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LICA Goes to Washington

On March 18-21, 2007, LICA members made their annual trip to Washington, DC to visit the Congress and make known the concerns we have for laws and regulations that affect members' businesses. We first met with NRCS representatives who gave us the latest rundown on issues that they are involved with. At the outset, Gary Mast, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment spoke to us about the important role LICA plays in soil and water conservation.

After the session with NRCS we moved to the Patio of the USDA Whitten Building where Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture joined us for a picture (shown below).

We then departed for Capitol Hill to see our legislators. For some of us it took two days to complete the rounds, even though we had specific appointments. One thing for sure, you need good walking shoes for this trek since the Congress is scattered among six buildings which are each composed of six or more floors with many offices on each floor. At the end of the day we were flat-out tired.

The issues we presented were:

Make the tax cuts permanent, including the Death Tax

- Make affordable health insurance available to small businesses through Associations
- Immigration Reform
- Energy - Open ANWAR and offshore areas to oil drilling
- Adequately fund the USDA Small Watershed Program
- Defeat the proposed amendment to the National Labor Relations Act

Afterwards we met at Phillips Flagship Restaurant for all-you-can-eat seafood. Believe me, some of the LICA members really tried to eat it all, too. The food was delicious and nobody stuck to their diet.

The 24 people from LICA visited about 140 Senators and Congressmen in the time they were there. The reception we received from Congress on our issues was encouraging. All in all, it was a successful trip.



Chuck Conner, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (pictured front row, 4th from right) and Gary Mast, Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment (pictured to the left of Mr. Conner) join LICA members during the Congressional visits.

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A Message from the President *Doug Hey*

Thank all of you who participated in the Washington D.C. visit. I know it was a dedication of your time and money for the benefit of all LICA members. It is certainly a worthwhile experience. I expect everyone is busy working but work a little harder so you can take a break for our Summer Convention this July in Omaha Nebraska, See you all there and remember JUST ONE will double our membership. I want to thank Jerry and our staff who are working very hard to promote, improve and obtain many perks for all of us.

Doug Hey
National LICA President

Land Improvement Contractors of America Delegates Meeting Minutes

Orlando, FL ♦ February 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Darrell Birge at 10:00am at the Radisson Worldgate Resort in Orlando, Florida.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Secretary Robert Colburn called roll and declared a quorum present. A complete roll call is included below.

California -absent **Carolinas**

- Pres. Brad Barringer
1. Steve Robertson
2. Larry Matthews

Colorado - absent

DelMarVA - absent

Florida

- Pres. Jerry Miller (proxy)
1. Leon DuBois

Illinois

- Pres. Joe Streitmatter
1. Steve Anderson
2. Stuart Anderson

Indiana

- Pres. Bob Clark
1. Owen Row (proxy)
2. Myron DeArmond

Iowa

- Pres. Russ Peters
1. Keith Neuzil
2. Art Miller
3. Steve Miller
4. Maretta Grattan
5. Shelly Barnhart
6. Roger Shoon
7. Bruce Lehman
8. Matt Abrams

Kansas

- Pres. Justin Sage
1. Harold Thole
2. Glenn Rockers

Kentucky

- Pres. Bobby Crawford (proxy)
1. Paul Sandefur
2. Donald Sandefur (proxy)

Michigan

- Pres. Will Word (proxy)
1. Mike Cook
2. Louis Bushing

Minnesota

- Pres. Jim Walker (proxy)
1. Doug Gysbers
2. Ron Mares

Missouri

- President Milburn Davis
1. Gayle Matthews (proxy)
2. Nelson Wilson
3. Larry LaFollette (proxy)

Montana - absent

Nebraska

- Pres. Brad McArdle
1. Jim Pruss
2. Charley Lloyd

New England - absent

New Jersey

- Pres. Ron Garofalo
1. Peter Rochelle (proxy)
2. Tom Erving
3. Vincent Veniero
4. John Rothberg

New York

- Pres. David Rule
1. Maura Dibble
2. Norman Ungermann
3. Robert Yunker

Ohio

- Pres. Steve Gerten
1. Ray Miller
2. Terry McConnell

Pennsylvania

- Pres. Richard B. Cottrell
1. Lawrence Micsky
2. Richard G. Cottrell

South Dakota - absent

Virginia

- Pres. Chris Johnson
1. Lloyd Shelton (proxy)
2. John Stanford (proxy)

