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## It Happened in Vegas...



*From left: Gerald Biuso, Nordis Estrem, Allison Hack, Maura Dibble, David Rule, Marilyn Robertson, Steve Robertson, Merlin Welch, Clem Karlin, Dean Neiswinger, Nancy Micsky, Veronica Seevers.*

What happened in Las Vegas for LICA members? A National Convention and CONEXPO never to be forgotten! The meeting may have been condensed into two days but there was no lack of information, activity, and exciting programs.

In addition to hosting the opening breakfast, Petrocon's Joseph Giovinazzo, informed members of the great savings the Petrocon program can give them. Representative Steve King of Iowa spoke of his history with LICA and how he got where he is today at the Case Lunch. During Associates' Night auctioneer, D. Knowlton, visited. He auctioned off a tour of the Case facility in Wisconsin won by Dirk Riniker.

Anne Foristall Luke educated attendees about the "I Make America" campaign at the JCB breakfast. Xenya Mucha stopped by the John Deere Lunch to say a few words to LICA members.

The committee meetings were extremely well attended. LICA members worked hard and discussed issues important to the association. LICA's Board and Delegates meetings were productive. Merlin Welch was voted National LICA Vice President during the Delegates meeting.

For the second year in a row LICA members were able to burn rubber! After several extreme heats and even a couple of crashes; Bob Clark from Indiana was declared the winner!

Dirk Riniker gave his last speech as National LICA President at the Caterpillar Awards banquet. Stu Levnick from Caterpillar awarded the outgoing President with an impressive desk set. Steve Gerten accepted his new role as National LICA President and the 2011 LICA National Winter Convention came to a close.

LICA's booth at CONEXPO in the main hall was frequently flooded with potential members. The education sessions sponsored by LICA were well attended. The Land Improvement Contractors made their presence known at this year's CONEXPO!

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Contractors of America**



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Fellow LICA Members,

What a successful National Winter Convention and CONEXPO! This sets a tone for the next year that is both positive and energetic. We had an outstanding showing for the convention and I saw a lot of "LICA Green" at CONEXPO.

I am truly pleased to be writing my first President's Message after such a successful time at CONEXPO and what will prove to be an incredible Summer Meeting. I want to thank everyone who helped at the booth. It goes to show that by working together we can make a difference and get things done.

I wish all of you a very successful year and hope to see many of you at the summer meeting in Rochester. It is an honor to serve The Land Improvement Contractors of America.

*Steve Gerten*

Steve Gerten  
National LICA President

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## President's Message

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### Thank You

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# Land Improvement Contractors of America

## Delegates Meeting

### Las Vegas, Nevada • March 21, 2011

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Dirk Riniker at 9:00 am at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### CREDENTIALS REPORT

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

##### California

Pres. Merlin Welch  
1. Allan Clark

##### Carolinas

Pres. Brian Cody (proxy)  
1. Steve Robertson

##### DelMarVA absent

##### Florida absent

##### Illinois

Pres. Steve Anderson  
1. Bill Doubet  
2. Jon Seevers  
3. Tom Beyers  
4. Jeff Kocher

##### Indiana

Pres. Kevin Musselman  
1. Keith Miller  
2. Jarrod Hahn (proxy)  
3. Rob Wood (proxy)  
4. Dennis Welman (proxy)

##### Iowa

Pres. Randy Liddle  
1. Mark Erpelding  
2. Leo Rieken  
3. Maretta Grattan  
4. Gene Blazek  
5. Shelley Barnhart  
6. Russ Peters  
7. Lori Keppler  
8. Norm Rozendaal

##### Kansas

Pres. Troy Mindrup  
1. Steve Dick

##### Michigan

Pres. Trevor Young (proxy)  
1. Russ Talaski

##### Minnesota

Pres. Kevin Bakken  
1. Don Loken  
2. Don Estrem

##### Missouri

Pres. Jim Bledsoe  
1. Greg Muenk (proxy)  
2. Nelson Wilson  
3. Tom Lawlor (proxy)

##### Montana absent

##### Nebraska

Pres. Jim Wemhoff  
1. Norma Lashley  
2. Brad McArdle

##### New Jersey

Pres. Chris Wagner  
1. Bob Colburn  
2. John Rothberg  
3. Ron Garofalo

##### New York

Pres. David Rule  
1. Dennis Bliss (proxy)  
2. Jack Volk (proxy)  
3. Linda Rule  
4. Norm Ungermann

##### Ohio

Pres. Roger Greenawalt  
1. Louis McFarland  
2. Rick Stacy

##### Pennsylvania

Pres. Richard B. Cottrell  
1. Elgene Ward  
2. Richard G. Cottrell

##### South Dakota

Pres. Lawrence Carr (proxy)  
1. Bob Bak

##### Virginia

Pres. John Stanford (proxy)  
1. Chris Johnson

##### Wisconsin

Pres. Ken Martinson (proxy)  
1. Norman Greeb

#### CREDENTIALS REPORT (Continued)

##### Executive Committee

Chairman Bruce Barnhart  
President Dirk Riniker  
Vice Pres. Steve Gerten  
Region 1 David Rule  
Region 2 Sandy Gulick  
Region 3 Bob Clark  
Region 4 Steve Miller  
Region 6 Harry Hauschild  
Region 7 vacant  
Region 8 Merlin Welch

##### Past Presidents

Dean Neiswinger

##### Associates

Kent Rodelius

##### Ladies absent

#### NECROLOGY REPORT

Elmer A. Godwin	Newark, DE
Arlyn Brooks	Erie, IL
Rose Day	Gibson City, IL
Norma Habbe	Nashville, IL
Patricia Philyaw	Pontiac, IL
Carroll Schliesser	Westphalia, MI
Max Enyeart	Huntington, IN
L.D. Thousand	Rochester, IN
Ron Wheaton	Houghton Lake, MI
Julius Diers	Brighton, IA
Darrell Kinney	Mt. Pleasant, IA
Archie Towers	Des Moines, IA
Ray Todd	Kingsley, IA
Kelly Peery	Kincaid, KS
Terry Meyer	Wayne, NE
Anita Pfauth	Lebanon, NJ
Orville Johnson	Madison, SD
Clarence Petoske	Midland, SD
Virgil Oban	Ipswich, SD

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sandy Gulick made motion to approve an open agenda, seconded Dean Neiswinger. Motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Bob Clark, seconded Russ Talaski to approve the previous minutes of February 20, 2010 as printed in the LICA News. Motion passed.

#### REPORTS

##### Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso

During the last four months National LICA has made great progress in many areas. Due to our increase presence across the country and our involvement with CONEXPO we have increased our image and standing throughout the industry.

**The LICA Contractor-** The National Magazine "The LICA Contractor" continues to be our best asset. It has grown in readership and most importantly in advertising revenues. It is always a struggle

## Delegates Meeting (from page 3)

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso (Continued)

gle to find suitable and interesting editorial. More than 90% of the articles are generated from my extensive travel and meeting with our members. For the CONEXPO Issue Spring 2011 we have increased to 36 pages and will have a high gloss cover. We have also increased the print order so we may distribute the issue at our booth at CONEXPO.

