

**International Loran Association  
Minutes, 138th Board of Directors Meeting  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
Arlington, VA  
October 27, 2002**

**1. Call to Order 3:12 PM by Acting President, Vice President David Last**

David Last noted that this may be the first time a non-US citizen called the Board to order. John Beukers remains President, but is not able to be present for this meeting.

**2. Quorum**

**Present:** David Last, Linn Roth, William Roland, Nicholas Ward, Charles Schue, James Doherty, Robert Lilley, Durk van Willigen, Erik Johannessen  
A quorum is present. Linn Roth holds Marty Poppe's proxy

**Observers:** Ben Peterson, Thomas Celano.

**3. Approval of the Agenda** Mr. Roland moved, Mr. Doherty seconded - APPROVED

**4. Approval of minutes of the 137th Board Meeting** Mr. Roland moved, Dr. Roth seconded, APPROVED

**5. Secretary's Report** Dr. Lilley reported that minutes of ILA Board and GAUSS meetings were kept, The GAUSS Technical Information Paper and Summary were edited, and the CD for the ILA-30 (Paris) meeting was completed in support of John Beukers. These activities, together with various "odd jobs" assigned by the leader of the ILA Operations Center, constituted the Secretary's duties this year. The CD is complete and preliminary copies were given to Board members in attendance. General distribution will begin immediately after the meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Martin Poppe could not be present, but he submitted a Treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes [when e-mailed for full Board review]. Mr. Poppe provided incoming President Dr. Roth with some suggestions re: treasurer's position and convention income/expense, and other items. Dr. Roth shared this message with the Board members present.

Prof. Last moved approval of the report, and Mr. Roland seconded. APPROVED

**7. Committee Reports**

**a. Congressional Liaison Committee – Dr. Linn Roth**

Congress appears to be ready to give more money in FY 2003 than was asked for in the President's budget. Expect a conference-committee amount near US \$23-million. Last year, FAA was prevented by Congress from reprogramming dollars for non-Loran-C uses. This, plus the lengthening period of continuous funding, shows strong Congress support. Could it be that FAA and DOT do not see this?

The issue is bigger than DOT. It is an infrastructure issue well above the tactical air or water operational matters. Congress likes the Coast Guard – feels it gives good service

for the money. Curt DuBay should be asking for a lot more money! Note Homeland Security Department reorganization may soak them up. At present the Coast Guard is insisting that if it moves, it be moved intact.

Later: Do we become navigation statesmen? FAA WAAS is a national asset; so is Coast Guard Loran-C.

Mr. Roland moved, Mr. Doherty seconded. The report was APPROVED.

**b. Nominations and Elections Committee** - Messrs. Doherty, van Willigen, Schue, Lilley

There was a good turnout for director positions. Dr. Linn Roth was elected President for 2003. Board members elected were Erik Johannessen, David Last, Ben Peterson, and Chuck Schue. Others were high on the list and could be candidates for appointed-director positions.

Issue – Mr. Doherty reported that the hardest activity is finding candidates to stand for President. Is a change to bylaws needed? Longer term? [Such a change would require a change to the Constitution and thus a vote of the membership. The BOD can change the bylaws but not the Constitution.]

Mr. Roland noted that some organizations elect from Board rather than from the membership.

Approval was moved by Dr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Roland. APPROVED

**c. Awards Committee**

The report was distributed – will not be distributed with draft minutes, to avoid loss of secrecy and surprise. Awards will be published in the Proceedings for the meeting.

Approval was moved by Mr. Johannessen and seconded by Mr. Doherty. APPROVED.

**8. 2002 Convention and Technical Symposium**

Mr. Doherty offered thanks to Chuck Schue for much work and organizational skills. Mr. Doherty thanked Mr. Roland as Technical Chairman; and Ellen and Bob Lilley for meeting details handled by the Operations Center. The meeting theme and venue were designed to get some policy makers from Washington, DC here to understand how Loran for all the users of GPS can be a robust backup system.

Papers are excellent – good selection..

Mr. Schue will accept comments as good/bad items happen. The committee negotiated with three hotels; the Crowne Plaza met expectations at a good price. The banquet head table is a question; Messrs. Schue and Doherty are accepting advice. Finances will be kept up to date as registration proceeds. So far the numbers are looking good.

Suggestion: During the banquet: Thank the sponsors publicly.

Changes: The venue for the icebreaker reception is the hotel restaurant “Veranda”.

Continental breakfast will be served in the meeting-room foyer, hosted by ILA.

Mr. Last offered compliments to Jim and Chuck for arranging a flyover by a formation of geese as he traveled into Washington. It was noted with some good humor that the formation was, after all, flying *away* from the city!

## **9. 2001 Convention and Technical Symposium**

No report available. It was reported informally that the convention at least broke-even. This was not surprising due to the September 11 attacks, which has occurred shortly before the meeting.

## **10. 2003 Convention and Technical Symposium Venue and Committee**

The Far East? Dr. Roth favors a future meeting in Asia. Previously, Beijing was suggested, but no in-country representation was forthcoming. It was noted that meeting attendee Mr. Tamotsu Ikeda could carry back a message to the Japan Coast Guard and SENA. Could we interest the Japanese in a 2004 meeting? Dr. Roth will take this on for consideration during his presidency. Mr. Ikeda is also in touch with the Chinese (Mr. Haitao Wu).

Mr. Peterson noted Korean interest in LORIPP activities -- another Far East connection.

Canada? Probably not. The Canadians seem to be waiting on US decisions on Loran’s future.

The US? Mr. Johannessen feels that North America probably is good, as policy and fallout from the DOT decision will still be evident. Does that mean Washington again? Atlantic City was also mentioned, with its proximity to the FAA Technical Center and the Loran Support Unit.

Of the suggestions made, there was most interest in Boulder, CO USA, and it was decided to approach Tom Celano and Joe Kunches, residents there.

## **11. Issues**

### **a. US FRP**

One output of the current Pos Nav radionavigation mix study will influence the next update. Note that the FRP is likely not Mike Shaw’s top priority now, with staffing changes (Heywood Shirer’s move to FAA in September) and other important items.

### **b. DGON March meeting Loran/Chayka GNSS/EGNOS/Eurofix**

A repeat of this meeting was held Munich – good meeting, according to David Last. Should ILA be coordinating/co-sponsoring this?

### **c. AIS**

Note the role of this system in Homeland Security. Dr. Ward noted that we lose AIS if GPS goes away -- same as the WAAS problem. Loran-C is again a viable backup,

but the issue is not joined at this time. In the US, Gordon Weeks of the USCG should be a good contact

## **12. ILA-31 Membership Meeting**

The meeting is Wednesday 1330 – Prof. Last and Dr. Linn Roth will prepare for this.

## **13. Resolution**

This was distributed, and the Board approved the draft. The membership will provide suggestions for edits during the meeting.

## **14. Any other Business - none**

## **15. Adjourn**

Mr. Roland moved, Mr. Doherty seconded, and the meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:12PM.