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## Summer Sizzles in Peoria



From beginning to end the 2010 Summer Meeting in Peoria, Illinois was hot, hot, hot! On Tuesday members enjoyed a tour of University of Illinois and Illinois LICA projects. They were able to see the McFarland Memorial Bell Tower and the Erosion Control Test Facility.

Caterpillar put members to work on Wednesday. They operated state-of-the-art CAT equipment and toured the Morton Parts Depot as well as the East Peoria factory. After a full day at CAT they were all invited to Wayne Litwiller's for some more equipment viewing and good food. LICA packed Wayne's property along with many vendors!

The ladies traveled to the quaint town of Manito on Wednesday and then to Washington Sq. on Thursday. They enjoyed wine, arts and of course shopping!

LICA members were educated on a variety of subjects at Thursday's seminars. They learned how to look healthy at any age and all about the LICA benefits. Caterpillar representatives talked about new technology and a variety of issues concerning the industry. Tana Utley, Vice President of Product Development, visited and answered members' questions. At the Opening Reception that night the associates took center stage as members mingled. The room was packed with over twenty exhibitors.

On Friday morning members woke up early to get down to business. The committee meetings were very well-attended. Members spoke on many issues concerning LICA and the industry as a whole.

Caterpillar pulled out all the stops Friday night at the Edwards Demonstration Center. They served a delicious dinner and put on a live demonstration.

After such a great evening no one wanted the fun to stop there, Saturday members went to Kartville for go-karts and bumper boats! At the Casino night everyone was a winner when playing Texas Hold'em, Craps, Blackjack, and Roulette. All members got their fill at the 2010 Summer Meeting!

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## President's Message

Fellow LICA members I hope you all enjoyed the 2010 Summer Meeting as much as I did. Once again I want to extend thanks to Caterpillar, Illinois LICA and all the associates for their hard work.

Now it's back to work for all of us, hopefully the rainy days have passed and the sun will keep shining so we can all catch up.

I want members to keep in mind ConExpo 2011, it's rapidly approaching. We want all members there showing their support for LICA and the sooner you sign up the more you will save!

## Dirk Riniker

Dirk Riniker  
National LICA President

## 2010 National Scholarship Winners

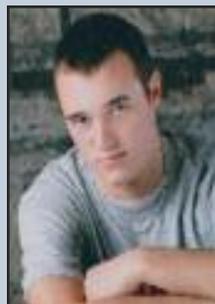


### Stacey Tjaden

Stacey is the daughter of Steve and Debora from Wyoming, Iowa. She is a senior at Midland High School. When she graduates she plans on studying agriculture.

### Ashley Myers

Ashley is from Havensville, Kansas and the daughter of Randy and Tawni Myers. Ashley is currently attending Onaga High School. She plans on studying elementary education and early childhood development.



### Luke Day

Luke is from Mahomet, Illinois and the son of Scott and Kate Day. He is currently attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He is studying civil engineering with a surveying specialty.

# Land Improvement Contractors of America Board of Directors Meeting Peoria, Illinois • July 17, 2010

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Barnhart at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn hotel in Peoria, Illinois.

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

Secretary Steve Miller called roll and declared a quorum present. A complete roll call is listed below:

<b>California</b> Pres. Merlin Welch	<b>Missouri</b> Pres. Jim Bledsoe
<b>Carolinas</b> absent	<b>Montana</b> absent
<b>DelMarVa</b> Absent	<b>Nebraska</b> Pres. Lawrence Fischer (proxy)
<b>Florida</b> Absent	<b>New Jersey</b> Pres. Chris Wagner (proxy)
<b>Illinois</b> Pres. Steve Anderson	<b>New York</b> Pres. David Rule
<b>Indiana</b> Kevin Musselman (proxy)	<b>Ohio</b> Pres. Rick Stacy (proxy)
<b>Iowa</b> Pres. Randy Liddle	<b>Pennsylvania</b> Pres. Richard Cottrell
<b>Kansas</b> Pres. Troy Mindrup	<b>South Dakota</b> absent
<b>Michigan</b> Russ Talaski (proxy)	<b>Virginia</b> absent
<b>Minnesota</b> Pres. Kevin Bakken	<b>Wisconsin</b> Pres. Ken Martinson (proxy)
<b>Executive Committee</b> Chairman Bruce Barnhart President Dirk Riniker Vice Pres. Steve Gerten Region 1 David Rule Region 2 absent Region 3 Bob Clark Region 4 Steve Miller Region 6 Harry Hauschild Region 8 Merlin Welch	<b>Past President</b> Dean Neiswinger  <b>Associates Chair</b> Kent Rodelius  <b>Ladies Chair</b> Becky Miller

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of agenda motion by Harry Hauschild, second Louis McFarland. Motion Passed.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Louis McFarland called for an approval of previous minutes from February 20, 2010 as printed in the LICA News, second David Rule. Motion Passed.