**State Conventions-** I did not attend any state conventions I stayed focused on national events (National Magazine, CONEXPO, National Trade Shows and National Associates.) I did prepare a comprehensive report "Talking Points" for the region Vice Presidents to present to their state chapters.

**National Meetings and Convention-** We will also have Congressman Steve King, a former LICA member, be our keynote speaker at Sunday's lunch. I secured this when visiting with him in Washington DC at the same time I interviewed him for the feature article in our fall 2010 issue.

The Summer Meeting 2011 is well on its way to be a very exciting event. I received a call from Case and they want to take an active role at this event. They expressed a sincere interest and would also like to host a meeting in their Iowa facility. When visiting with JCB in Savannah, GA they also pushed hard to host a meeting ASAP. The Downtown Doubletree Hotel in San Diego has been secured for the Winter 2012 Convention. Once CONEXPO is over we will begin to plan the educational seminars and pre-tours.

**CONEXPO-** This is our most important tradeshow and special event. We have approximately 30 volunteers to work the LICA booth for the five days. I do believe we will end up with over forty. We will have a rally of all the volunteers at which time we will give them new LICA shirts. Past presidents will introduce our speakers at our sponsored seminars.

**The LICA Store** -We have reviewed and selected the initial products for the opening of the LICA store. The products will consist of apparel, novelties, educational safety books and videos. Some of these products will be available at CONEXPO.

**New Web Site-** It was apparent LICA needed to rework the national website. Allison has been working hard designing and mastering the program so she will be proficient in updating the website now that it has gone live. It will continue to be a work in progress. Our focus is to deliver information easily while maintaining a modern contemporary image.

#### Expansion

**Texas** - CNA has given LICA \$2,000 for 10 members- at-large. Harry Hauschild Region 6 VP and I complete a three-city (Houston, San Antonio and Austin) four-day sweep into southeast Texas. Accompanied by Nancy Martinez, CNA Underwriting Director-Construction, covering these three cities. We were introduced to 26 representatives comprised of CNA Underwriters, Risk Control Directors, and Large agencies that insure contractors who fit the LICA criteria for 100 million dollars. LICA does not have any name awareness in Texas so we are starting for the ground up. Texas was a member of LICA and dropped out in 1993. They re-organized as Earthmoving Contractors Association of Texas (ECAT). They are comprised of smaller contractors with

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso (Continued)

114 contractor members and 20 associate members. Of the 20 associate members 8 are insurance agencies. The heaviest of their member concentration is located in the Houston area. The rest are scattered around the state. We received a very positive reception in Texas.

**Arkansas LICA-** A new national associate member, KD Sales, hosted the first members meeting in Sherrill, AR. Dirk Riniker and I attended this meeting. They had contacted National LICA about establishing a chapter and I arranged the meeting after we attended NACD in Nashville. We did recruit 3 new members and have invited one of the new members, Jim Speers, to attend our convention in Las Vegas. I have approached him to consider running for President of Arkansas LICA. KD Sales plan to host a second meeting early spring. They will also assist in other states located in the south.

**Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi** – CNA has given LICA \$2,000 for Members at Large. After the NACD convention Dirk Riniker, Bruce Barnhart and I met with the Grant Lewis Construction, Branch Underwriter Director for these three states. With the focus on Louisiana and Tennessee CNA will assist LICA in initially developing members- at-large and later state chapters.

**Associate Members-** We have actively pursued new national associate members and to collect dues from the existing members. National President Dirk Riniker has played a major role in the success we are having recruiting new members. He has focused on the equipment manufactures specifically: Caterpillar, John Deere, Komatsu, Case, Volvo and JCB. We have visited with all of these manufactures at least once and sometimes twice. Our most recent visit to JCB proved to be very successful. They began to advertise in our magazine, joined as a national associate member and will be a \$2,500 breakfast sponsor at our convention in Las Vegas.

#### Benefits

**Petrocon** – This commodities program has the potential of being our best member benefit. Over 70 members have applied for this program in a variety of states. Petrocon representatives attended 6 state conventions and will sponsor the opening breakfast at our convention in Las Vegas. They will present the program immediately after that breakfast.

**Beyond Perks** – Is a revised version of Shop 4 Rewards, which is a cash back program. It is simple and easy to gain cash back. All purchases must be completed online and once you have accumulated as little as \$25.00 you receive a check.

**Limited Medical Coverage** – This program has been revised to comply with the new health insurance law. We can no longer call it Mini-Med it must be described as "Limited Medical Coverage".

**Trimble** – John Downey, long time LICA associate, has offered to assist with our "Just One" Membership Drive. Trimble will announce a national campaign to promote the many benefits of a LICA membership. They will give all new LICA contractor members a 5% discount coupon for a Trimble AG purchase in 2011.

## Delegates Meeting (from page 4)

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso (Continued)

Every new contractor member receives a New Member Handbook and Safety Management Plan free! The coupon will be included in the Member Handbook.

**Membership** -State Chapters continue to promote membership and member meetings. From the most current report, we are holding our own in this very bad economy. Our new benefit, the Petron Program, may become our best membership incentive as the program takes hold.

Harry Hauschild will take an active role with the national membership committee and has proposed later this fall a membership drive through Nebraska and into Colorado. The focus will be to increase members in Nebraska with the hope of resurrecting the Colorado Chapter.

**Trade Shows**- AG Connect, Atlanta, GA. Exhibited with Bruce Barnhart for the first half of the show and was joined by Dirk for the second half. This was a very successful show we recruited five new associate members. We also interacted with NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) southern regional director who invited us to present to their member states at the upcoming NACD convention in Nashville. This was the second year we attended. Dirk and Bruce attended the show. We presented to the SE District state's the specific area of the country that CNA has asked us to expand into.

**Land & Wildlife Expo** - While attending the NACAD Conference Bruce Barnhart, Dirk Riniker and I attended a presentation from The Land & Wildlife Expo it is a unique three day exhibition, August 12-14, 2011 in Nashville, TN. We felt strongly we should attend and exhibit at this Expo.

**Safety Manual** - Frank Faubion, CNA Construction Underwriter from San Antonio/Austin, TX suggested we add Driver and Fleet Safety Program. We will review with the safety committee in Las Vegas.

**I Make America**- LICA to join the national campaign "I Make America." Anne Forristall Luke will make a brief presentation on the grassroots campaign aimed at getting Congress to enact policies critical to the health of the U.S. equipment manufacturer sector as well as the recovery and competitiveness of the U.S. economy

**CNA Foundation**- LICA will join national partnership between Rebuilding Together and the CNA Foundation. The Foundation's Board of Directors recently awarded Rebuilding Together with a \$250,000 grant to fund a revitalization project in one of CNA's largest Construction branch territories. We have been asked by CNA to join Rob Huber, Zone Officer for CNA's Southeastern territory, John Tatum, Vice President and Construction Segment Leader and the CNA leadership team at this worthwhile event, which will be held in the southeast this fall. (This is the same area of the country CNA has focused for LICA Expansion). They feel there is a unique opportunity to showcase volunteerism and great partnerships by bringing CNA's Construction CAMs together. We have agreed to join and add our good name and willing helping hands behind this meaningful community project.

