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International Loran Association
142nd Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, October 25, 2004,
Tokyo, Japan

1. Call to Order: At the New Takanawa Prince Hotel, Tokyo, Japan, 4:33 PM

2. Attendance and Quorum: Present were L. Roth, T. Celano, D. Last, R. Lilley, B. Peterson, C. Schue, E. Johannessen, L. Bond, T. Ikeda; G. Offermans (observer)

R. Lilley holds W. Roland and J. Doherty proxies
D. Last holds N. Ward and D. van Willigen proxies
L. Roth holds M Poppe and J Manchard proxies

A quorum was declared.

3. Agenda Additions and Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed, with the reservation that items may be added or deleted during the meeting.

4. Approval of 141st Meeting Minutes and Secretary's Report: Approval of the minutes of the 141st meeting was requested earlier by e-mail. Votes of "aye" were received from J. Manchard, T. Rice, R. Lilley, J. Doherty, T. Ikeda, N. Ward, B. Peterson, D. van Willigen, C. Schue. The participants in this 142nd meeting APPROVED the minutes without objection.

Bob Lilley reported on the categories of materials stored by the Operations Center and some plans for consolidation and reduction of storage space. In some cases the appropriate place to archive these materials may be on the new web site Member Resource section (see below).

Board meeting minutes (John Beukers is helping to complete our collection here)

Membership list from each year - we believe we have one for each year. Best-effort.

Proceedings (These are all scanned onto CD now, but it's one file per year, and huge. We're thinking of trying to split them up into smaller units; say by session or by paper. We keep about 10 copies of each year's paper Proceedings)

Newsletters (We have at least a copy or two of each one, and the goal is to get these onto pdfs eventually.)

Journals (For historical purposes, we have a few copies of each one. Pdf scan also here)

Old convention pictures (In general these are on the Proceedings CDs; we have some loose pictures also that we will try to tie to a particular year's meeting and post with the proceedings..)

Awards citations (if not listed already in the proceedings for that year)



The Secretary has supported the Executive Committee and the Operations Center and has continued to maintain the Member Resource files on the web site. Supported Op Center production of proceedings of the 2003 meeting to CD and web; distribution of newsletters, ballots, convention materials; maintenance of online registration and membership.

The report was ACCEPTED by voice vote.

5. Treasurer's Report and ILA 32 Review

Erik's paper report was distributed. ILA closed the fiscal year 2004 on Sept 30 (actually Oct 3 for convenience). There is a net loss of \$22,000 due to prepayment of Tokyo conference expenses. Many convention expenses are already paid, but some revenue is not yet recorded, partly due to the positioning of our fiscal year. We are doing "all right" on this year's conference. Some corporate donations are not in yet.

There is a significant donation effort by our Japanese friends. The Japanese underwrote the reception and the Loran-C Forum. Also donations were made to ILA. Our hosts have truly "stepped up to the plate".

Note – Marketing and Loran Promotion – three trips, no time expenses.

The books will now be audited and tax forms filed.

The Treasurer's report was APPROVED by voice vote.

6. Committee Reports

GAUSS: Gerard Offermans reported on the 12th meeting held earlier. This was an informal international exchange, both political and technical. We are awaiting the US DOT decision, but the interchange of views is still valuable for participants. Does the Board have instruction for GAUSS?

Today the most important thing is the US decision; we recognize the importance of this, and Gerard commented that he personally has learned many new things about the decision process over the past year.

L. Bond: We do need the decision, and, if elected and we have the decision made though, I'll go world-wide with the ILA message. A principal role is to spread the word ILA's leadership outside the US is mandatory, and we are stuck now.

David Last: "International" does not mean "non-American" – it's at least a matter of style; I accept fully that we await the US decision.

Nominations and Elections: The committee performed well; the election was held successfully. It was noted that Jim Doherty has said he cannot continue as Chair. Resolution of the issue of a new chair was postponed to the next BOD meeting.



Election 2004 and the Board of Directors:

In the ILA 2004 election, Linn Roth was re-elected President. Langhorne Bond, Tamotsu Ikeda, Jim Doherty, and Doug Taggart were elected to three year terms as Directors. Subsequently, Gerard Offermans was appointed to the Board. He fills the vacancy created by David Last's becoming Past President as the result of a Board vote on September 8, 2004.

There was a short discussion of candidates for appointed Board members for 2004-2005. Jacques Manchard, and Nick Ward were offered as candidates, and the Board was requested to provide other name(s) at the 143rd Board meeting.

The full Board of Directors for the year 2005:

G. Linn Roth, President; David Last, Past-President; Langhorne Bond, Thomas Celano, James Doherty, Tomatsu Ikeda, Erik Johannessen, Robert Lilley, Gerard Offermans, Benjamin Peterson, William Roland, Charles Schue, Douglas Taggart, Durk van Willigen; plus three appointed directors, to be named.

