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Subject: Minutes of 123rd BOD Meeting

Attached please find minutes of the teleconference held on 22 August.

INTERNATIONAL LORAN ASSOCIATION

123RD MEETING OF THE ILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 123rd meeting of the ILA Board of Directors was held by teleconference at 1330 EDT on 22 August 1997.

1. Directors Present

Directors attending the teleconference were:

Bill Brogdon, President  
Walter Dean, Secretary  
John Beukers  
John Butler  
Dale Johnson  
David Last  
Bob Lilley  
Bill Roland  
Linn Roth  
Durk van Willigen

Also attending: Dave Waters, Carl Andren.

2. Agenda and Quorum

Bob Lilley had e-mailed an agenda to all Board members.

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

3. Approval of minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 122nd meeting be approved as written. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Andren reported that the treasury now contains \$12,872.28, with little activity in the past few months.

5. Election Results

As the Nominations Committee had reported, Bill Brogdon was reelected unanimously (it was heard there swas one other vote) for president, and Bob Lilley, Bill Roland, Walt Dean and Durk van Willigen were elected to three year terms as Director. Carl Andren will fill Brogdon's third term as Director.

6. Operations Center Relocation as of October 15, 1997

Bob Lilley announced that they will be moving to Santa Barbara, CA, so that Operations Center will not be operating for about two weeks during the transition. The new address will be 741 Cathedral Pointe Lane Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Telephone, Fax and e-mail addresses will be reported as soon as available. The Operations Center has sent a letter to each member about the move.

7. The Booz-Allen Hamilton Loran-C study for USDOT

A page of agenda items was prepared for the "user conference" planned by BAH for 8-9 September in the Washington area, specifically for ILA members and friends who will attend. This had been e-mailed to all Board members. Brogdon, Roland, McGann, Roth, Andren, \_\_\_\_\_ all plan to attend the conference. There was considerable discussion of means for getting more direct user input to the conference, and suggestions were made for sources of support. Brogdon requested a list of members in the Washington area, some of which might be able to attend the conference without expending much time and expense on travel. The Board discussed a number of items for presentation to the study, and reviewed known attendees other than ILA members.

For formal presentations, it was suggested that written copies be provided, and use of overhead projectors is expected. BAH is expected to be in charge of the conference, not DOT. Brogdon has received a tentative agenda for the two day conference, and expects a final version soon. Brogdon has a list of suitable hotels, which he plans to distribute to possible attendees.

The ILA mailing list was sent to BAH to help them disseminate the information about the conference to more interested parties.

Brogdon prepared a single page fact sheet, and desired to print a number of copies for distribution. The Board approved expenditure for printing. Exposure at Fish Expo and the Annapolis and Ft. Lauderdale boat shows was discussed. It was suggested that the CG Auxiliary would probably be willing to share a little space for distributing fact sheets.

8. Preparations for 26th Convention

Total of 25 papers have been received, plus probably a few more. In about 3 weeks, the final printing of the program will be run. The session chairs have been selected, as have been the luncheon speakers. There was discussion on the Sunday BOD meeting, and it was decided to keep it there. Only a few registrations have come in so far at the OpCenter. Everybody seems to be procrastinating. There has been no progress on the debate. Dave Last was suggested, but the problem of finding someone to take him on was felt to be difficult. Bob Wenzel was suggested.

Waters had a question as to who would be running the golf tournament and the tennis. Moroney was mentioned as usually running the golf and Joyce has run the tennis. They plan them for Tuesday, and he needs an idea of how many golfers there will be. If there are 6 or less, they have one choice, more would require another. Tennis is quite nebulous. The hotel and the food are all arranged.

Monday lunch will be the Bob Hawley's report on the Booz-Allen-Hamilton conference. Gary Brunning, (sp?) Director General of Marine Navigation Services will be the Wednesday lunch speaker.

John Butler mentioned the possibility of the CCG Commissioner inviting the USCG Commandant to Ottawa.

9. DGPS & GWEN

Senate Bill 1048, amendment 1044 makes an appropriation to study adapting the equipment and sites of GWEN (the Groundwave Emergency Network) for establishment of a system to be a nationwide differential GPS system. GWEN is a network of VLF (150kHz) transmitters set up in the early 1980s, located to cover the lower 48 states for emergency warning. The danger of this is that it does not do what Loran-C can do, provide a backup navigation system. The clerk who supposedly receives comments said he has heard nothing, although many letters have been written about the bill.

10. RTCA SC-176

Johnson reported that all the work done to update the Loran MOPS has been shelved by the RTCA Technical Management Committee, saying things were dragging out. Much of the information is in Terry Pearsall's computer. It had been suggested that ILA might publish the material, but RTCA refuses to release it, saying it is proprietary, effectively burying it.

Pearsall has a download of the original document, but some of the material is not in electronic form and can't be handled easily. Johnson hopes to get the material from Pearsall, and may be able to forward it to Brogdon.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1515 EST.