**Proposed By Law Change** - The proposal is to add a ninth re-

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso (Continued)

gion to better represent the needs of members in the south central part of the country. The action to be taken is reducing region two, reorganizing region 5 and adding region 9.

The following are the changes:

- a) Region 2 would represent the (5) costal states consisting of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.
- b) Region 5 would represent the SE Central states: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi & Tennessee.
- c) New Region 9 would represent the SW Central states consisting of Oklahoma, New Mexico & Texas.

### BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 am.

Those in attendance were: Harry Hauschild, NE; Dirk Riniker, KS; Bob Colburn, NJ; Bob Clark, IN; Dean Neiswinger, IN; Steve Gerten, OH.

Motion by Dirk Riniker for an open agenda, seconded Bob Colburn. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Clark for an approval of the previous minutes, seconded Dean Neiswinger. Motion passed.

Motion by Bob Colburn to approve the Region Addition, seconded Dean Neiswinger. Motion passed.

VP informs state chapters. Check with Eileen on CEO wording.

Motion by Bob Colburn to adjourn, seconded Steve Gerten. Meeting adjourned.

### BY-LAW CHANGE

Discussion took place on the Region Addition by-law change. Add a ninth region to better represent the needs of members in the south central part of the country. The action to be taken is reducing region two, reorganizing region 5 and adding region 9.

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Motion by Harry Hauschild to adopt the by-law change, seconded Dean Neiswinger. Motion passed by voice vote with no negative votes.

### ELECTION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Harry Hauschild nominated Merlin Welch for Vice President, seconded Dean Neiswinger. Allan Clark gave a speech describing Merlin's qualifications and accomplishments.

## Delegates Meeting (from page 5)

### ELECTION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT (Continued)

Motion was made to close nominations. Motion by proclamation to elect Merlin Welch Vice President. Motion passed.

Merlin Welch gave a brief speech thanking those who nominated and supported him.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2012 DELEGATE

Motion by Harry Hauschild, seconded Dean Neiswinger to accept Brad McArdle on the Nominating Committee. Motion passed. Dirk Riniker appointed Louis McFarland from the floor.

Motion by Harry Hauschild to adjourn at 9:30 am, seconded David Rule. Meeting adjourned.

## 2011 National LICA Winter Convention & CONEXPO



# Land Improvement Contractors of America Board of Directors Meeting Las Vegas, Nevada • March 21, 2011

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Barnhart at 10:15 am at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

## CREDENTIALS REPORT

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

### California

Pres. Merlin Welch

### Carolinas

Pres. Brian Cody (proxy)

### DelMarVA

absent

### Florida

absent

### Illinois

Pres. Steve Anderson

### Indiana

Pres. Kevin Musselman

### Iowa

Pres. Randy Liddle

### Kansas

Pres. Troy Mindrup

### Michigan

Pres. Trevor Young (proxy)

### Minnesota

Pres. Kevin Bakken

### Missouri

Pres. Jim Bledsoe

### Montana

absent

### Nebraska

Pres. Jim Wemhoff

### New Jersey

Pres. Chris Wagner

### New York

Pres. David Rule

### Ohio

Pres. Roger Greenawalt

### Pennsylvania

Pres. Richard B. Cottrell

### South Dakota

Pres. Lawrence Carr (proxy)

### Virginia

Pres. John Stanford (proxy)

### Wisconsin

Pres. Ken Martinson (proxy)

## Executive Committee

Chairman	Bruce Barnhart
President	Dirk Riniker
Vice Pres.	Steve Gerten
Region 1	David Rule
Region 2	Sandy Gulick
Region 3	Bob Clark
Region 4	Steve Miller
Region 6	Harry Hauschild
Region 7	vacant
Region 8	Merlin Welch

## Past Presidents

Dean Neiswinger

## Associates

Kent Rodelius

## Ladies absent

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sandy Gulick made motion to approve an open agenda, seconded Bob Clark. Motion passed.

## APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by David Rule, seconded Troy Mindrup to approve the previous minutes of July 17, 2010 as printed in the LICA News. Motion passed.

## REPORTS

### Chairman Bruce Barnhart

Since our fall meeting I attended the AgConnect 2011 show in Atlanta with Jerry. It was a good show for us. We had quite a bit of interest in membership and found out about potential problems in some states where interested parties may be denied membership. We also gained at least one associate and they have already sponsored a membership meeting in Arkansas. Fortunately I worked the first part of the show with Jerry and Dirk took the second half so I was in a warm hotel in Des Moines attending Iowa's Convention while Dirk and Jerry were struggling with driving on ice and sitting at a airport waiting for re-booking from cancelled flights.

I also went to the NACD convention in Nashville and thought it was a good show for us. We got an opportunity to be involved in the Wildlife Expo Show to be held in Opryland this summer, which will be great exposure for us. If we get named as a show sponsor that would be worth \$50,000.00 in advertising cost if we were a for-profit company. After the NACD show we met with CNA Insurance in Nashville about their desire to help us start chapters in the south. It was a good meeting and they are very much on board.

I know budgets are always a concern and travel is a big portion of LICA's expense, but attending these shows and meetings is vitally important to our continued growth and it seems like almost every trip we get members, associates, or unique opportunities. I would urge the board to look at the big picture, long term and continue to invest money in marketing and promotion. It is truly the key to our growth.

As I look at the meeting information Eileen has sent I am amazed and proud to say that our membership is not only stable but has increased slightly. I know that the new drops are probably not included but given the economic challenges throughout the country I think that we can be happy to be stable and need to acknowledge that if it wasn't for Jerry's effort and our travel and promotion expense we would be down several hundred members.

I have also had numerous contacts with our national office on our educational seminars at CONEXPO. In particular the two panel discussions I am going to moderate and would like the rest of the board to understand the time and effort our staff has invested in organizing the earthmoving educational tract. It is another example of getting our name out in front of associates and contractors and it is valuable from a marketing and exposure standpoint.

## Board Meeting (from page 7)

### REPORTS (Continued)

#### President Dirk Riniker

Since our October meeting Becky & I attended the New Jersey Christmas Party in December. In January I attended the Kansas and Nebraska Conventions then met Jerry in Atlanta for the Ag Connect show. Then from there traveled to Savannah, Georgia to J.C.B. We had a great meeting and got them to rejoin as an associate.

In February I met Jerry, Bruce & John Peterson in Nashville for the NACD Convention and made some great contacts there. Before leaving Nashville, Bruce, Jerry & I met with a couple of CNA representatives who want us to expand into Tennessee, Louisiana, and Mississippi. From there, Jerry & I traveled to Sherill, Arkansas where KD Sales put on a lunch and Jerry gave his little talk and signed three new members.

I would like to say with some effort the potential in these states I just mentioned are enormous. I truly feel we could double the size of LICA if we concentrated on it. I would also like to say I have had a wonderful time serving as your President and the experience is something I will treasure forever.