Wisconsin

- Pres. Randy Dunneison
1. Leslie Mueller
2. Rusty Curtis (proxy)

Wyoming - absent

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CREDENTIALS REPORT (Continued)

Executive Committee

Chairman Harry Hauschild
President Darrell Birge
Vice Pres. Doug Hey
Region 1 Robert Colburn
Region 2 Sandy Gulick
Region 3 Dean Neiswinger
Region 4 Bruce Barnhart
Region 6 Dirk Riniker
Region 7 vacant
Region 8 absent

Past Presidents

Geraldine Mulford
Louis McFarland
Fuzz Haile
Don Loken

Associates Representative

Xenya Mucha

Ladies Representative

Linda Rule

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

National Officers

Chairman
Darrell Birge
Indiana

President
Doug Hey
New York

Vice President
Dean Neiswinger
Indiana

Executive Vice President
Gerald Biuso, Sr.
New Jersey

Legislative Liaison
Wayne F. Maresch
Ft. Washington, MD

Region Vice Presidents

Region I & Secretary
Bob Colburn
New Jersey

Region II
Sandy Gulick
Virginia

Region III
Steve Gerten
Ohio

Region IV & Treasurer
Bruce Barnhart
Iowa

Region VI
Dirk Riniker
Kansas

Region VIII
Merlin Welch
California

NECROLOGY REPORT

Indiana

Jerome Wellman of Bryant

Illinois

Ron Marshall of Orion

Iowa

Roy Becker of Watkins
Shorty Zurcher of Green

Nebraska

Don Adams of Arapahoe
Errol Meisinger of Tecumseh

New York

Harry Dibble of Corfu

Pennsylvania

Dale R. Smeltz of Hegins

Wisconsin

Arno Heling of Watertown

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bruce Barnhart for an open agenda, seconded by Sandy Gulick. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Sandy Gulick, seconded by Mike Cook and carried to approve the previous minutes of February 25, 2006 as printed in the *LICA News*. Motion carried

REPORTS

Executive Vice President

Executive Vice President Gerald Biuso submitted a written report as follows:

CNA Insurance:

- Visited CNA in Chicago. They hosted a lunch and introduced me to the CNA Construction team.
- Developing a Safety Manual in conjunction with CNA.
- CNA to speak at CONEXPO 2008 as part of the Earthmoving Track

National Raffle:

- Secured Gator for LICA Grand Prize for 2007 National Raffle.
- Secured additional prizes.
- Designed and printed Raffle Ticket

Associate Membership:

- Recruited Case and Associated Construction Publications as National Associates.
- *Land & Water Magazine* - renegotiated the contract

CONEXPO 2008

- **CONEXPO 2008 Facility Committee:** As a committee member attend the second meeting in Las Vegas. Committee has nineteen members including Caterpillar, Volvo, Associated General Contractors, etc.)
- **CONEXPO 2008 Education Committee:** Attended the November 14th meeting in Chicago. At the national summer meeting in New Jersey the education committee made 18 recommendations for seminar topics. I was successful in have 16 topics include in the seminar program. LICA is responsible for the Earth Moving Track at CONEXPO 2008

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REPORTS

Executive Vice President (Continued)

Member Benefits Programs

- **LICA 6 Pack** - Launched LICA 6 Pack discount program. This discount program is created exclusively for LICA Members who are in good standing (paid dues). This program is designed to deliver discounts in the areas of: Dental Care, Chiropractic Care, Eye Care, Alternative Medicine, Hearing Care, and 24-Hour Nurse Advisory Line
- **BSP Rewards Program** - Reviewing the viability of this program; LICA Members get redemption points
- **National LICA Tax Savings Programs** - Under Consideration
 - The BIZPLAN** - 100% Tax Deductible Benefits for the Sole Proprietor (Section 105 of the Internal Revenue Code). This plan will significantly reduce your federal income taxes, self-employment taxes and state taxes.
 - The FlexSystem** - The Flex System is an IRS Code Section 125 Cafeteria Plan that enables employees to pay for eligible expenses on a pre-tax basis - an instant savings of nearly 30% for the employee. For you the contractor employer, benefits costs are controlled without restricting choices and you pay less Social Security tax for every dollar of employee participation.
- Also Under Considerations is a **National LICA Magazine**

By-Laws Committee

Chairman Paul Sandefur of the By-law Committee made the motion, seconded by Russ Peters for the following for by-laws change:

Article III Section 4

Election of Regional Vice Presidents

- G. An individual may succeed himself for two consecutive, two (2) year terms and the unexpired term if the Regional Vice President was elected to finish a vacated office.