## REPORTS

### Chairman Bruce Barnhart

I've been living the good life as Chairman of the Board while coasting down the hill, making the transition to an everyday LICA member. I have kept in contact with Jerry, Eileen and Allison on several occasions. I have talked with Dirk about LICA issues and Dirk is doing a great job in getting new associate members involved with the LICA organization.

I traveled to Moline with Dirk, Jerry and joined some Illinois members to meet with John Deere. As usual we had a good meeting. John Deere was very supportive of LICA. We talked about ways to improve our relationship. We also talked about their participation in some of the LICA educational seminars at CONEXPO.

From John Deere we went to Peoria to meet with Caterpillar officials to firm up plans for the summer board meeting and also talked about their participation in the LICA track of CONEXPO educational seminars. We also discussed how to strengthen our relationship with Caterpillar. The next afternoon Jerry, Dirk and I spent an entire afternoon brainstorming on LICA opportunities, problems, and ideas. It was time well spent. At conventions the time to get together is limited, so taking the time with no other commitments was very productive.

I have also communicated with our Government Relations Director John Peterson on several occasions discussing legislative issues and our DC trip in May. John did a great job in arranging meetings with government officials and organizations that have common interests that we need to share information with and can work together on legislative issues. I feel this trip is so important that it should be an annual or semi-annual event. Having an executive board meeting out there is too expensive but having a few members of our leadership go out once or twice a year is key to building relationships with other associations and getting LICA's name exposed to other government agencies besides NRCS. By doing this we can provide LICA members with increased opportunities to get government work.

I would also like to thank Jerry's son Michael for treating us all to a night out at a Nationals ball game. He got us great seats...it pays to have connections.

### President Dirk Riniker

In April, we went to Moline, Illinois, and met with John Deere. Bruce, Jerry, Wayne Litwiller, Forest Davis and I went to dinner and had a very productive meeting with Xenya and her co-workers. The following day Jerry, Bruce and I met with Caterpillar over lunch and talked about the Summer meeting and having Caterpillar's support in all states for membership drives. I think we are making great strides in this area and believe we will see this at the summer meeting.

In May, Bruce, Steve, Jerry, John Peterson and I went to Washington D.C. and met with Representative King from Iowa who is a past LICA member and a very interesting person to listen to.

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#### President Dirk Riniker (Continued)

From there, we went to NACD where we met Jeff Eisenberg their new CEO. Jeff was very receptive and willing to help us any way he could. I felt very positive after meeting with him and that LICA will go a long ways with these folks, all we have to do is work it. After lunch we went to the American Society of Civil Engineers and met with Caroline Macheska and her associates. Their mind was on Cap & Trade and all the new regulations coming with the administration. The last meeting of the day was with Portland Cement Association where we met with Dave Hubbard briefly due to a teleconference he needed to be on. These folks are real pros at lobbying and are nice to have on our side. That concluded our meetings for the day. That evening we went to a Washington Nationals game. Jerry's son who works for the Nationals gave us great seats and it was a very enjoyable evening. The next morning we met with Lynn Gillespie our NRCS liaison to LICA. We talked about several subjects and that NRCS is more than willing to help us in anyway. After going to all these meetings I felt we made great strides and all these people are more than willing to work on issues that we may have. I would like to see us possibly meet in the fall with FEMA, the Army Corp of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management. I know there is work for our members in these fields and we just need to introduce ourselves to them. I would also like to say that John Peterson does an excellent job working with all these people and you can tell he is very well respected on the hill.

In June, I flew to Chicago where I met up with Jerry. Jerry and I met with Mr. Eric Wilde, Vice-President of Marketing for North America Komatsu. The meeting went very well and he asked, "Where have you been?" which was very encouraging to me.

On July 1st, Jerry and I met in Asheville, North Carolina, and had lunch with Volvo Vice-President of Marketing and Communications Representative and Sam Wyant, Vice-President of Sales. They would like for us to plan a Summer or Winter convention there so we could play at their proving grounds.

I think we made some good steps in the right direction for LICA so far this year, but I feel there is a lot more that can be done, if I stay after it.

#### Treasurer Bob Clark

Before you are the financial statements for nine months ending June 30, 2010. The income is down. The raffle did not do as well as expected. Membership dues are down \$8,000, but considering the economy 97% of budget is not too bad. The executive committee is keeping a close eye on expenses. Membership drives, visits to Washington, DC and National Tradeshows have been successful, in terms of new members and increasing the public awareness of LICA.