Congressional Liaison: Linn Roth – Still much Congressional activity. It has been a huge help to the cause. Tom Celano: Does it help get the DOT decision made? Erik Johannessen: We need to stay vigilant. There's an essential level of scrutiny brought about by Congressional interest, but we have to keep it alive.

Langhorne Bond: It is fair on our part to ask for government support for the engineering and research studies. Congress now should not only appropriate money but should demand answers. The decision needs to be separated into the commitment to operate Loran-C and the decision on how the money flows to operate it. What to do?

Constitution: Bob Lilley and Tom Celano -- We will get the suggested simplification and streamlining done, and will send the proposed changes to the Board by e-mail.

Awards: Final awards were provided by committee chair Bill Roland. These were approved by the Board earlier by e-mail. It was decided that cash awards should always be "net out" payments; bank fees should be prepaid, the amount likely depending upon the method used for delivery of the award.

7. ILA33 Convention Issues:

Meeting Resolution – This issue was unresolved. Time will resolve it prior to the next meeting.

General Membership Meeting – There was short discussion about content.

Thank you for Japan Coast Guard – Presentation at icebreaker – The Board extended its thanks and President Roth will present the award at the reception.



8. Membership Issues:

These issues will be included by the Constitution Committee during their review and writing of a proposal for changes.

ILA Memberships

Discussion on Associate Membership

Discussion on Initiation Fee

9. ILA Publicity Campaign and Press Relations:

Langhorne Bond referred to papers distributed previously by e-mail. We're now moving out of the technical work; we used to get Jim Baumgarner at Aviation Daily to amplify our work and our opinions. David Underwood is the only one left writing on ATC issues and Loran. It turns out that this has not hurt us. The work was going forward and we achieved a good report to DOT. Now, however, we'll need press coverage again.

Ed Pinto worked on the Hill, is a moderate Republican. He knows the FAA, and is now at the Air Traffic Control Association part time. He was previously editor of the Aviation Daily. Ed is not well informed on Loran-C ; he's retired, comes at a reasonable price, and MR. Bond will pay him. Do we want to do this through ILA at all? He would write op-ed, work the trade press, etc.

Discussion: We must do no lobbying, but marketing, advertising and publicity are good.

By voice vote, the Board APPROVED the activity to be passed through ILA, with thanks to Langhorne for the idea and the support.

These are not attack ads – they relate to our concerns over US national security and its support using Loran-C-

10. ILA Website:

After discussion it was generally agreed that ILA Proceedings will be posted on the web site archive six months after distribution of the convention CD. For now at least, we will continue to distribute the CD proceedings.

Much of the old ILA-member-centered and archive material is unavailable on the site now, during transition, but we do receive requests for it, and it was generally felt that archive materials are useful. They are not, however, the sort of "front-page" public-image material we need presently. Bob Lilley will work through Linn for now (while web-support personnel are in transition) to establish an Member-Resource section of the site which is linked through the main page but not an integral part of the new public look and feel.

We will not necessarily split the large proceedings archive files into individual sessions or papers. The plan is to provide a link to a proceedings index page and then to individual bibliography-style indexes for the older proceedings. Newer proceedings are split by paper and indexed as they are built.



It was noted that Bill Roland offered to do some ILA history writing. Bob and Ellen will work with Bill to make archive materials available. One plan is to scan old paper to pdf files for archiving. See the Secretary's report, earlier, for the categories of materials we save.

11. ILA Ops Center:

Bob Lilley reported on the status of conversion to electronic distribution. Members received all the convention materials electronically; registration has been nearly all (90%) done on-line this year, and the Loran Lines newsletter is being put on the web site and distributed electronically. We've had this year of overlap (2 issues) which have been both U.S. mailed and e-mailed; we're ready to discontinue the U.S. mail unless someone just has to have the paper copy. A message to this effect will go to all members with e-mail. We will encourage e-mail, but will U.S. mail if requested by a member.

We've modernized the label process, obtained a business credit card to keep accounts well-documented and separate, and have led the Association to fully electronic conference proceedings.

During the web page transition, some materials are unavailable due to the link arrangement, but these will be made once again available in a members' section of the page. This will be the ILA-centered information, while the public portion of the page will be the loran-centered materials that form the new "look and feel" currently being developed. The Ops Center will work with the web developer to establish this ILA information section of the site.

Membership renewal has been on-line and being used; there are some glitches in the new form. The Ops Center is in touch with the developer to get these fixed.

Increasingly, accounting matters are handled electronically.

12. Other Business:

Durk van Willigen sent the following comment with his vote on the 141st Board minutes approval: "I have extensively talked with NavTech to give a special Loran course during the ENC GNSS 2004 held in Rotterdam. Unfortunately, the advanced publications about that course did not result in sufficient registrations so we had to cancel the course. I think that the Loran continuation decisions being put on hold in the US as well as in Europe were the main reason for the disappointing response.

"The good thing was that Wouter Pelgrum had been invited to give a special presentation 'The Integration Game' in the plenary session as a result that he got the Best Presentation Award for his Loran paper on the ENC GNSS 2003 in Graz, Austria."

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.