Change to: *An individual may serve three (3) terms of two (2) years consecutive and in addition to finished unexpired term.*

Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Delegate 2008

Geri Mulford made the motion, seconded by Dean Neiswinger to accept Chris Johnson on the nominating committee.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Harry Hauschild nominated Dean Neiswinger for Vice President, seconded by Louis McFarland. Motion was made to close the nominations by Chris Johnson and seconded by Mike Cook. Motion for proclamation to elect Dean Neiswinger, Vice President, Carried.

Dean thanked the delegates and asked for their support.

Meeting Adjourned

Land Improvement Contractors of America Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Orlando, FL ♦ February 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Harry Hauschild at 2:00pm at the Radisson Worldgate Resort Orlando, Florida

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Secretary Robert Colburn called roll and declared a quorum present. A complete roll call is listed below.

State Presidents

California - absent	Missouri - Milburn Davis
Carolinas - Brad Barringer	Montana - absent
Colorado - absent	Nebraska - Brad McArdle
DelMarVA - absent	New England - absent
Florida - Jerry Miller (proxy)	New Jersey - Ron Garofalo
Illinois - Joe Streitmatter	New York - David Rule
Indiana - Bob Clark	Ohio - Steve Gerten
Iowa - Russ Peters	Pennsylvania - Richard B. Cottrell
Kansas - Justin Sage	South Dakota - Absent
Kentucky - Bobby Crawford (proxy)	Virginia - Chris Johnson
Michigan - Will Word (proxy)	Wisconsin - Randy Dunneison
Minnesota - Jim Walker (proxy)	Wyoming - Absent

CREDENTIALS REPORT (Continued)

Executive Committee

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Xenya Mucha

Ladies Representative

Linda Rule

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sandy Gulick, seconded by Nordis Estrem and carried to approve an open agenda.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Robert Colburn called for approval of previous minutes July 22, 2006, seconded by Bruce Barnhart. Approved as printed in the *LICA News*.

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Chairman Harry Hauschild

He discussed the hiring of Jerry Biuso as Executive Vice President and moving ahead. Wayne Maresch will still handle the legislation and the upcoming meeting in Washington DC. Harry enjoyed attending several state conventions during his term. He thanked the Nebraska Chapter for their support.

President Darrell Birge

He thanked Harry for being a great mentor and the whole Executive Committee for their hard work and support. He recognized the members who traveled to Washington DC last year and encourage more to attend this year.

Treasurer Report - Dean Neiswinger

Before you are the financial statements for LICA for the four-month period ending January 31, 2007. Adjustments were made to the budget after the October meeting. *Land & Water Magazine* is now \$10,000 a year for our members. The term life is now \$17.40 per member. The Drainage Coalition received the \$3,000 that was requested from Water Table Management Committee. The dues are slowly coming in, an additional \$28,000 has been received since January 31st. The reserve fund is at \$272,656 at the present time.

Secretary - Robert Colburn

The committee met Tuesday night. Discussed increasing member benefits. Update on the status of health care program and the need to continue negotiations. Gave approval for Executive Vice President, Jerry Biuso, to work on a publication, *The LICA Magazine*. Reviewed the budget and treasurer's report. Reviewed regions reports. All were impressed with the varied programs and quality of state conventions. Reviewed legislative report and plans made by Wayne Maresch for the congressional visits. Reviewed Executive Vice President report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associate Advisory

February 15, 2007

Those in attendance: John Downey, Trimble; Darrell Birge, National LICA; Kent Rodelius, Prinsco; Ron Schlatter, Wolfe-Schlatter; Xenya Mucha John Deere; Charlie Schafer, Agri Drain Corp; Norm Rozendaal, Precision Intakes; Peter Darbshire, Drainage Contractor Magazine; Marsha Miedema, Drainage Contractor Magazine; David Sleep, Hancor, Inc.; Terry Knutsen, Agri Drain Corp; Tim Brookens, Bandit Industries; Jamie Turvey, RWF Industries; Nate Cook, AGPS; Mike Cook, AGPS; Chris Johnson, VA LICA President; Mark Gettler, Agri Drain Corp; Mike Hagen, Hancor, Inc.; Paul Saidefur, LICA and Sandy Welker, Norman-Spencer, Inc.