Motion by Dean Neiswinger, second Louis McFarland to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

The budget for 2010/2011 is included for your review. LICA needs to have additional revenue streams and lower expenses. In an effort to lower expenses, the term life insurance that comes as a part of membership is being dropped. This expense is \$37,000 and the benefit does not justify the amount of money spent. The budget is in compliance of the by-laws, to have a

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### Treasurer Bob Clark (Continued)

year's budget in reserve and add 5% to it per year. Motion by Harry Hauschild, second David Rule to accept the budget for 2010/2011. Motion passed. (Accepted budget printed on page 11.)

#### Executive Committee Steve Miller

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday night, July 13th. All officers gave reports about what is happening in their states. John Peterson updated the committee on legislative issues. Jerry Biuso reported on membership drives and tradeshows. The committee established the Budget for 2010/2011.

### MOTIONS

**Convention**-Motion by Dean Neiswinger, second Steve Miller to accept San Diego, California as the site of the 2012 Winter Convention and to accept Asheville, North Carolina as the site of the 2012 Summer Meeting. Motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Associates- July 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kent Rodelius Those in attendance were: Charlie Schafer, Xenya Mucha, Kevin Rapp, Paul Anema, John Downey, Richard Bates, Steve Baker, Shawn Greer, Nate Cook, Marion and Tom Bower, Norm and Coretha Rozendaal.

Xenya Mucha moved for an open agenda and was seconded by John Downey. Passed. Minutes of the February 19th meeting were read and approved. We discussed how everything was going at the summer meeting in Peoria Illinois. The associates are pleased with the site and the accommodations. The meetings are well planned and spaced and allow for great interaction with the associates. The associates also felt the communication for this event was good and the details laid out and presented to allow for our planning. The winter meeting will be in conjunction with ConExpo in Las Vegas in 2011. The plan is for a one night event with table top displays for those interested and a social gathering on March 20th. The associates plan to attend and support this event and look forward to seeing you there. As usual as much information and communication as possible will help us support this and make it a success.

#### Awards- July 16, 2010

Meeting called to order at 1 pm. Those in attendance were: Nancy Micsky, PA; Nordis Estrem, MN; Steve Gerten, OH; Dee Liddle, IA.

The form for Top State, Contractor of the Year, Contractor's Wife of the Year, and Hancor Conservation Awards will be simplified. We encourage all to apply.

Selection Committee shall consist of a member appointed from each region reporting back to National Vice President to tally results. Meeting adjourned.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Budget-July 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Clark at 9:15am. Those in attendance were: David Rule, NY; Steve Miller, IA; Harry Hauschild, NE; Merlin Welch, CA, Dirk Riniker, KS; Bruce Barnhart, IA and several guests.

Harry Hauschild moved for an open agenda, second David Rule. Motion passed.

David Rule made the motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2010, second Harry Hauschild. Motion passed.

There were no committee requests for funds. Randy Liddle, IA stated that the on-site waste committee would like a speaker next summer in Rochester, MN. He did not have the amount yet and would make the request at the Winter Meeting.

Reviewed the budget for 2010/2011. Discussed dropping the term life benefit. Discussed the change in education scholarships. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

#### By Laws- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order. Those in attendance were: Dirk Riniker, KS; Dean Neiswinger, IN; and Bill Doubet, IL. The Chairman Darrell Birge was absent. There were no issues.

#### Certification- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. Those in attendance were: Kevin Bakken, MN; Stan Seevers, IL; Forrest Davis, IL; Donna Clark, IN; Steve Anderson, IL; Steve Miller, IA; Louis McFarland, OH; Harold Thole, KS; and Wayne Litwiller, IL.

Stan Seevers motioned for an open agenda, seconded by Forrest Davis. Passed.

The Indiana Certification program is on hold as well as Ohio's. Discussed various definitions of check-outs. Illinois LICA has around five programs for certifying a contractor. Also you have to have three letters of recommendation from customers to be certified. Brent Breedlove, Flagging School for traffic control, he is here at the convention. Donna Clark suggested it might be a good idea for each state to push flagger school. Louis McFarland stated at one time you could be certified through NRCS. Louis also thanked Wayne for the job he did.

Forrest Davis made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin. Passed.

#### Conservation, Excavating, & Earthmoving- July 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 9:45am by Chairman Russ Peters. Those in attendance were: Steve Anderson, IL; Gene Blazek, IA; Merle Gronewold, IA; Troy Mindrup, KS; Wayne Nelson, NE; Keith Samuelson, NE; Forrest Davis, IL; Harold Thole, KS; Russ Peters, IA; David Rule, NY; Richard Cottrell, PA; Dave Bose, KS; OH; Worthin Grattan, IA; Tom Beyers, IL; Mark Wilson, OH.

