

**Minutes**  
**International Loran Association**  
147th Board of Directors Meeting, October 25, 2006  
**Groton, Connecticut, USA**

**1. Call to Order:** President Langhorne Bond, 1725 hours

**2. Attendance and Quorum:** No Proxies

Board members: Sally Basker, Langhorne Bond, Bob Lilley, Tom Gunther, Bill Brogdon, Dave Diggle, Sherman Lo, Tamotsu Ikeda, Gerard Offermans, Erik Johannessen, Durk van Willigen, Bill Roland

Observers: Al Frost, "Loran Lines" editor

**3. Agenda Additions and Approval of Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of 146th Meeting Minutes:** Not available; will review/approve by e-mail

**5. Secretary's Report: 2005** proceedings were delivered, and Secretary continues to support the Operations Center and the Board. Langhorne Bond thanked the Secretary for support to the President.

**6. Treasurer's Report and ILA35 Convention Preliminary Results:** There was good attendance and a good mix from industry, USCG others. We should be ahead by some \$5,000 over the expected \$11,000 surplus which is considered "on ILA budget".

**7. Executive Committee 2006-2007:** The current Executive Committee is Mr. Bond as President, Dr. Offermans Vice-President, Dr. Lilley Secretary, and Mr. Johannessen as Treasurer. Noting the special Past-President situation, with John Beukers and Bill Brogdon serving as Consulting Past Presidents, the Board expressed no objection to continuing this arrangement, and the existing Executive Committee, for the coming year.

**8. Board of Directors – Appointed Members for 2006-07:** Mr. Bond asked for suggestions to fill the remaining two appointed positions. He has asked Sally and David Last for suggestions from outside the US. The request remains open, and suggestions are welcome.

Erik Johannessen suggested consideration of Dave Kelleher, VT Communications, and Charles Curry. Sally Basker offered to contact Victor Tsarev for Russian representation, and Gerard Offermans suggested he could contact Brian Goodsir for Saudi chain input. Mr. Bond will accept suggestions and make appointments, with information to the Board.

**9. ILA36, 2007 - Convention Venue and Committee:** Mr. Bond talked with non-U.S. members and it was agreed that the 2007 meeting would best be held in the U.S., with a meeting in Europe the following year.

Discussion brought out proposals for Hawaii, which needs a station, and whose local range commander is interested in timing use. A Florida venue was suggested, with expressions of interest by Bill Roland and earlier by John Beukers to work it. The Eglin range and Pensacola facility are

close to Bill Roland's home; the Jupiter station has a Loran Data Channel running, useful for demos?

Fort Lauderdale was mentioned, along with Orlando, Miami and other sites. Messrs. Roland and Beukers were asked to investigate, and report to the Executive Committee, which will then contact the Board members.

**10. ILA Publicity Campaign and Press Relations – Further Discussion:** The Ed Pinto connection has not been as effective as originally hoped. [*Ed did get our meeting announcement placed in the Aviation Week Calendar and possibly in other publications - Secy*] Mr. Bond suggested we might be on a better track now – operating to some extent “below the radar” and concentrating on the governmental connections in the U.S., at least.

**11. ILA Operations Center contract:** Continued month-to-month with Ellen Lilley, without objection.

**12. Committee Assignments and Chairs:** Assignments for 2007:

- a. Audit: Erik's auditor at Megapulse
- b. Awards: Bill Roland, with Tom Gunther and Sherman Lo (Bill Roland was asked to prepare an Awards request message for the Operations Center to mail to members)
- c. Congressional Liaison: Larry Barnett
- d. Constitution: Bob Lilley to add Beukers Award (plus a few other By-Laws simplifications)
- e. Nominating: Dave Diggle will choose 2 more members, and receive Operations Center help
- f. GAUSS: Gerard Offermans
- g. Membership: Erik Johannessen
- h. Newsletter: Otis Philbrick and Al Frost

**13. New Business**

**Awards:** Erik Johannessen's “**ACO Summary Description and Analysis**” was suggested as the most significant statement – best paper? Sally Basker mentioned Arthur Helwig's paper “**LORADD UTC Timing and Frequency Trials**”, as a candidate for best paper, also.

It was pointed out that the best papers do not have to be presented at ILA. They could be ION papers, or from other venues.

**eLoran System Characterization:** Production of the System Characterization for e-Loran, an outcome of the GAUSS meeting, is to be worked 29 November – 1 December at NAVCEN. Sally Basker and Tom Gunther are working on a list of five to six people to produce a “strawman” document. The Characterization document will be sent to the ILA Board, for distribution for members of ILA, FERNS and IALA. This is a GAUSS subcommittee effort, with no government involvement in the content. The project received the blessing of the Board.

**Board Liaison Positions for US FAA and USCG:** Tom Gunther suggested offering these positions would be striking while the iron is hot. No one remembered whether ILA had done this in the past, but FAA and USCG people have served as Directors. The distinction between *lobbyists* and the ILA as an *advocacy group* was discussed. FAA's Kevin Bridges and USCG's John Merrill were suggested. After more discussion the consensus was to bring it up again at our next Board meeting.

**14. Adjournment:** 1810 hours