Sandy Welker called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and asked for items to be placed on the agenda for this meeting which were Location and Exhibit hours at National Convention, Associate time at Con-Expo in 2008, and Associate Exhibit time at future National Conventions and the Summer Board Meetings.

Paul Sandefur spoke regarding the above items for the agenda and to advise that the 2009 proposed sites are Savannah, San Diego, Phoenix and Nashville. After long discussion the associates felt there was a strong history of attendance at the Nashville Conventions in the past and this was one of their two choices. Nashville would be an ideal location for a drainage seminar in conjunction with the convention. Their second choice was Savannah. The associates also addressed the exhibit hours and expressed concern regarding the shorter hours. It was agreed that LICA would attempt to have hours on Thursday evening and Friday afternoon, including the lunch hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS *(Continued)*

Associate Advisory *(Continued)*

The Associates indicated concern of conflicting dates with other tradeshow events, such as the Louisville Farm Machinery Show. These conflicting dates not only pose a burden on the National Associates who attend both shows, but also could be an issue for member attendance at LICA.

The associates discussed and agreed that we wish for National LICA to extend the invitation to All National Associates to exhibit at any Summer Board Meeting where a trade show event may occur.

It was presented and agreed that we would have an Associate reception at Con-Expo 2008 to allow the associates to visit with the membership.

Jerry Biuso spoke thanking the Associates for our commitment in the past, present and future. As Jerry reminded us, we must realize that we are beginning with a fresh slate and new beginning. Jerry is in the process of identifying multiple ways of promoting membership and the growth of LICA. The Associates are supportive of this initiative. The Associates suggested several ideas to Jerry to encourage new membership. One of those ideas was the availability of free passes to Associates for local customers to attend the exhibit and/or educational seminars. Jerry will research and advise the Associate Advisory Committee.

To increase the attendance at the LICA National Convention there must be a REASON to attend with the National Convention offering something that is not available on a local/state level. The Associates strongly feel that LICA needs to define its identity within the existing and potential new membership. Without a true identity how can we assist this membership in moving forward?

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra E. Welker

Awards

February 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Nancy Micsky. Those in attendance were: Sandy Birge, IN; Kim Johnson, VA.

The committee reviewed and judged the award nominations. Discussed the possibility of revising the applications at the Summer Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am

Budget

February 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dean Neiswinger at 1:15pm. Those in attendance were: Sandy Gulick, VA; Bruce Barnhart, IA; Bob Colburn, NJ and several guests.

Approval of an open agenda Sandy Gulick, Second Bruce Barnhart.

Approval of previous minutes Bruce Barnhart, second Sandy Gulick.

Old Business: Discussed the financial statements of four months ending January 31, 2007. Adjustments have been made after the October meeting.

Don Loken requested \$3,000 for the Safety Committee to send a safety manual on CD to all members and Executive Directors to get hard copies, including pictures. Motion by Sandy Gulick, second Bruce Barnhart to approve funds.

Joe Streitmatter requested \$3,000 from Water Table Management for the Ag Drainage Management Coalition. Motion by Sandy Gulick,

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Budget (Continued)

second by Bob Colburn to table the motion until more financial information is received. Water Table Management would like a speaker at the Summer Meeting from the Coalition.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50

Certification

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

Those in attendance were: Forrest Davis, IL; Terry McDonnell, OH; Darrell Birge, IN; Joe Streitmatter, IL; Bill Doubet, IL and Norman Kocher, IL.

Approval of an open agenda. Approval of previous minutes by Forrest Davis, second Terry McDonnell. Motion passed.

Norm Kocher made a motion to ask who is certifying the pipe material, second Forrest Davis. Decided to wait and see what comes out of IN.

Motion to adjourn by Forrest, second Norm. Motion passed.