Motion by Dave Bose for approval of agenda, seconded by Gene Blazek. Passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Conservation, Excavating & Earthmoving (Continued)

Motion by Forrest Davis for approval of previous minutes, seconded by David Rule. Passed.

Discussion on emissions effect on job availability. Discussion on flagger certification and certified traffic control person. Issue brought out of how road closed signs are magnet for traffic.

Concern brought out of changes from tax to fine in state agencies for operation funds- preventative measure to contact legislative. Issue of DOT regulations effecting trucks, audits and inspections. Education topics- water contamination laws, pond permitting, equipment repower to meet emissions.

Motion to adjourn by Gene Blazek, seconded by Troy Mindrup to adjourn. Adjourned.

#### Convention- July 16, 2010

Called to order by Chairman, Steve Gerten, OH at 11:00 a.m. Those in attendance: Steve Gerten, OH, Nordis Estrem, MN, Rhonda Neiswinger, IN, David Rule, NY, Evelyn Cottrell, PA, Nancy Micksy, PA, Will Word, MI, Patti McArdle, NE, John Rothberg, NJ, Tom Ervey, NJ, Steve Anderson, IN, Roger Greenawalt, OH, Dawn J. DeMuth, OH, Janet Doubet, IL, Jean Davis, IL, Miriam Seevers, IL, Kristin Kutemeier, IL, Veronica Seevers, IL, Maura Dibble, NY, John Peterson, VA, Coretha Rozendaal, IA, Wayne Nelson, NE, Susan Nelson, NE, Dee Liddle, IA, Mike Cook, MI, Gene Blazek, IA

Nordis Estrem, MN made the motion to approve the open agenda, David Rule, NY seconded. Motion carried. Steve Gerten, OH read the minutes from the February meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Nordis Estrem, MN made the motion to approve the minutes as read. John Rothberg, NJ seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: 2011 Winter Convention in Las Vegas. Riviera Hotel contract signed. LICA meeting will be March 20 & 21, 2011. CONEXPO will be March 22-26, 2011. Room rate \$99 (plus taxes) a night if booked before August 1, 2010.

The dates for the 2011 Summer Meeting at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN have been changed to July 11 – 17, 2011 with ADMC workshop on Monday and Tuesday prior to the convention. Nordis Estrem, MN, gave a presentation on the tours at the Rochester summer meeting. A question was brought up regarding dress for the 2011 summer meeting. Should have this issue looked into so attendees know what to pack to wear.

New Business: Discussion between San Diego, CA and San Antonio, TX for the 2012 winter convention and the consensus of the members was to go to San Diego, CA. Motion made by Nordis Estrem, MN to go to San Diego. Seconded by David Rule, NY. Motion carried. Summer 2012 meeting was discussed regarding Asheville, NC. Motion made by Nordis Estrem, MN to go to Asheville, NC. Seconded by David Rule, NY. Motion carried. David Rule, NY, moved to look at Ohio for summer 2013 and Colorado Springs for summer 2014. Seconded by Rhonda Neiswinger, IN. Motion carried.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Convention (Continued)

Discussion of 2013 Winter Convention. Motion made by Nordis Estrem, MN to look at San Antonio, TX. Seconded by Rhonda Neiswinger, IN. Motion carried. Amended motion was made by David Rule, NY, to look at Savannah, GA as an alternate site for the 2013 Winter Convention. Seconded by Rhonda Neiswinger, IN. Motion carried.

Motion was made to by Nordis Estrem, MN to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. Seconded by David Rule, NY. Motion carried.

#### Devotions- July 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. Those in attendance were: Jean Davis, IL; Terri Greenawatt, OH; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Mona Bledsoe, MO; Dee Liddle, IA; Marie Gronewold, IA; Maretta Grattan, IA; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Linda Rule, NY; Janice Litwiller, IL; Sue Thole, KS; Nancy Micsky, PA; and Evelyn Cottrell, PA.

Motion by Nancy Micsky for an approval of the agenda, seconded by Coretha Rozendaal. Passed.

Motion by Linda Rule for an approval of the previous minutes, seconded by Coretha Rozendaal. Passed.

Jean Davis from Illinois was thanked for the speakers at the morning devotions. We need to know how much funds are available for speakers at devotions each time. It was suggested that \$100 per speaker be available. Any state can request booklets and music CD. Maretta will consult with Eileen about devotions in Las Vegas and suggest a short devotions before the opening exhibit session.

Request was made to have the speakers and topic listed under devotions and an extra 15 minutes allocated when there is a speaker. List in general information program that devotions are open to everyone. Motion by Maretta to adjourn, seconded by Marie. Passed.

