

ILA FAX

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FROM: Walt Dean, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of teleconference meeting 10 July, 1995

INTERNATIONAL LORAN ASSOCIATION

112TH MEETING OF THE ILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 112th meeting of the ILA Board of Directors was held by teleconference at 1330 EDT on 10 July, 1995

1. Directors Present

Directors attending the teleconference were;

Dale Johnson, President
Jim Alexander, Vice President
Walter Dean, Secretary
Robert Lilley, Past President
John Beukers
Laura Charron
James Culbertson
David Last
Mike Moroney
Bill Roland
Linn Roth

Also attending: Bill Brogden
Ellen Lilley
Dave Olsen

2. Agenda and Quorum

Bob Lilley had faxed an agenda to all board members the previous week.

The secretary determined that a quorum was established when eight board members were present at the meeting.

3. Special Report

Mike Moroney reported on the condition of Bill Polhemus. Bill has been in intensive care for six weeks, following his heart attack and second bypass. He has had a tracheotomy to assist his breathing with a machine. The doctor expects to put a tube in his stomach to supplement his feeding and build up his strength to enable him to breathe on his own. Several directors have called and written, messages forwarded to Bill by his wife Jan.

The grounding of the of the SS Royal Majesty off Nantucket has resulted in several letters to DOT secretary Pena, with little in the way of response. Apparently the problem with the GPS aboard was a disconnected antenna, putting the navigation system in a DR mode. There have been a number of articles in marine magazines, largely pointing to the desirability of a backup system.

Dave Olsen says the FAA is going ahead with GPS as sole means,

with DR as fallback navigation, with IOC with redundant WAS coverage down to Cat I by 2001. The 1994 FRP reflects this. Moroney will send copies to all directors.

4. 1995 Election

Bob Lilley reported that there are now 255 paid members, plus 32 complimentary memberships. This means about 100 of last year's members have not renewed. He (Ellen) will send out renewal notices to the 100.

The BOD slate has been changed to delete Bob Bernard and Laura Charron due to concern over possible to conflict of interest. They are replaced by Bill Brogden and Tom Thomas. Charron moved the board approve, seconded by Dean, with no dissenting votes. Bernard had been sought as he is FAA program manager for loran, but a FAA lawyer was against his participation.

Lilley expects to send out ballots by July 15.

5. Moscow Conference

Beukers observed that the June conference in Moscow was probably better off for the withdrawal of the ILA and INA, because they were forced to go to the Russian government for funding, and they came out better. There were 257 people attending, with average daily attendance of about 120, about 64 from the west, 27 countries represented. He has put a number of papers from the conference on the internet. This was the first conference not U.S. dominated and technical dominated. Marine users were principal, with considerable talk of getting land users involved. The consensus was that GPS/Glonass and Loran-C/Chayka was the way to go, and there was concern about the NAPA (?) report which says there should not be a competitor to GPS. Contacts were made with the Glonass system, where work is being done on the space and control segments, but the user segment is lagging badly.

It was decided that the conference should be repeated in June of 1997.

6. November ILA Meeting

Johnson questioned how our November meeting and a possible 1996 ILA meeting in the Netherlands would fit into planning of the Moscow conference. Beukers thought it would fit fine. Beukers observed that the U.S. policy of backing GPS to the exclusion of all others is completely divergent from the thinking of the rest of the world. There will be an IALA meeting in Cape Town this November, which will address the same issues. Dave Last will be giving the keynote speech in Cape Town, and will therefore miss the Washington meeting.

Johnson stressed that the November meeting will focus on workshop formats rather than just presentation of papers. Beukers

suggested getting someone from Brussels to discuss how the rest of the world is going. An effort is being made to firm up the program for the meeting in the next few weeks. Johnson was looking for a precise timing guru. Charron suggested Dr. Winkler, just retired as director of time services at USNO.

Charron has included notice of the conference in a USNO bulletin sent to precise time users.

Johnson is working to get speakers who can address the issues on a policy level to lead into workshops that can produce position papers. The objective is to get a couple of hundred people to the conference. Getting the word out is the big problem. Ellen stressed that we must stress to members that this is THE convention for 1995.

Ellen says the Westfield, where the conference is to be held, is the most glamorous place we have ever been. If the weather turns sour even the women wouldn't mind being stuck there. Lunch facilities are excellent, so no formal lunches are planned. Transportation to Washington is also easy.

Lilley is looking for a small brochure from the hotel to send out with notices. Brogden need information for the newsletter.

If a resolution after the meeting is required, it should be prepared beforehand, then modified as required for final issue. Beukers notes that all the preamble and boilerplate can be prepared beforehand, and he offered to participate in its preparation.

Johnson will be busy at Oshkosh until 3 August, but will get out a letter to the membership. He has delegated preparatory work on the brochure to Alexander. Ellen will take a draft letter and get in final form to mail. This will be done by e-mail to Lilley.

7. Washington Activities

Roland has persuaded Senator John Karry to send a letter to DOT Secretary Pena using the Royal Majesty grounding as entry to arguing for continuation of Loran-C.

The Coast Guard's response of Johnson's letter to Pena is pertinent and will be distributed by fax to the Board.

Roland and committee got text in the House Transportation Appropriations bill similar to that in the authorization bill requiring a report on loran and meeting with the users. The Senate will be a more difficult problem.

The public support for loran seems to waning, at least as represented by the letters and calls received by Congress.

Larry Barnett has been doing good lobbying work, supported by Megapulse until September. Should ILA support him? The question

of our tax status and lobbying was unresolved.

8. Other Committee Reports

Charron reported that rewriting of the Constitution and By-Laws is in limbo because her secretary put it all in her computer and then left while Laura was on TDY. The rewrite may have to be done over. The report was deferred to a further teleconference some time in September. It was noted that the ION conference is in September.

Roland will check with Massachusetts Department of Internal Affairs on making our name change official.

9. New Business

Ellen reports the 1994 Proceedings should be going out next week. She is sending disks for business cards out, and asked for any others needing some. None replied. She has gotten quotes on decals, half with adhesive on front and half on back. The price has gone up.

Brogden reported his e-mail address to be 75400,045@compuserv.com.

Lilley reported receiving letters from NBAA and AOPA repeating strong support of multiple systems. These are in response to Johnson's sending them copies of his letter to Pena. Lilley reports there are a number of study groups in Washington working hard on the problem, but nobody knows what the politicians will do.

Dale leaves for Oshkosh on 22 July. His cellular phone is 503-580-1840. His fax at Hood River is 503-386-2124.

David Hinson will be at EAA. It was suggested that any thoughts for questions be sent to Johnson, who will be attending all of his briefings.

Dale will keep trying to reach Durk van Willigen to clarify the plans for the 1996 convention.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1455 EDT