Conservation, Excavation and Earthmoving

February 17, 2007

Attending: David Rule; Harold Thole; Steve Robertson; Brian Orr; Ron Mares; Doug Gephers; Glenn Rockers; Harry Hauschild, NE; Worthin Grattan; Roger Schoon; Richard Cottrell; Xenya Mucha, Associate.

The meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Richard Cottrell at 10:00a.m. The minutes from July 21, 2006 were read and Harold Thole made a motion to approve them, seconded by Brian Orr.

Motion to have an open agenda was made by Worthin Grattan, seconded by Steve Robertson. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion about the goals of the Committee, the members brought forth the following subjects:

1. Storm water management. Worthin reported that regulations are getting fairly complex and stringent. Walden said that his county in South Carolina has a separate tax to enforce storm water regulations. Rich said that Pennsylvania has mandates for retaining run-off water for a period of time.
2. Finding the current regulations continue to be a challenge. The substantial paperwork adds substantial time and cost to projects. Much of this is as result of the lack of communication between environmental and governmental agencies.
3. EQUIP program should include a provision for compensation to allow some farm acres to be set aside for conservation in spring.
4. Some farmers continue to purchase equipment at reduced tax rates then complete with contractors for conservation work. Contractors pay full tax bills on equipment and this puts them at a cost disadvantage.
5. Members were encouraged by Acting Chair to continue communicating with state and federal legislature on any issues that impact work environment. This communication should start early and will help resolve problems when they do arise.

Motion was made to adjourn by Glenn Rockers, seconded by Steve Robertson.

Respectfully submitted,
Xenya Mucha

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Convention

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Sandefur at 1:15pm.

The Chairman read the minutes from the last meeting. He made one clarification that the minutes included a motion made by the Committee to go to Nashville, TN in winter 2009. Bob Yunker made the motion to accept the minutes, Mike Cokk seconded. All in favor.

Nordis Estrem made the motion to have an open agenda. Bob Yunker seconded. Motion passed.

Paul went over some of the comments/suggestions turned in regarding the Myrtle Beach Convention, as well as comments he received on this Orlando convention.

Paul thanked Don Bronson and Geri Mulford for hosting the outing on Monday night.

Jerry Biuso gave an update on the Winter 2008 Convention in Las Vegas. He stressed to the group the importance of registering for CONEXPO through LICA. It gives our association more clout with CONEXPO. Paul resented a comparison of four hotels in Las Vegas. Paul polled the group and the top two were Circus/Circus and New York New York. Brad McArdle gave an update on the summer 2007 Convention in Omaha, NE.

Paul asked for suggestions for possible sites in summer 2008. Sites discussed:

- Billings, MT
- Denver/Colorado Springs, CO
- Green Bay, WI
- Indianapolis, IN
- Pennsylvania

Paul polled the group to see which three had the most interest. Poll results were Green Bay, Colorado Springs and Pennsylvania.

Paul has done some research for the Winter 2009 Convention. He has compared four sites: San Diego, Phoenix, Savannah and Nashville. Paul reported the two favorite sites according to the associate members are Nashville, TN and Savannah, GA.

Nordis made the motion to recommend Nashville, TN to the Board of Directors for the Winter 2009 Convention. Bob Yunker second. A poll of the members attending produced Nashville and San Diego as the top picks. Motion passed- all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Devotions

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.

Those in attendance were: Miriam Seevers, IL; Linda Rule, NY; Evelyn Cottrell, PA; Shirley Mueller, WI; Sandy Birge, IN; Coretha Rozendaal, IA; Norm Rozendaal, IA; Nancy Micsky, PA and Maretta Grattam, IA.

Curtis is no longer available for the Devotion Committee. We would like an evening of devotions on Sunday.

Have a short devotion after banquet. Have Devotions every morning at 7:30 am. Norm and Coretha will work on a CD. Nancy will contact Deb Esposito. Coretha Rozendaal will read Necrology.

Meeting Adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Education

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Chairperson Maretta Grattam.

Those in attendance were: Marilyn Colburn, NJ; Bob Colburn, NJ; Nate Cook, MI; Brad Barringer, Carolinas; Cathy Cantrell, Carolinas; Marilyn Robertson, Carolinas; Bruce Barnhart, IA; Steven Miller, IA; Bob Yunkers, NY; Jerry Biuso, NJ; Ron Garfalo, NJ; Xenya Mucha, Associate; Donna Clark, IN; Richard B. Cottrell, PA; Lawrence Misky, IN; and Maretta Grattam, IA.