#### Education and Technology Committee- July 16, 2010

Called to order by Chairman, Merlin Welch, CA at 9:50 am Present: Merlin Welch, CA, Donna Clark, IN, Mike Cook, MI, Bob Clark, IN, Maretta Grattan, IA, Steve Miller, IA, Jim Bledsoe, MO, John Rothberg, NJ, Maura Dibble, NY, Lee Bunting, IL, Paul Demuth, OH, Stan Seevers, IL, Nate Cook, MI, Will Word, IL, Jason Oswald, CNA, Jon Seevers, IL, Steve Gerten, OH, Edie Ervey, NJ, Tom Ervey, NJ, John Peterson, VA, Dave Bose, KS.

Merlin Welch read the minutes from the Phoenix meeting in February 19, 2010

John Rothberg, made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Bob Clark, IN. Carried

New Business: Maretta Grattan talked about the Scholarship procedures. 2010 was the even year. There were 20 great applications, it was a very difficult decision, all the applicants' were very well qualified. Congratulations to all those that were chosen. The deadline for 2011 is still March 15th, but due to ConExpo, the ap

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Education and Technology (Continued)

plications need to be in the National office They would like to offer 4 scholarships next year.

Bob Clark, IN made the motion to amend the original motion of 4 - \$1000 scholarships to 8 - \$500, Stan Seevers, seconded, Carried

Stan Seevers called for the vote on the original motion to be voted down. Carried. Will Word made the motion to increase the number of scholarships from 3 to 4 for 2011, Jim Bledsoe seconded. Not carried.

Stan Seevers informed the committee that he thought that we are missing out on scholarships that the big manufacturers, i.e., Caterpillar, Case, John Deere, offer. A recommendation will be made to National to have someone look into these.

Merlin Welch talked about the "Perkins Money" This is money for vocational, hands on training in the High Schools. This money is for FFA programs, not English, Math or History. The money is not all going where it should be going.

This committee makes a recommendation to National to draft a resolution that John Peterson write a position paper on Perkins funds.

Merlin also talked about his heavy Equipment operator program. There will be a preconvention workshop next summer in Rochester, MN on Drainage/Water management.

Stan Seevers suggested that an educational workshop be offered on how to develop a working relationship between the individual state LICA chapters and the governmental or university entities within their state, which is vitally important both as a financial revenue and educational source.

Bob Clark, IN made the motion of adjourn at 10:50 am, seconded by Jim Bledsoe, MO. Carried.

#### Executive Directors- July 15, 2010

Called to order by Chairman, Patti McArdle at 1:40 pm

In Attendance: Patti McArdle, NB, Debbie Dickens, MO, Maura Dibble, NY, Janet Doubet, IL, Nordis Estrem, MN, Nancy Micsky, PA, Donna Clark, IN, Mike Cook, MI, Diane Curtis, WI, Steve Miller, IA, Mark Wilson, OH, Penny Hughs, KA, Evelyn Cottrell, PA, Kevin Bakken, MN, Jerry Biuso, NJ, Eileen Levy, LICA, John Peterson, VA

Debbie Dickens moved to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2010 meeting in Phoenix, AZ as printed, Janet Doubet, seconded and motion carried.

Jerry Biuso introduced Mark Wilson, new Executive Director from Ohio, and talked about the membership drives, the new benefits, and how it is all working.

Eileen Levy talked about the term insurance program and the thought about dropping this program. We talked about having the states pick up. Eileen also talked about signing up for Con-Expo.

## Board Meeting (from page 6)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Executive Directors (Continued)

Duties of the Executive Directors:

Patti gave the ED's a form to fill out outlining their duties as Executive Director.

Discussion on the ED's role at state and national meetings, and whom to send the Directories and Newsletter.

Discussion was held on Awards: The Executive Director's voted by paper ballots on the procedure and criteria for the Top State award.

Suggestions were made to change the procedure and criteria for the Contractor and Contractor of the Wife of the Year, and make it one page. Conservation award: Hancor, Inc has set the criteria for this award.

Debbie Dickens explained about sending pictures to Jerry or National.

Patti talked about having the State Senators or Representatives come to the state meeting, it is much cheaper than going to Washington.

The next meeting will be tentatively held in Las Vegas in March in conjunction with ConExpo, an email will be sent to the Executive Director's to determine the best time to hold it. Evelyn Cottrell made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janet Doubet and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

#### Insurance/Safety- July 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 11 am by Chairman Don Loken.

Those in attendance were: Keith Samuelson, NE; Dennis Powell, GA; Jason Oswald, CO; Bob Clark, IN; Andy Schlicksup, IL; Rodney Lucas, IL; Chad Cutting, IL; Merlin Welch, CA; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Troy Mindrup, KS; Harold Thole, KS; Steven Dick, KS; Bill Doubet, IL; Don Loken, MN; Dave Bose, KS; Edie Ervey, NJ; Kenneth Porter, NE, Paul Anema, IA; Dirk Riniker, KS; Jim Pruss, NE; and Brad McArdle, NE.