#### Treasurer Bob Clark

Before you are the Sept. 30, 2010 statements. Expenses were over income by \$51,000. We expected to spend \$20,000 from reserves. Some of the additional expenses were in salaries, due to the additional workload on staff (conventions, newsletters, web site). Additional funds were also spent on travel to promote state chapters and associate members, which led to an increase in sponsorship and membership.

The five months ending Feb. 28, 2011 is also before you. Dues are at 77%, more dues are expected to come in. Expenses should be at 41%, in total they are at 40%. We are keeping a close eye on expenses and doing all we can to promote membership and associate sponsorship

#### Executive Committee: Steve Miller

The Executive Committee met Saturday, March 19.

### MOTIONS

**Convention-** Motion by Steve Gerten, seconded by Bob Clark to accept Wisconsin as the site for the Summer Meeting 2012. Motion passed.

Motion by Steve Gerten, seconded by Sandy Gulick to accept Savannah, Georgia as the site for the Winter Convention 2013. Motion passed.

Motion by Steve Gerten, seconded by Richard Cottrell to accept Ohio as the site for the Summer Meeting 2013. Motion passed.

**Conservation, Excavating, and Earthmoving-** Motion by Randy Liddle, seconded by Steve Anderson to accept the following resolution:

Whereas the federal permitting process for all manner of construction and developmental projects involving earthmoving, construction, demolition, etc., requiring multiple federal agencies

### MOTIONS (Continued)

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

issuing permits such as the USACE, EPA, USDA, & DOT have become extremely difficult to coordinate and actually obtain, and-

Whereas the time and cost of obtaining all needed permits can take months and even years to obtain, significantly delaying environmentally and economically sound projects and increasing their costs significantly, now therefore -

Be it resolved that the Land Improvement Contractors Association of America (LICA) will seek Congressional assistance in setting up a federal agency clearing house that would advise and help obtain all necessary federal permits needed for construction projects. Such clearing house should not be a newly created federal agency but should be staffed by officials from all permitting agencies and located in one central agency such as the USACE.

Motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Associates – March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kent Rodelius

Those in attendance were: John Downey, OH; Terry Knutsen, IA; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Charlie Schafer, IA; Jennifer Schwenzer, NJ; Jason Oswald, CO; Mike Hagen, OH; Kevin Rapp, OH; Jeanne Bakken, MN; Kevin Bakken, MN; Chris Johnson, VA; Dennis Powell, GA.

Motion was made and passed for an open agenda.

Kevin Bakken from Minnesota made a presentation on the Summer Board Meeting in Rochester, MN. The dates are July 13th to the 16th at the Kahler Hotel. They are asking for our support and attendance at the meeting. There will be an opportunity for displays and interaction with the attendees. The national associates should watch for an upcoming mailer that lists the activities and the sponsorships. Feel free to contact them with any questions. They will get the list from the Eileen at the National Office and mail it out soon.

In conjunction with the summer board meeting in Rochester MN, the ADMC will be holding a Drainage Water Management Workshop on July 13th. This will allow for attendees to become certified in Water Table Management Design. This will be a similar workshop to the last on the ADMC put on in Des Moines. There will be mailers going out on this workshop going out to members soon.

John Downey from Trimble announced the Trimble "Just One" membership drive. All new LICA members in 2011 will receive a 5% discount coupon from the National LICA to be used on a Trimble Ag purchase. This is designed to grow membership on the State and National LICA levels.

The current officers on the National Associates were rolled over for another 2 years.



## Board Meeting (from page 8)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Associates (Continued)

As usual it is great to be together will all of you and renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Please feel free to contact the National Associates for our support. We look forward to being with you again at the Summer Board Meeting in Rochester and again at the Winter Convention in San Diego.

#### Awards - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nancy Micsky at 3:00pm.

Those in attendance were: Kim Johnson,VA; Patti McArdle,NE; Bob Clark,IN; Gene Blazek,IA; Ray Miller,OH; Evelyn Cottrell,PA; Steve Gerten,OH.

Discussion of the way awards are submitted.

New Business: A clarification of what is required to be submitted sent to Executive Directors. Motion to adjourn Patti McArdle, second Bob Clark, meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

#### Budget - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Clark at 5:05 pm.

Those in attendance were: Steve Gerten,OH; David Rule, NY; Steve Miller, IA; Dirk Riniker, KS; Harry Hauschild, NE; Bruce Barnhart, IA; Merlin Welch, CA; Dean Neiswinger, IN; Steve Robertson, NC; Chris Johnson, VA; Worthin Grattan, IA; Maretta Grattan, IA.

Approval of previous minutes by Steve Gerten, second David Rule. Motion passed.

Motion by David Rule, second Harry Hauschild to have an open agenda. Motion passed.

Randy Liddle, IA from the On-Site Waste committee requested \$100 for a speaker at the summer meeting. Motion by Steve Miller, second Harry Hauschild and carried.

The membership committee requested \$3,000 to be included as a line item in the budget to pay for membership activities. Motion by Harry Hauschild, second David Rule and carried. Motion by Harry Hauschild, second David Rule to adjourn at 5:16pm.

#### Certification - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am.

Those in attendance were: Donna Clark, IN; Troy Mindrup, KS; Lori Keppler, IA; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Louis McFarland, OH; Steve Miller, IA; and Dean Neiswinger, IN.

Motion by Dean for an open agenda, seconded by Troy. Motion passed.

Motion to approve previous minutes by Dean, seconded by Troy. Motion passed.

Flag school was discussed. Louis McFarland explained reasons why flagging school is important. Each state should check to see the laws in their state. MOU-presented by ADMC.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Certification (Continued)

Dean motioned to accept the draft discussed in further detail at the summer meeting.

Drainage certification program was discussed. Can we have a program like the one in Ontario Canada? Discussion on how laws from state to state vary.

Steve Miller from Iowa explained how to become a TSP in Iowa without being an engineer. Motion to adjourn by Dean, seconded Troy Mindrup. Meeting adjourned.

#### Conservation, Excavating and Earthmoving - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Peters at 11:00am.

Those in attendance were: Mark Erpelding, IA; Don Loken, MN; Steve Robertson, NC; Gene Blazek, IA; Don Estrem, MN; Worthin Grattan, IA; Russ Talaski, MI; Richard G. Cottrell, PA; David Rule, NY; Jim Speer, AR; Jon Seevers, IL; Mary Lou Musselman, IN; Kevin Musselman, IN; Lashley, NE; Ted Lashley, NE; Lawrence Micsky, PA; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Ken Rasch, IA, Jane Rasch, IA, Randy Liddle, IA; Tom Beyers, IL; Wayne Litwiller, IL; Norm Rozendaal, IA; Mike Hagen, MN; Lyn Gillespie, NRCS; Keith Miller, IN; Mark Wilson, OH, Steve Kocher, IL; Norm Greeb, WI; Jeff Kocher, IL; Mike Cook, MI; Clem Karlin, KS; Steve Dick, KS; Mike Loflin, KS; Troy Mindrup, KS; Kenneth Porter, NE; Brad McArdle, NE; Darrel Stromer, NE; Steve Anderson, IL; Russ Peters, IA.

