of GPS/Loran sets. The need to expand the Board of Directors, and make changes to the terms of Office, the Association's name, the Products and Services of the Association, publicity and other topics were mentioned. After some discussion in which the Board wrestled with the significance of the subject matter, it was resolved to set up a committee to study the Growth Strategy with the objective of reporting back to the Board with recommendations for action and resolutions. A working committee consisting of Alexander, Culbertson, Van Etten, Andren, Scull, and Illgen was formed under the Chairmanship of Beukers to generate this new proposal which would then be brought before the board.

### **(h) Newsletter**

Bob Lilley, Chairman of the Newsletter Committee, stated that he had turned out a newsletter, and, though not entirely satisfied with its appearance, it was sent out on time. Total cost for 750 copies amounted to \$585 dollars including mailing. Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue is June 1st.

### **(i) Nominating and Election Committee. (Written Report submitted prior to meeting)**

Chairman Jim Van Etten stated that ballots were ready for the printer. The proposed election ballot had been sent to Board members previously. A motion to accept the proposed ballot was made by Beukers and seconded by Alexander and passed unanimously.

Van Etten stated that a set of mailing labels were needed for the current 1989 members and delinquent 1988 members. A code should be included on the labels to show which members were delinquent.

## **7. Special Committee Reports.**

### **(a) Civil Radionavigation Working Group. (Written report submitted at meeting)**

Chairman Dave Scull presented a written report of the Committees Activities. He recently moderated the Navigation Users' Round Table at the RTCM annual meeting in Seattle, Washington. Scull stated that he had received a letter from the International Association of Institutes of Navigation (Jean Prunieras) requesting inputs for the Navigation work plan that IAIN is developing.

At this point in the meeting the President stated that in view of the few minutes left before the 5.00 p.m. scheduled adjournment, he would summarize the remaining reports.

The President reported that there had been correspondence relating to Hyperfix with the Navy and the loran/GPS interoperability report had been accepted by Dr. Tom Quinn. He also stated that the DOD report was in final draft form.

The President mentioned that he was disappointed that no information had been forthcoming from the 1988 Convention chairman.

## Old Business.

Hyperfix - no report

Mike Eaton. It was recommended that since Mike Eaton was the recipient of the Medal of Merit and that he had now retired and found it necessary to resign his WGA membership, that he be made an Honorary member. The board so moved.

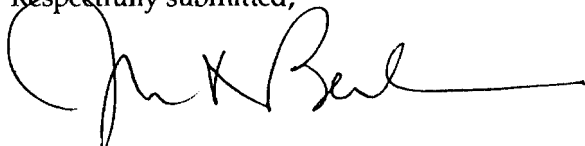
Nema News. WGA to recognize the death of Susan Burns.

Jim Van Etten stated that Charles Kenny had passed away. It was the consensus of the Board that more should be done in remembrance of WGA members, consistent with the WGA charter. A published obituary column in the Goose Gazette and the Journal was suggested.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 29th in Alexandria, Virginia. Details to follow.

There being no additional time for further business, and upon a motion made by Illgen, and seconded by Beukers, the meeting adjourned at 1700 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Beukers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John M. Beukers  
Secretary

The following documents are attachments to the WGA's 86th Board Meeting Minutes and are on File. The page count is 162 which makes it not practical to copy and circulate to Board Members. Should you wish to have copies of any of the material listed, please drop me a line stating your requirements.

## ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Bahr Technologies, Inc., requesting use of WGA mailing list.

Proxy from Jim Culbertson.  
Proxy from Walt Dean.

1990 Convention Report.

List of WGA 1989 Volunteers.

Nominations & Election Committee Report.

Vice-President's Report.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report including Opinion letter from Hoye, Graves, Bailey & Associates, and WGA tax return for fiscal year ending September 30, 1988.

Journal Report.

Newsletter Report.

Sundry Correspondence.

5-year budget for WGA by John Beukers dated 890412 including Institute of Navigation's Financials and Budget.

1989 Convention Report.

WGA Election Ballot Form for 1989.

List of WGA Library Acquisitions.

Analysis of Manufacturers' Card Returns.

Media Address List for WGA 1989 Convention Calendar Listing.

Marked-Up New Member Certificate with New Wording.

Sponsor Information as of 890407.

Letter from David T. Haislip.

Sample Membership Card.

**ATTACHMENTS (continued)**

Notification from Walt Dean of WGA Electronic Mail Box.

Information on Oceans '89.

Letter from Chief of Naval Operations to Robert J. Lagomarsino, member of Congress, with cover letter from Congressman Lagomarsino to John Illgen.

Attendance List for 86th Board Meeting.

Director's Report from Walt Dean with attached Membership Information.

Civil Radionavigation Working Group Report by Dave Scull.

Winter Edition, 1989, of Goose Gazette.

Correspondence from Ed McGann re: Frost & Sullivan Report.

Correspondence from Ed McGann re: USCG Rule Making for Safety Equipment.

Report of Delinquent Dues.

Copy of Typeset, Marked-Up WGA Constitution and By-Laws.

Sample Convention Publicity Envelope.

Draft of Loran-C Bibliography Database Printout.

Draft Letter to European Members from Walt Dean.