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Attached are minutes of the 129th BOD meeting
INTERNATIONAL LORAN ASSOCIATION

129TH MEETING OF THE ILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 129th meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Loran Association was held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Conference Resort at 1530 EDT on October 11, 1998.

1. Directors Present

Directors attending the meeting were:

Bill Brogdon, President
Linn Roth, Vice-President
Walter Dean, Secretary
John Beukers
Dale Johnson
David Last
Robert Lilley
Mike Moroney
Marty Poppe
Bill Roland
Durk van Willigen
David Waters

Also attending:

Langhorne Bond
Al Frost

2. Agenda and Quorum

President Brogdon had e-mailed an agenda to all Board members. The Secretary determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 128th BOD meeting were approved as corrected by addition of Roland to the attendance roster.

4. Treasurer's Report

No formal report was given, in the absence of the Treasurer.

5. Legislative Report

It appeared that money to the Coast Guard for loran continuation is practically certain, with \$5M in the House bill and \$10M in the Senate bill, to be resolved in conference.

6. Meetings in 1999

It was reaffirmed that it is desirable to have a 1-day informational meeting in DC in May or June of next year to educate legislators and staffers on our views on the required radionavigation system mix. No decision was made as to specific time or place.

Europe was confirmed as the site for the next annual convention. Oslo was suggested but rejected as too far off the beaten track. Amsterdam was a good possibility, if a suitable host presented itself. Paris was also suggested, rousing considerable interest from the Board. A final decision was deferred to the next meeting on Thursday.

7, IALA Membership

Correspondence with IALA has produced no progress in achieving a special membership status that will save us money. We are behind in paying regular dues. Brogdon expressed frustration with negotiations.

8. FRP Progress

The 1998 edition of the FRP will apparently recognize the change in timing of the death of loran, although details are not available. Concern was again expressed about the effect of this uncertainty on progress in other nations on achieving a suitable navigation systems mix.

9. Beukers' System Monitoring

John reported that he has already collected a considerable amount of data, monitoring loran, GPS and Eurofix, although not all his receiving systems are running yet. No conclusions are yet to be drawn, but the operation is promising.

10. Honoring Bill Polhemus

It had been suggested that the ILA establish some sort of award to honor Bill Polhemus. The most popular idea was that the award for Best Student Paper be named for Bill, and that a small stipend, (\$100-200) be added to the award. No formal action was taken.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1655 EDT.