Motion to approve previous minutes. Gene Blazek, second Steve Robertson. Motion passed.

Motion by Gene Blazek to have an open agenda, second Ron Garofalo, Motion passed

New Business: Talked about having a second chair. Talked about informing legislators on issues.

Talked about bidding on a job and getting certain numbers, CCR Numbers D & B Numbers. Sales tax issues discussed. Fuel Tax issues for Ag & Commercial fuel tax issues. Talked about companies to install their product at the right depth. Have one call locate all underground including boring. Motion by Don that all one call would be locate everything underground, horizontal and vertical, seconded by Worthin. Talked about more recycling materials on jobsite. Talked about getting all permits for job at one place or calling one number to tell you where and who a contractor would call for permits. Talked about driving records CSA 2010. Talked about One Call GPS locate. Making a resolution from national level to hand down to states to take to governor as they see fit to their state.

Motion to adjourn by Gene Blazek, seconded by Steve Robertson, NC. Adjourned.

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#### Convention - March 20, 2011

Chairman Steve Gerten, OH called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

Those in attendance were: Steve Gerten, OH; David Rule, NY; Nordis Estrem, MN; Donna Clark, IN; Bob Clark, IN; Steve Miller, IA; Marilyn Robertson, NC; Ron Garfalo, NJ; Dee Liddle, IA; Gene Blazek, IA; Lori Keppler, IA; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Patti McArdle, NE; Maretta Grattan, IA; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Linda Rule, NY; Maura Dibble, NY; Kim Johnson, VA; Ray Miller, OH; Terri Greenawalt, OH; Roger Greenawalt, OH; Sandy Gulick, VA; Don Loken, MN; Merlin Welch, CA.

Gene Blazek, IA made the motion for an open agenda, seconded by Bob Clark, IN. Motion passed.

Steve Gerten read the minutes from the meeting in Peoria, IL in July. David Rule made the motion to approve the minutes, as read, Nordis Estrem seconded, carried.

Old Business – Contract signed for the Doubletree Hotel, San Diego – February 7 – 11th. Room Rates: \$129.00 + tax.

Rochester, MN – Kahler Hotel – July 13-16th Room Rates: \$89.00 +tax.

Free parking, 15% off restaurants, free internet.

Nordis Estrem spoke about all they have planned for the meeting in Rochester, MN.

#### New Business

2012 Summer Meeting - Asheville, NC – Volvo plant, it is not easy to get there by plane, and only 2 hotels that would have the space are very expensive.

Case in Wisconsin and JCB – Savannah have expressed an interest. Nordis Estrem made the motion to go to Wisconsin to the 2012 summer meeting in conjunction with Case, seconded by David Rule. Carried.

Donna Clark, IN talked about going to Indianapolis.

2013 Winter meeting – David Rule made the motion to go to Savannah, GA, in conjunction with JCB. Marilyn Robertson seconded. Carried.

2013 Summer meeting – Indianapolis, Akron & Canton, Ohio, David Rule made the motion to go to Ohio in 2013, Nordis Estrem seconded. Carried.

2014 Winter meeting – will look San Antonio, TX

2014 Summer meeting – will look into Indianapolis, Indiana

Dee Liddle made the motion to adjourn at 2:51 pm, seconded by Bob Clark, IN. Carried.

#### Devotions - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am by Evelyn Cottrell.

Those in attendance were: Maretta Grattan, IA; Nancy Micsky, PA; Dee Liddle, IA; Coretha Rozendaal, IA and Evelyn Cottrell, PA.

Motion by Maretta for an open agenda, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed.

Motion by Nancy for the approval of previous minutes, seconded by Dee Liddle. Motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Devotions (Continued)

The ACTS guidelines sheet was read by all in attendance. Dee Liddle made a motion to approve and Nancy Micsky second, motion carried.

Invocation names for each convention meal have been procured and be given to Allison and Eileen for the Vegas meals. The necrology report was read to the group and Evelyn will read it at the Delegates assembly. There was one additional name added. Nordis Estrem from Minnesota will be asked if she is willing to find speakers for the summer meeting.

Motion by Nancy to adjourn, seconded by Dee. Carried.

#### Education and Technology - March 20, 2011

Called to order by Chairman, Merlin Welch, CA at 11:10 am.

Those in attendance were: Merlin Welch, CA; Chris Wagner, NJ; John Rothberg, NJ; Maura Dibble, NY; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Lee Bunting, IL; Rick Stacey, OH; Lori Keppler, IA; Jim McColloch, CA; Allan Clark, CA; Jennifer Schwenzer, NJ; Walter Morimoto, CA; Richard Cottrell, PA; Nate Cook, MI; Louis McFarland, OH; Dave Bose, KS; Steve Gerten, OH.

Merlin Welch read the minutes from the Peoria, meeting in July, 2010. John Rothberg, made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Chris Wagner. Carried

LICA is sponsoring 12 educational seminars at CONEXPO.

Louis McFarland is looking for research and information on how to search web sites and addresses for used parts. Discussion on having a computer classes on internet, social networking, how- to videos, backup plans. Ebay, Pay Pal, Excel. Look into a system for backup, security, password genie as a benefit. Lori Keppler, IA talked about having members bring their own laptops to have training on computers. Jennifer Schwnezer, NJ talked about webinars.

Maretta Grattan talked about the scholarship program. The 2012 scholarships will be decided at the summer meeting.

Recommendations: Course on how to use search engines on line. Course on training on Software and Internet. LICA Webpage tutorials on how to use your computer to benefit your business. Look into providing a system for backup, security, password genie as a benefit

Allan Clark, CA talked about a car that he restored. Merlin Welch, CA talked about a simulator that he was able to acquire with Jerry Biuso and Xenya Mucha's help

Louis McFarland made the motion to adjourn at 12:00 am, seconded by John Rothberg, NJ. Carried.

#### Executive Directors - March 20, 2011

Called to order by Chairman, Patti McArdle at 4:04 pm

Those in attendance were: Patti McArdle, NE; Debbie Dickens, MO; Maura Dibble, NY; Janet Doubet, IL; Nordis Estrem, MN;

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#### Executive Directors (Continued)

Jeanie Bakken, MN; Nancy Micsky, PA; Donna Clark, IN; Janet Burtle-Doubet, IL; Norman Greer, WI; Evelyn Cottrell, NJ; Steve Miller, IA; Mark Wilson, OH; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Marilyn Robertson, NC; Kim Johnson, VA; Russ Talaski, MI; Joann Talaski, MI; John Peterson, VA.

Nordis Estrem, MN made a motion to have an open agenda, seconded by Donna Clark, IN. Carried

Nancy Micsky, PA made the motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting as read, Donna Clark, IN seconded. Carried.

Joe G. and others from Petrocon talked to the Executive Directors about the program. There is a new rebate program also just started. They will come to the states to do a presentation.

Patti McArdle, NE, introduced Jeanie Bakken, new Executive Director from MN.