Jason Oswald talked about CD on driving safety, talked about claim statistics, would write an article to share in the newsletter. Jason and Dennis are at our service to help with Risk Control, encouraged communication with agency from contractors. Andy from CAT talked about safety and will provide LICA with safety on whatever is needed. Rod Lucas answered questions on safety from the committee.

Discussions on MSHA and OSHA to have a set of rules that would be synchronized to make rules easier to understand for employees. Discussion on cell phone usage while driving. Meeting adjourned.

#### Ladies- July 16, 2010

Opening Prayer was led by Becky Miller.

Meeting was called to order by Becky Miller at 9:40 AM.

23 Ladies were present with 3 new members Sara Cook from Michigan, Dawn Demuth and Terry Greenawalt from Ohio.

Evelyn Cottrell moved to have an open meeting with a 2nd being made by Nancy Micsky. Motion passed by voice vote.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Ladies (Continued)

Marion Bower read minutes from winter 2010 meeting. Motion made by Dee Liddle to accept. Dawn Demuth 2nd, motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurers Report was read by Becky Miller, balance of \$6,986. Motion made by Coretha Rozendaal to accept treasurer's report as given, 2nd by Marie Gronewold, approved by voice vote.

Old Business Quilt Raffle - \$2,080 was raised from tickets and donations. Won by Jackie Welch, donated back for auction, bought by Darrell Birge for \$600. Linda McFarland 2nd Prize \$20, and Darrell Birge 3rd Prize of \$100.

The money allocated to the women's program was used for the bus to Manito. We need to encourage more women to take part in the women's tours to eliminate the need for the state or national LICA to pick up the difference in actual cost of the bus and lunch costs. It was discussed to perhaps have a smaller bus to reduce costs. It would be helpful for the advance information to be more informative as to the need to get in early enough that we could get a better price on busses if enough people are not planning on attending. Nordis Estrem discussed the plans from MN for the summer 2011 meeting. Linda Rule suggested the possibility of raising the amount of money allocated for the ladies program. Winter convention will be Sunday March 20 thru 22, Las Vegas. The ConExpo will be Tues thru Sat 22-26. Miriam Seevers suggested we put together a list of free venues in Vegas. The monorail and Deuce are able to move visitors throughout the city. The Deuce, which is a bus trolley, charges \$7 per week for unlimited access.

Scholarship Committee member, Sandy Birge, was not at the meeting. Maretta Grattan spoke on her behalf. 20 applications were received this year, 3 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. As we normally give only 3, it was decided to give 8 \$500 scholarships in 2011. No applications will be accepted from master's students. In speaking to Eileen after the meeting, she mentioned 4 \$1,000 scholarships. This will be checked into and reported at the winter meeting in March 2011.

Discussion also took place on money allocated for National Meeting speakers. Motion made by Marie Gronewold from Iowa to change the money allocated to speakers for the Devotions to up to \$100 per speaker for the winter and summer meetings beginning in summer 2010. 2nd by Coretha Rozendaal, motion passed by voice vote. There was also discussion on the money allocated for the upcoming scholarships.

Linda Rule made a motion to not make a donation for 2010 as the Scholarship Fund received \$2080 from the Quilt Raffle (twice the normal contribution).

We will discuss in March 2011 if we will make a commitment for 2011. Nordis Estrem 2nd the motion. Passed by voice vote. Dawn Demuth made a motion to correct the treasurer's report as corrected by Becky. Maretta Grattan seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

## Board Meeting (from page 7)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Ladies (Continued)

The winter meeting will be in Las Vegas. If you can register with Con Expo by Aug. 31, you can then call the Riviera Hotel and get the special rate of \$99. This must be done by Aug. 31.

Becky Miller reminded everyone that the pretours are the responsibility of the hosting state LICA, with all profits from those tours or losses covered by them. From the start of the convention, those activities are the responsibility of National LICA. Dawn Demuth made a motion to increase the amount available to National LICA for women's programs from \$1,000 to up to \$1500, and for Children's programs up to \$500 if needed. 2nd by Evelyn Cottrell. Motion carried by voice vote.

We are strongly suggesting that we list Children's Programs on the advance convention information. We will hold more discussion in Vegas on upcoming fundraisers. Evelyn Cottrell moved to adjourn, 2nd by Dee Little. Meeting Adjourned.

#### Legislative- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by acting Chairman John Peterson.

Motion by Dean Neiswinger for an open agenda; seconded by David Bose; approved.

Motion by Merlin Welch to approve the previous minutes; seconded by Bill Doubet; approved.

