

**International Loran Association**  
**Minutes, 141st Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 6, 2003; Boulder, Colorado**  
Corrected November 18, 2003

**1. Call to Order 3:25 PM**

2. **Present:** Linn Roth, Ben Peterson, Erik Johannessen, Robert Lilley, Bill Roland, Jacques Manchard, Charles Schue, Durk van Willigen , Tom Celano, Tamotsu Ikeda

**Proxies:** Erik Johannessen has D. Last proxy; Linn Roth has proxies from J. Doherty and M. Poppe.

A quorum was declared.

**Observers:** Ellen Lilley, Ellena Roland

**3. Approval of Minutes from 140<sup>th</sup> Meeting and Secretary's Report**

Corrections beyond those accomplished prior to the 141<sup>st</sup> meeting are to be sent to R. Lilley ([bob@ila.org](mailto:bob@ila.org)) via email, and will be incorporated informally.

W. Roland moved to accept as corrected (Attendance List correction). Motion was seconded by T. Celano and APPROVED.

**4. Treasurer's Report and Convention Results**

The treasurer's report will be delivered after the meeting by current treasurer Erik Johannessen after receipt of materials from outgoing treasurer Marty Poppe. Erik will share with the Board by e-mail.

**5. Officers and New Directors for 2004**

**Executive Committee 2004**

- Vice President - David Last
- Secretary – Bob Lilley
- Treasurer – Erik Johannessen

**Board of Directors – Appointed Members for 2004**

- Nick Ward
- Tamotsu Ikeda
- Jacques Manchard

**6. 2003 Convention Report**

Convention Chairman Tom Celano reported that due to the large number of registrations at the door, the convention excess of income over expenses could be as much as \$20K. Tom handed out a preliminary report (attached).

The fact that the USCG Loran Support Unit had a number of persons who would have come, but were tied up in analysis and repair at the George transmitter, was raised. A partial rebate of

conference fee was considered but not agreed to. It was decided that the convention refund policy will be followed, and that we will continue to consider rebates on a case-by-case basis.

Tom Celano reported to the Board the hard work and cooperation he received from Timing Solutions' Amy Fitzgerald. Linn Roth will send a letter to Amy, and Bill Roland will prepare an Outstanding Service Award and send it to Tom Celano for presentation to Amy. It was agreed that the ILA will give Amy a \$100 gift certificate to a local restaurant that Tom Celano will identify.

Several suggestions were made by Tom Celano and discussed briefly by the group”

- The Tuesday-Thursday schedule was appreciated by several people who spoke with Tom; it avoids weekend travel. Tutorials and GAUSS preceding a Tuesday convention start would preserve the weekend air fares that are advantageous for international travel.
- Tom Celano suggested “Loran 101” tutorials, to serve first-time attendees or others new to the system. It was noted that the Tokyo venue for ILA-33 in 2004 may take such items as tutorials out of our control.
- Use Navtech to produce the seminar? It's a “new Loran” and Loran/GPS -- It was suggested ILA talk with Navtech, or perhaps we must do it the first time ourselves. If we have to “invest” in it, now is a good time for the ILA, money wise. Linn Roth indicated that discussions have taken place with Carolyn McDonald of Navtech, and we could restart those discussions when necessary. The last time Navtech offered Loran seminars they did not get the necessary support, so Navtech withdrew them. However, the situation might have changed due to the ongoing Loran work and general publicity.
- There were comments that the two-day GAUSS schedule added to the 3-day convention is just too long. There was discussion about a one-day GAUSS session, and this will be passed along to GAUSS Chairperson Gerard Offermans. Tom Celano suggested two days ILA, preceded by 1/2 day for the tutorial, which would be concurrent with the one-day GAUSS meeting
- Posting to the web page should be in the form of PDFs - secure. T. Celano and R. Lilley will work to convert the presentations from this meeting to pdf or Powerpoint slide-show format, to avoid possible mischief.

## **7. 2004 Convention, Venue and Committee – ILA-33**

Tamotsu Ikeda reported briefly on the recent experts meeting in Tokyo, which ILA representatives attended. The Japan Ship and Ocean Foundation was very interested in the vulnerability of GPS and effects on marine security. Linn Roth thanked Mr. Ikeda for hosting this well-attended event.

Mr. Ikeda then discussed the proposal presented during this convention to have next year's convention and technical symposium in Tokyo, Japan, in October, 2004. The tutorial idea seems a good fit, for the interest of many attendees from the various Far East countries (e.g. Indonesia,

Singapore, and Vietnam) that the Ship and Ocean Foundation and Mr. Ikeda will invite. The representative from Korea is said to be interested already.

E. Johannessen **MOVED** that the 2004 convention be held in Tokyo. W. Roland seconded. Discussion: E. Johannessen and T. Ikeda were designated as 2004 convention co-chairs, and the likely date was set for October, 2004. It was noted that various agencies will appreciate government rates at or near the meeting venue.

There was brief discussion among Board and Convention planning committee members T. Ikeda and E. Johannessen on schedule. (Monday seminars - Tuesday/Wednesday ILA meeting - GAUSS on Thursday if scheduled?) Sena Company and Ship/Ocean will work out translation and similar services. The Board meets Monday morning, and after the meeting closes on Wednesday. The motion was **APPROVED** unanimously.

## **8. VII. Tutorial Session at GNSS -- May 2004**

We discussed the need to *educate* attendees and to *market* Loran in Europe at the GNSS meeting in May, 2004, with a one-day tutorial and in the Far East at ILA-33 (Tokyo; October, 2004). There was some discussion of the GNSS schedule - Sunday May 16 vs. Thursday May 20 for the ILA sessions. First, we need to find out if it is possible. Durk van Willigen will talk with Jack Spaans on this. Many ILA people will be at GNSS 2004, so this should not be not a high-cost item for the Association.

An evening casual session with light hors d'oeuvres was suggested. Sally Basker was suggested as another potential presenter. Who could represent the EC? Would GAUSS take on the lead?.

W. Roland suggested a title such as "An Introduction to Enhanced Loran-C".

## **9. Committee Assignments and Chairs for 2004**

- **Audit** - (open) there was discussion on need for this committee
- **Awards** - Roland
- **Congressional Liaison** - Linn
- **Constitution** - R. Lilley, Tom Celano; asked to review and streamline
- **Convention** - E. Johannessen, T. Ikeda
- **Election** - J. Doherty, given concern over obtaining people to run for Presidency - all need to encourage active members to consider presidency
- **Membership** - (open) The suggestion was again made regarding combining membership with convention registration. With the big profit on this convention, maybe we should incentivize next year with a convention cost differential.
- **Newsletter** - A. Frost, O. Philbrick. A Frost repeats his request for newsletter input articles from the Board and membership. Also newsletter ads are important, to give evidence for industry interest and vitality re: the Loran system.

## **I. Other Issues**

**W. Roland:** Use of funds by Board members. The sense of the Board was that there are appropriate bounds set by the Constitution and Bylaws. For example, use of funds by President may be approved by the Executive Committee, but the President is accountable to the Board of

Directors. In the example discussed, Linn Roth asked the Executive Committee for the OK, and then brought the matter up at the Board meeting.

**D. Last** on Rotterdam meeting: David suggests we contact the DGON people that we're providing material at the GNSS 2004; this might affect their Loran-centered meeting. President Linn Roth will contact DGON.

## **II. Adjournment**

R. Lilley moved, W. Roland seconded. The motion was APPROVED unanimously at 5:05 PM.