Eileen Levy talked to the ED's about the membership excel spreadsheet, the directory, the National Website is changing, the magazine, membership brochures, "Why Hire a LICA Contractor", and that The Safety manual is being updated. Need a drug consent form in the safety manual.

The legislative committee asked if anyone would be interested in going to Washington. The fall would not be a good time to try to do that due to the members work schedules.

Patti McArdle asked if the Executive Directors want to be in on the input for the strategic planning.

Patti McArdle told the committee about the legal problems NY, IL, & NE with their website pictures. She also talked about the awards applications and the requirements that have changed. Try to promote the National scholarships.

The next meeting will be held in Rochester, MN. Discussion on when to have a meeting

Mark Wilson, OH, made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janet Burtle-Doubet and carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

#### Insurance and Safety - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm.

Those in attendance were: Don Loken, MN; Dennis Powell, GA; Ron Garofalo, NJ; Jason Oswald, CO; Jennifer Schwenzer, NJ; Chris Johnson, VA; Jim Speer, AR; John Tatum, IL; Sandy Gulick, VA; Tom Beyers, IL; Steve Kocher, IL; Jeff Kocher, IL; Norm Ungermann, NY; Kenneth Porter, NE; Darlene Porter, NE; Terri Greenawalt, OH; Roger Greenawalt, OH; Jeanie Bakken, MN; Kevin Musselman, IN; John Rothberg, NJ; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Merlin Welch, CA.

Motion to approve the agenda by Ron Garofalo, seconded by Sandy Gulick. Passed.

Motion by Sandy Gulick, seconded by Tom Beyers to approve the

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Insurance and Safety (Continued)

previous minutes. Passed.

Handed out subjects and topics for safety manual.

Safety Handbook doing well, good sales tool. Virginia submitted to the Army Corp. of Engineers, thought it was an excellent tool. Motion to make all updates to Safety Manual as necessary by Chris Johnson, seconded Tom Beyers. Passed.

Additional Topics: New Jersey suggested dry cutting concrete. Virginia suggested D.O.T. compliance rules and record keeping. Discussion on D.O.T., each state has their own rules. Jason Oswald from CNA said they are seeing more losses in work comp. on auto. CNA has a CD they can burn to use in January conventions or they can put classes on at state conventions. Distracted driving is another one, running off the roads, negligent entrustment. Due diligence that the people you entrust with your equipment have the proper documentation. CNA openly wants to come see each state and give a topic of discussion and all Executive Directors should use this service.

Motion by Sandy Gulick, seconded by Merlin Welch; meeting adjourned.

#### Ladies - March 20, 2011

Meeting opened by Evelyn Cottrell at 11 am.

Those in attendance were: Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Nancy Micsky, PA; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Jane Rozendaal, IA; Nordis Estrem, MN; Fran Miller, IA; Dee Liddle, IA; Mary Wemhoff, NE; Darlene Porter, NE; Linda Rule, NY; Marilyn Robertson, NC; Elsie Bak, SD; Norma Lashley, NE; Judy Beyers, IL; Marie Bunting, IL; Janice Litwiller, IL; Shelley Barnhart, IA; Patti McArdle, NE; Holly Kocher, IL; Susan Kocher, IL; Mona Bledsoe, MO; Debbie Dickens, Joan Talaski, MI; Sarah Cook, MI; and Marion Bower, OH.

Opening prayer was given by Maretta Grattan.

Mary Wemhoff moved for opened agenda, seconded by Nancy Micsky. Approved.

Secretary Report was read. Motion by Coretha to approve, seconded Linda Rule. Passed by voice vote.

Treasurers Report read. Dee Liddle motioned to approve, seconded by Nancy Micsky. Approved.

#### Old Business

Maretta stepped in for Sandy Birge on Scholarship Committee Report. No information has been made available to this point. Maretta asked someone else to replace her on the scholarship committee.

Will we be donating \$1,000 this year to the Scholarship Fund as we gave \$2,080 last year? Nordis Estrem made a motion to give \$1,000 to the scholarship fund this year, Linda Rule seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sandy Birge is our current representative on the committee se-

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Ladies (Continued)

lecting finalists for scholarships. Linda Rule made a motion to appoint Dee Liddle as an alternate if Sandy is unable to serve, Coretha seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Summer Meeting – Nordis Estrem presented a brief outline of the summer 2011 Meeting being held in Rochester MN. This is being held July 11-16, 2011 Kahler Grand Hotel. They are putting together a Children's' Program if there is interest. They need to know how many to put together the program. Maywood Mansion and the Assissi Heights- Whistle Binkies is the restaurant being considered. Ladies Tour will be on July 15 from 9 to 2:30.

#### New Business

Nordis made motion to appoint Dee Liddle as president, Shelley Barnhart, vp and Fran Miller as secretary. Linda Rule seconded. Linda Rule made motion to close nominations, Mary Wemhoff seconded. Nancy Micsky made motion elect by acclamation. Fund Raisers - If we have a Silent Auction, you must contact the Executive Directors and remind them to bring something. Shelley Barnhart said they will have information at the summer meeting for all the states. Mareta motion to adjourn Mona Bledsoe seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

#### Legislative - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, John Peterson at 9:45 am.

Chairman Brad Barringer could not be here.

Those in attendance were: John Peterson, VA; Don Loken, MN; Tom Beyers, IL; Lee Bunting, IL; Steve Anderson, IL; Dave Bose, KS; Jeanie Bakken, MN; Kevin Bakken, MN; Dirk Riniker, KS; Jennifer Schwenzer, NJ; Marilyn Robertson, NC; Maura Dibble, NY; Bob Colburn, NJ; Marilyn Colburn, NJ; Chris Wagner, NJ; Bob Bak, SD; Jim Bledsoe, MI; Patti McArdle, NE; Chris Johnson, VA; Kim Johnson, VA; John Rothberg, NJ; Brad McArdle, NE; Mark Wilson, OH; Allan Clark, CA; Jim McColloch, CA; Walt Morimoto, CA; Nordis Estrem, MN; Harry Hauschild, NE; Merlin Welch, CA; Jason Oswald, CO.

Don Loken, MN, moved for an open agenda, Robert Bak, SD seconded. Motion carried.

John Peterson read the minutes from the Peoria meeting in July, 2010. Robert Colburn, NJ moved to accept the minutes as read. Dirk Riniker, KS, seconded. Motion carried.

ILLICA problems with an interpretation of the prevailing wage act. Three LICA members from Illinois: Beyers, Bunting and Anderson, talked about the prevailing wage act interpretation being made by the IL state government. They reported to the committee that this interpretation would double the cost of doing business. Illinois LICA has written an excellent position paper opposing this interpretation. The interpretation is that if any construction project is being paid or partially paid for with state or "public" funds, the contractors have to pay the prevailing or union wage. Demolition projects were opted out. The Conservation Dis

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#### Legislative (Continued)

strict or the municipality or the landowner has to inform the contractor that they have to pay prevailing wage or be liable for the difference. John Peterson looked into this on the federal level. This policy is not being dictated by the federal government. It is strictly in IL. Some other states such as NJ are already in the position of paying the prevailing wage. The Committee suggested that LICA should put together some letters supporting the ILLICA position paper.