Old Business: National President, Dirk Riniker reported on the successful May visit to Washington D.C. by a group of members from the Executive Committee. The same group is planning a fall visit in which they hope to visit other agencies such as FEMA and BLM.

John Peterson provided a recap on several areas of LICA national legislative interest: Cap and trade which was thought to be dead may experience a resurgence under legislation being sponsored by Senators Kerry and Liebermann though its chances of passage are slight. Likewise, card check legislation is not dead, but the likelihood of passage is slight.

John is continuing to follow closely on still current legislative issues of interest to LICA members including death tax, proposed Clean Water Act amendments, and project/labor agreements.

New Business: John Peterson alerted members to watch for the following issues to be likely to emerge in upcoming legislation: value-added tax; tax on health benefits as earned income; and an every growing list of new tax proposals resulting from the current deficit. He also alerted members to keep an eye on the bipartisan (R-Simpson, D-Boles) Debt Commission organized by the president. His educated prediction is for more tax proposals initiatives than spending cut initiatives from this group.

He also updated the committee on other issues to watch:

- Agriculture Committee Chairman, Colin Peterson is holding public hearings throughout the country on the proposed Farm Bill.
- The Federal Flood Insurance program is deeply in debt and is likely to begin trying to remedy the situation through moves such as premium increases and higher deductibles.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Legislative (Continued)

- The Financial Reform bill which had already passed the House has now passed in the Senate. Facets of this bill could result in significant handicaps to smaller banks which may have implications for many farmers and LICA members.

Merlin Welch brought up the issue of federal Perkins funds, originally allotted for agriculturally-related high school education, being diverted to other programs that have no relationship to agriculture. The National LICA Education Committee will consider whether to take a formal position on use of these funds only for agricultural related training to include operator training.

Don Loken proposed that National LICA consider reinstating annual Washington D.C. visits with members from various state chapters participating. It is believed that such trips were discontinued due to financial concerns, but that they were more effective than individual state chapter visits. John Peterson will look into the possibility of reinstating such a program with individual states choosing to participate accordingly and funding their own portion of such the initiative.

John Peterson raised the issue of CSA 2010, a federal program being formulated to deal with issues related to holders of commercial drivers' licenses. The program is anticipated to have significant and far-reaching effects for transportation issues in all states, and, as such could greatly affect LICA members. We will continue to watch this closely and consider when and where National LICA might take action to best represent the specific interests of our members.

Don Loken advised the Committee of a problem that Minnesota facilities governed by MSHA have been experiencing with regard to inconsistent and seemingly overzealous performances on the part of MSHA inspection. In accordance with a motion made by Dean Neiswinger and seconded by Bill Doubet, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

#### Long Term Planning/Past Presidents- July 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 11 am. Those in attendance were: Dean Neiswinger, IN; Harry Hauschild, NE; Louis McFarland, OH; Bruce Barnhart, IA; and Lee Bunting, IL.

Motion for an open agenda by Harry, seconded by Louis. Passed  
Motion for approval of previous minutes by Louis, seconded by Harry. Passed.

Discussed the Strategic Plan. It was suggested to add LICA chapters from states that do not currently have chapters.  
Motion to adjourn by Harry, seconded by Louis. Adjourned.

#### Membership- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chairman Bruce Barnhart.

Those in attendance were: Donna Clark, IN; Bob Clark, IN; John Rothberg, NJ; Tom Ervey, NJ; Will Word, MI; Janet Doubet, IL; Russ Peters, IA; Terri Greenawalt, OH; Roger Greenawalt, OH;

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Membership (Continued)

Mark Wilson, OH; Dennis Powell, GA; Dave Bose, KS; Penny Hughs, KS; Tom Beyers, IL; Wayne Litwiller, IL; Troy Mindrup, KS; Keith Samuelson, NE; Patti McArdle, NE; Merlin Welch, CA; David Rule, NY; Louis McFarland, OH; Miriam Seevers, IL; Stanley Seevers, IL; Diane Curtis, WI; Keven Bakken, MN; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Debbie Dickens, MO; Don Loken, MN; Lawrence Micsky, PA; Bill Doubet, IL; Norman Greeb, WI; Jon Seevers, IL

Motion by John Rothberg, NJ to have an open agenda.  
Motion to approve the previous minutes Forrest Davis, IL second Troy Mindrup, KS

Jerry spoke about the membership and future of LICA. Membership needs to be done every day. Each state needs to "divide & conquer."

Janet Doubet, IL talked about how to get new members. Will Word, MI talked about their membership drive. Debbie Dickens, MO talked about membership along with Diane Curtis, WI. Nancy Micsky, PA talked about her state insurance program.

Bruce Barnhart, IA stated that national LICA is committed to do membership drives. The associates support the membership drive. The safety manual is an important benefit. John Peterson and the legislative program is another benefit.

