

International Loran Association
Minutes, 140th Board of Directors Meeting
November 3, 2003, Boulder, Colorado
Corrected November 21, 2003

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Linn Roth at 3:14 PM.
2. **Present:** Bob Lilley, Charles Schue, Linn Roth, William Roland, Durk van Willigen, Jim Doherty, Tom Celano, Ben Peterson, Erik Johannessen, David Last.

Proxy: Linn Roth holds Marty Poppe's proxy.

Observers: Albert Frost, Jacques Manchard.

A quorum was declared.

Minutes of the 139th Board of Directors meeting were distributed, and moved (D. Last), seconded (W. Roland) and APPROVED unanimously.

3. Secretary's Report - Bob Lilley

The ILA web page is as current as time permits, but much material remains to be posted. It is a work in progress. Proceedings have been posted, but presently are in huge files as received from our volunteer pdf-file builder. C. Schue and R. Lilley will work this subdivision for recent (and largest) proceedings files.

There was an inquiry by C. Schue as to WHO is hitting the web page. R. Lilley will check into decoding the IP data we get when visits occur. Linn Roth expressed his thanks for the newsletter and proceedings now being on the web.

The Secretary continues to provide support for Linn, the Board, and the ILA Operations Center.

The report was APPROVED.

4. Treasurer's Report -- Erik Johannessen gave Marty Poppe's report. Erik is our new 2004 treasurer.

Received report from Marty's accountant Becky Barber. Marty has not seen it yet, so Erik will hold the paper report for now. The balance sheet through September, 2003 will be available once Marty has seen it.

Erik reported that there is not much unusual in the report. Last year's convention was profitable at the \$16-17K net level. Much credit to organizers and corporate sponsors. The ILA spent roughly \$2K on medals of merit blanks. Otherwise, the report is consistent with previous years.

There is not much received toward conference income as of September 30. Overall, we have \$42K in the two bank accounts, up from \$30.5K last year.

Erik will be meeting with Marty in next few weeks, and will debrief Marty.

For 2004, the Megapulse controller will work the details, with Erik's oversight as Treasurer.

Approved - report will be circulated by end of November, e-mail to the board.

5. Current-Year Convention

Tom Celano: This year's conference is more expensive than last year's. Sponsors income is about the same. At this point, somewhere between \$7,000-\$9,000 profit expected. [After the Board meeting, conference attendance increased beyond original estimates, which may improve the figure even further.]

Noted from last year's conference budget - Miscellaneous administrative requirements - \$3,800? R. Lilley check with C. Schue and Ellen.

On the 1/2 free day this week, there will be tours - NOAA and the Space Environment Center, and NIST. Tom will check on whether non-US citizens are excluded due to security concerns.

General Membership Meeting - On Thursday at the close of the meeting. We will likely not have a resolution session this year.

6. Executive Committee for 2003

President Linn Roth announced the 2003 committee:

Linn Roth, President
David Last, Vice-President
Robert Lilley, Secretary
Erik Johannessen, Treasurer

7. Board of Directors for 2003

There are 17 total slots on the Board

Term expires at convention in:

President - Linn Roth	2004	--	--
Past-President - (John Beukers, ret.)	2004	--	--
Elected Directors (three-year terms)			
- Langhorne Bond	2004	--	--
- Tom Celano	--	--	2006
- James Doherty	2004	--	--
- Erik Johannessen	--	2005	--
- David Last	--	2005	--
- Bob Lilley	--	--	2006
- Ben Peterson	--	2005	--
- Marty Poppe	2004	--	--
- Capt. Tom Rice	2004	--	--
- Bill Roland	--	--	2006
- Charles Schue	--	2005	--
- Durk van Willigen	--	--	2006

2004 Appointed Directors (one-year terms)

- Jacques Marchand	2004	--	--
- Tamotsu Ikeda	2004	--	--
- Nicholas Ward	2004	--	--

7. Upcoming Conventions

Linn Roth indicated that it is difficult to consider which site we should use, assuming that we want to be in the places where decisions are being (or to be) made. There is no US Department of Transportation schedule for a decision, for example. Others expressed that perhaps we should be planning to go to places where people want to go, considering that participation by decision-makers has been minimal even in their home city.

Other ideas:

Europe - Note the NELLS situation, France's commitment to the system's future Provence (San Tropez)?

Sweden - Abbas Mohammed has offered facilities there.

California - San Diego - Bob and Ellen Lilley offer to chair a meeting there.

Italy -

Atlantic City- Near the FAA Technical Center and USCG Wildwood - Who organizes?
New London, CT

Amsterdam, or Delft - Durk: Expensive- Netherlands not positive on Loran-C

St Petersburg, Russia - new commitment in Russia - modernization of Chayka.

Far East - It looks like we could accommodate 2005 in Tokyo.

L. Roth has been talking with T. Ikeda regarding such a meeting

Members were asked to think it over until Thursday's Board meeting.

9. ILA Committees

Audit: We need to appoint a member (not a director or officer) to head this standing committee.

Awards: Bill Roland serves. We have the new medals-of-merit blanks - The new ones have the ILA lettering rather than WGA.

This year:

Medals of Merit: Gerard Offermans and Arthur Helwig

President's Awards: Sherman Lo, Tom Gunther, Tamotsu Ikeda

Outstanding Service Awards:

Convention 2003 Committee: James Doherty, Charles Schue,
Gerard Offermans (GAUSS Chairman)

Best Paper: Sam Stein

Best Student Paper: Wouter Pelgrum

The **John Beukers Award for Innovation** has been defined and was moved for inclusion in the

bylaws. See attached Roland moved, Celano seconded. PASSED by those present (11), plus one proxy. Bill Roland will inform John Beukers.

Congressional Liaison: Linn Roth serves. U. S. Congressional markup 2004 budgets for Loran-C are \$25 million and \$20 million. The Congress is still supportive in the US, but we need to continue working with FAA and USCG. We need a *sponsor*! Ben Peterson noted that the Coast Guard's departure from DOT is not a help, really. It just adds more layers to any decision process.

Special Committee on Enhanced Loran-C: Langhorne Bond, Coordinator

Constitution: Bob Lilley - Bob agreed to look at streamlining the Constitution and By-laws.

Convention 2004: Tom Celano, Ben Peterson, with contributions from Chuck Schue (sponsorships), plus the ILA Operations Center.

Convention 2005: To be determined

Membership:

Newsletter: Al Frost, Otis Philbrick

Nominations and Elections: Jim Doherty

GAUSS: Gerard Offermans: Meetings ongoing during this conference (November 3 and 7).

New Business:

FAA Loran-C Report: This was discussed in the GAUSS meet today. A draft is due in December, and the Final at the end of March, goes to the DOT. Then when will the DOT decide?

Stay tuned for the Volpe Loran-C Cost/Benefit report! Scuttlebutt says it will be positive.

FERNS - When Linn Roth, Jacques Manchard and Erik Johannessen were in Japan, they met with Had a good good dialog. Looking forward to a 2005 ILA meeting in Asia.

10. Adjournment

David Last moved and Bill Roland seconded; the vote for adjournment was unanimous at 4:50 PM.