Federal budget: - The federal Congress has not passed a budget this year and is instead now dealing now with short-term Continuing Resolutions (CR's), usually allowing federal agencies to spend at the previously authorized level for only the next few weeks. In the latest CR- NRCS funds were reduced by about \$67 million, something unheard of for CR's. Other USDA agency funding was also reduced (ARS & NIFA). This is not a good sign for conservation at all, and would affect many of our members. The politics of the budget may be way above us, but Peterson will be watching closely, and we will be heard when it is appropriate and we can.

The Farm Bill: of 2011 is being delayed until 2012. Peterson believes this is being delayed because this conservation and watershed program funding is being suggested for even more cuts, and the House Ag Committee Chair, Rep. Frank Lucas is doing all he can to preserve these vital natural resource programs. Representative Lucas is a rancher and has an agricultural background, which not many now in Congress have. He is very supportive of conservation and natural resource protection.

MSHA: – John Peterson asked Bob Bak from SD, to discuss his experiences with MSHA. Bak has been assessed a number of fines by MSHA, many caused by different inspectors interpreting rules differently, and then becoming angry if confronted. Don Loken from MN talked about his difficulties with MSHA inspectors. Norm Ungermann from NY told of many problems with MSHA inspectors in NY. He had some extremely interesting statistics that he shared. One problem we have in LICA is that many LICA members having problems with MSHA will not allow their names to be attached to any case for fear of retaliation by MSHA. The Committee thought LICA should make some noise at the National level and also ask Congressman King, who will be here, for some help. The Rocky Mountain Legal Foundation from CO, a public interest legal firm, is currently looking into Bob Bak's cases. Norm Ungermann and many others think MSHA is now a revenue generating federal agency and is not really concerned about safety. All our members want it to be made clear that they too are very concerned about safety. LICA was asked write a position paper on this problem. Jim McColloch from CA suggested this issue could be the basis for a media and public awareness campaign using letters to the editor and the internet. Peterson is working with Bak on trying to resolve his MSHA problems. This was the most discussed issue at the committee meeting.

Farm Taps: Farm taps are still is an ongoing problem nationally and LICA has a position paper on the subject. Don Loken, MN, talked about happenings in MN, and stronger bill addressing the

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problem is supposed to pass next year. Kevin Bakken, MN, spoke about a recent meeting MNLICA with 18 senators and representatives, at the state capital in St. Paul, MN; they discussed Farm taps, a new law about unemployment, and MPCCS – Minnesota Pollution Control. Chris Johnson, VA, said this is also a concern in VA.

Perkins Grants – Merlin Welch from CA talked to the committee about watching, supporting, promoting using these grants, if any remain after the budget deliberations, to help fund equipment operator training

New Federal Motor Carrier Regulation. Louis McFarland from OH talked about a new federal motor carrier regulation that he thinks LICA should be watching.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.

#### Long-Term Planning and Past Presidents - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Those in attendance were: Dean Neiswinger, IN; Louis McFarland, OH; Harry Hauschild, NE; Mark Wilson, OH; Debbie Dickens, MO; Allan Clark, CA; James McColloch, CA; Walt Morimoto, CA; Ken Rasch, IA; Jane Rasch, IA and Chris Johnson, VA.

Motion by Louis McFarland to approve the agenda, seconded by Harry Hauschild.

Motion by Harry Hauschild to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Louis.

Discussed the Strategic Plan. Nothing to remove.

Discussed items to add: Having our own Heavy Equipment school.

Goal II, Action 4: Remove inform to teach.

Get government to either speed up permit process or remove some of the requirements.

Motion to adjourn by Harry Hauschild, seconded by Louis McFarland. Meeting adjourned.

#### Membership - March 20, 2011

Chairman Bruce Barnhart, IA, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Those in attendance were: Harry Hauschild, NE; Don Loken, MN; Nordis Estrem, MN; Donna Clark, IN; Bob Clark, IN; Debbie Dickens, MO; Mark Wilson, OH; Jim Jett, OH; Lori Keppler, IA; John Rothberg, NJ; Merlin Welch, CA; Jim Speer, AR; Brad McArdle, NE; Wayne Littweiller, IL; Tom Beyers, IL; Steve Robertson, NC; Norman Greer, WI; Jeanie Bakker, MN; Kevin Bakker, MN; Ron Garfalo, NJ; Gene Blazek, IA; Lori Keppler, IA; Marietta Gratten, IA; David Rule, NY; Linda Rule, NY; Maura Dibble, NY; Kim Johnson, VA; Ray Miller, OH; Terri Greenawalt, OH; Roger Greenawalt, OH; Sandy Gulick, VA; Mark Erpelding, IA; Don Loken, MN; Jim Bledsoe, MO; Donna Clark, IN; Keith Miller, IN; Kevin Musselman, IA.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

#### Membership (Continued)

Bruce Barnhart read the minutes from the meeting in Peoria, IL in July

Merlin Welch, CA made the motion to approve the minutes, as read, Ron Garfalo, NJ, seconded, carried.

Harry Hauschild will co-chair the membership committee with Bruce Barnhart.

Debbie Dickens, MO talked about their membership drive. Bruce Barnhart told the group that the membership drives work, keep at it.

Merlin Welch talked about a benefit that came up in the Education & Technology meeting it would be some computer training, a system for backup, security, password genie as a benefit.

Harry Hauschild talked about getting testimonials that would be in Land & Water magazine, and the LICA Contractor. Russ Peters asked about hiring Lori Keppler to make up something for training.

Bruce Barnhart asked the membership to be willing to ask for some money to help offset some of the expenses of the people who are going on the membership drives.

Debbie Dickens, MO, asked if there could be a way to fund a stock of information/promotional and LICA Contractor magazine. Ron Garofalo made the motion \$3000 to promotional material and help to offset the cost of travel for the membership drives. Donna Clark, seconded. Carried.

Harry Hauschild talked about if states are in a good financial position the state should offer to help defray some of his expenses.

Jim Bledsoe, MO made the motion to adjourn at 3:37 pm, seconded by David Rule, NY. Carried.

#### On-Site Waste - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Those in attendance were: Steve Robertson, NC; Wayne Litwiller, IL; Jon SeEVERS, IL; Richard G. Cottrell, PA; Richard B. Cottrell, PA; Lawrence Micsky, PA; Kevin Bakken, MN; Worthin Grattan, IA; Brad McArdle, NE; Norman Ronzendaal, IA; Darrel Stromer, NE; Russ Talaski, MI; Bob Colburn, NJ; Norm Greeb, WI; Keith Miller, IN; Tom Beyer, IL; Lee Bunting, IL.

Lawrence Micsky motioned for approval of the agenda, seconded by Kevin Bakken. Passed.

Lawrence Micsky motioned for approval of the previous minutes, seconded by Kevin Bakken. Passed.

Explained about regulating imminant health threat in Minnesota. Discussed a plumbers license to hook up to the septic system. Kevin told us about the field day in Minnesota coming July 13, 2011.