A new brochure to promote membership will be developed. We need testimonials from members sent to the national office.

Another brochure to promote "Why Hire a LICA Contractor" include that the LICA Contractor has knowledge, competency, experience, connections in the industry, track record, committed to soil and water conservation, access to technology, committed to safety, locally owned. Motion to adjourn at 2:15pm by Bob Clark, second Don Loken. Meeting adjourned.

#### On Site Waste- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11am. Those in attendance were: Wayne Litwiller, IL; Norm Rozendaal, IA; Steve Miller, IA; Worthin Grattan, IA; Merle Gronewold, IA; Randy Liddle, IA; Stan Seevers, IL; Clem Karlin, KS; Norman Greeb, WI; Richard Cottrell, PA; Jon Seevers, IL; Kevin Bakken, MN; and Lawrence Micsky, PA.

Norm Rozendaal motioned for an approval of the agenda, seconded by Worthin Grattan.

Discussed about septic site tour day with different systems at Wayne Litwiller's.

Also discussed about locating existing system. Talked about septic inspection and getting certified to inspect and what to inspect. Talked about different types of septic system to install. Talked about speaker at 2011 Summer Meeting in Minnesota. Possibility to have another hands on show for septic systems. Last we talked about increased prices from 1960 to present. Motion to adjourn by Worthin, seconded by Wayne Litwiller.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Policy- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. Those in attendance were: Randy Liddle, IA; Steve Anderson, IL; Nordis Estern, MN and Eileen Levy, National

The minutes from February 2010 were reviewed and notations were made for additions in The Policy and Procedures Book.

#### Water Table Management- July 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am. Those in attendance were: Bob Clark, IN; Steve Gerten, OH; Norman Kocher, IL; David Rule, NY; Randy Liddle, IA; Gene Blazek, IA; Charlie Schafer, IA; Merle Gronewold, IA; Nordis Estern, MN; Tom Bower, OH; Russell Peters, IA; John Rothberg, NJ; Steve Dick, KS; Worthin Grattan, IA; Kent Rodelius, MN; Nate Cook, MI; Norm Rozendaal, IA; Mark Baker, IL; Mike Cook, MI; Mike Cook, MI; Dennis Powell, GA; Steve Baker, IL; Bruce Barnhart, IA; Kevin Rapp, OH; and Jon Seevers, IL.

Russ Peters motioned for an approval of the agenda, seconded by Worthin Grattan. Passed.

Russ Peters motioned for an approval of the previous minutes, seconded by Steve Gerten. Passed.

Minnesota is having a "Bioreactor Installation" field day August 6. Iowa is going to install and test "saturated stream buffers" test for nitrates, etc.

Michigan is doing a drainage field day August 11 and 12. Indiana is doing Control Structures and a Wild Life Habitat on August 29 & 30. Ohio is doing "Controlled Structures" on September 21-23. Recommend support to ADMC- motioned by Russ Peters, seconded by Mike cook, in the amount of \$3,000 from National LICA. Passed.

Discussion on how LICA can start combatting the false information that tile drainage water is a large contributing factor to flooding. ADMC will put together information. LICA members need to attend drainage meetings to bring data to agencies. Ask Iowa State to do information on this issue.

Motion by Russ Peters, seconded by Norm Rozendaal to "pressure" a certification class at Rochester, MN summer meeting on "Drainage Water Management" with ADMC. Do Monday July 11th Tuesday July 12th, 2011. Passed.

Discussion on "Sampling of Controlled Structures".  
Discussion on NRCS providing reimbursement for crop lost when doing work on terraces and waterways.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Bower, seconded by Norm Rozendaal. Adjourned.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan, Chairman Bruce Barnhart commented on the strategic plan and its importance.



**Approved Budget  
2010 / 2011**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Contractor Dues	210,000.00
Associate Dues	11,000.00
Affil & Subs	1,000.00
Member Services	3,000.00
Interest	1,000.00
Registration	57,500.00
Summer Meeting	22,500.00
Excess Funds	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>311,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Rent	22,700.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00
Postage	3,000.00
Professional Services	4,000.00
Print and Publications	2,000.00
Telephone	3,000.00
Bank Charges	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,000.00</b>
National Staff	125,000.00
Taxes	5,000.00
Travel	15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,000.00</b>
Legislation	15,000.00
Scholarships	2,000.00
Public Relations	10,000.00
Safety and Member Services	10,000.00
Term Insurance	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,000.00</b>
Executive Committee	20,000.00
Committees	3,000.00
Liability Insurance	2,000.00
Summer Meeting	15,000.00
Convention	50,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>311,000.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	

**Thank you for your contributions to the  
2010 Summer Meeting!**

**Caterpillar**

**John Deere**

**Illinois LICA**

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