Randy reported Iowa field day LICA to invite outside people to

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#### On-Site Waste (Continued)

learn from the site installation and trade show. Went around the room to have everyone tell what kind of systems are installed.

Motion by Worthin Grattan, seconded by Tim Rozendaal to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

#### Policy - March 20, 2011

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

Those in attendance were: Steve Gerten, OH; Louis McFarland, OH; Allan Clark, CA; Richard B. Cottrell, Worthin Grattan, IA; Steve Anderson, IL; Lee Bunting, IL; Bob Colburn, NJ.

Motion by Bob Colburn, seconded by Steve Gerten to approve the agenda.

Motion by Lee Bunting to approve previous minutes, seconded by Bob Colburn.

Reviewed the Board Minutes from July 2010 and Executive Committee Oct. 2010. Made notes for admission to policy manual.

Motion to adjourn by Lee Bunting, seconded by Worthin Grattan. Meeting adjourned.

#### Water Table Management - March 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 9:50 am.

Those in attendance were: Bob Clark, IN; Jon Seevers, IL; Darrel Stromer, NE; Norman Rozendaal, IA; Roger Greenawalt, OH; Kevin Musselman, IN; Ken Rasch, IA; Jane Rasch, IA; Jim Speer, AR; Steve Dick, KS; Mike Hagen, MN; Kevin Rapp, OH; Rick Stacy, OH; Lawrence Micsky, PA; Lyn Gillespie, NRCS; Richard G. Cottrell, PA; John Downey, OH; Russ Talaski, MI; Joann Talaski, MI; Terry Knutsen, IA; Tim Rozendaal, IA; David Rule, NY; Jim Jett, OH; Charlie Schafer, IA; Kent Rodelius, MN; Gene Blazek, IA; Randy Liddle, IA; Worthin Grattan, IA; Mike Cook, MI; Nate Cook, MI; Sarah Cook, MI; Steve Robertson, NC; Russ Peters, IA; Mark Erpelding, IA; Keith Miller, IN; and Steve Gerten, OH.

Russ Peters of Iowa made a motion to have an open agenda, which was seconded by Jon Seevers of Illinois and carried.

Bob Clark read the minutes from the July summer Water Table Management committee meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Steve Gerten of Ohio, seconded by Mark Erpelding of Iowa and carried.

Old Business: There was no old business of the committee to address.

New Business: Russ Peters stated that at their winter meeting in Des Moines that many of their legislators did not even know what a watershed was. As an association we should try to educate our state's senators and legislators of what impact the conservation work done by our contractors have to the overall welfare of the state. Mike Cook stated that Michigan has a legislative liaison

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#### Water Table Management (Continued)

that has helped to develop a newsletter called Agri-Pac to inform legislators of what we do and of our perspective on a variety of issues. There is a lot of talk in Iowa that agricultural drainage is adding to the flooding problems around the Midwest.

Chair Bob Clark asked what other activities were planned for state chapters this summer and then mentioned that Indiana LICA has been planning a project with Purdue University to install a 2 stage ditch, subsurface drainage, bioreactors and water control structures. There was discussion following to provide more detail of what a 2 stage ditch was. Ohio LICA had done a similar installation during one of their field days in conjunction with Ohio State. The Indiana NRCS is very interested in this proposed project, which will be done as a workshop or field day this summer. Kevin Musselman stated that the scope of the drainage portion of this project will include 50,000 ft. of lateral and a new 18" smooth wall main. This will be the largest project undertaken by Indiana LICA and Purdue University.

The Summer LICA meeting in Minnesota will also include an ADMC facilitated DWM workshop including certification which is set for July 14th. Several states' NRCS offices including MI, IN, and OH already recognize this training as part of their criteria for serving as a TSP for DWM design and installation. If ADMC certifies a drainage contractor, they can design and submit plans to the NRCS for approval, just like plans from a Professional Engineer. CAP funds are also being used for this program, making the funding process somewhat easier. Mike Cook added that in Michigan, they are currently helping the NRCS to develop the cost share figures for these practices.

ADMC also offers LICA members a 50% discount on individual membership dues as well as discounted training fees. The registration form for the summer DWM workshop will be on the ADMC website very soon and should be included in the National LICA newsletter as well.

Roger Greenawalt mentioned that September 20 – 22, 2011 has been set for the Ohio Farm Science Review. DWM structures will be installed on an already installed drainage system during this show. There will be a new Bron plow used during the field days which has been painted pink to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. They also plan to use the plow as a means to collect donations for Breast Cancer Research.

Steve Miller is working on adding experimental wastewater treatment structures during the Iowa summer field days this summer. This is being done in a way that will provide CEU's for those in the industry.

John Downey of Trimble mentioned their new program of offering a 5% discount on any of their products to new LICA members and encouraged the chapters to utilize this offer as another membership benefit.

The issue of ag drainage adding to flooding was revisited and Bob Clark asked Charlie Schafer of Agri Drain Corp and ADMC to speak to that issue. There is a lot of research indicating that the

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#### Water Table Management (Continued)

opposite is true and Charlie said that they will try to do a better job disseminating that information out to our contractors. North Dakota State University has also done research indicating that tile lines do not increase flooding.

Bob Clark asked if anyone might be interested in chairing or co-chairing this committee going forward. Anyone interested should talk to Bob during this convention.

Charlie Schafer also mentioned a CEU course for Certified Crop Advisors that has just been developed by ADMC. Many of these crop advisors work directly with landowners and could help promote these practices at the ground level. Charlie also stated that the old Conservation Innovation Grant has been closed but that they intend to follow those producers for another year to gain more research data on yield results. Another practice that has shown good results is a saturated buffer, which has already been shown to improve water quality. ADMC will collect data on 9 saturated buffers that were installed to monitor any reduction of nitrate levels.

Lyn Gillespie, National NRCS was asked if she had any additional comments and although she did not, she welcomed any comments our group would like for her to take back to DC with her.

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#### Water Table Management (Continued)

Mike Cook of MI moved to have the meeting adjourn, which was seconded by Roger Greenawalt of Ohio. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Kevin Musselman to accept the minutes, seconded by Troy Mindrup. Motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan- Chairman Bruce Barnhart reviewed the main points of the Strategic Plan. It will be revised at the 2011 Summer Meeting in July.

#### NEW BUSINESS

"I Make America"- Chairman Bruce Barnhart went over the benefits of supporting "I Make America".

Motion to adjourn by Steve Miller, seconded by Sandy Guilck. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

## 2011 Award Recipients

### Entrepreneur of the Year



Bruce Barnhart

Presented by:  
John Weatherhead

### Top State



Nebraska LICA

Accepted by: Patti McArdle  
& James Wemhoff  
Presented by: Dirk Riniker

### Contractor of the Year



John Rothberg

Presented by:  
Bruce Barnhart

### Contractor's Wife of the Year



Shelley Barnhart

Presented by:  
Steve Gerten

### Kemps Award



Illinois LICA

Accepted by:  
Steve Anderson  
Presented by:  
John Peterson

### Hancor Award



Norma Lashley

Presented by:  
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