Bruce Barnhart made the motion to have and open agenda, second Bob Colburn. Motion passed.

Minutes from the last meeting was read and approved. Bob Colburn made the motion to accept the minutes, second Steve Miller. Motion Passed. Jerry Biuso presented a list of the possible educational seminars that LICA will be sponsoring at CONEXPO 2008 and asked for input, including topics and presenters. Jerry wants to make sure the topics are specifically targeted to earthmoving contractors.

Topics for the Winter Convention in 2009 were tabled until the 2008 Winter Education Committee in Las Vegas.

The Scholarship Sub-Committee will be giving out four \$1,000 scholarships this year.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Executive Directors

February 17, 2007

Those in attendance were: Jerry Biuso, NJ; Penny Hughs, KS; Nancy Misky, PA; Kim Johnson, VA; Marilyn Robertson, NC; Bob Yunker, Maura Dibble, David Rule, NY; Jan Loken, Nordis Estrem, MN; Ron Cornwell, OH; Mike Cook, MI; Shirley Mueller, WI; Wayne Maresch, Delmarva; Russ Peters, Steve Miller, IA; Donna Clark, Bob Clark, IN; Janet Burtle-Doubet, IL

Motion was made by N. Misky to have an open agenda; seconded K. Johnson; motion carried.

B. Yunker made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2006 Executive Director meeting; seconded by J. Burtle-Doubet; motion carried.

Topics of discussion with Eileen Levy from the national office were: 1) Term life insurance 2) Credit card availability through the national office 3) Delegates and Board Meeting differences 4) Executive Director guides for new directors 5) Scholarships - four \$1000 scholarships are available. Applications must be received by March 15th.

Jerry Biuso, National Executive Vice-President spoke on the following topics: 1) Membership brochures priced at 500 for \$150 2) *The LICA Contractor* magazine that will be published four times a year 3) Pinnacle Six-Pack benefit 4) "JUST ONE" campaign buttons and membership 5) National Summer Meeting in Omaha 6) Suggestion of ED's going to national office for one day workshop in April or May

Wayne Maresch, Legislative Liaison, spoke on the congressional visit and issues. Encouraged chapters to work to get a Memorandum of Understanding TSP agreement with NRCS and to have a representative on the State Technical Committee.

Bob Oertel, *Land and Water Magazine*, asked for help in stories for members into his publication. Cell phone to reach him is 706-224-0900.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Executive Directors (Continued)

Misc. items of discussion were: The handling of dues for members who pay in later in the year and if states carry them. The idea of Executive Directors having a ribbon on their name tags, similar to delegates, so that they can be identified earlier in the Convention. Award application importance. Newsletters and a training session on writing articles in Omaha.

Nordis Estrem called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:45pm; seconded Nancy Misky; motion carried.

Insurance

The meeting was called by Chairman Doug Hey at 8:30am.

Those in attendance were: Sandy Welker, OH; Byron Spencer, IL; Mike Ahern, IL; David Spangler, GA; David Rule, NY; Jerry Peevler, IN; John Rothberg, NJ.

Motion by John Rothberg, second by David Rule to have an open agenda.

Doug Hey read the previous minutes. Motion by John Rothberg, second David Rule to approve.

Old Business:

Term Insurance - Membership felt it was an important benefit to keep. After receiving several quotes, Darrell Birge through Jerry Peevler found a company, Lincoln Finance, who had excellent rates. Each member receives \$5,000 of term and \$5,000 of AD&D with their membership until age 65. And very competitive rates for additional buy up to \$100,000. The Date of Birth is necessary for the member to have insurance and the buy up program cannot be promoted until all dates of birth are secured.

Health Insurance - Reviewed quotes from four insurance companies. The trust plan seemed to have the most potential and risk. The other plans were more like mass marketing. Jerry and Byron talked about the pros and cons of a trust. It is important to make sure that due diligence is done. It is important to check the stop loss feature and make sure we can accept worse case scenario.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Ladies Committee

Coretha Rosenthal led us in an opening prayer.

President Linda Rule called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

New members present: Sherry Gysbers MN; Doris Sage, KS

Miriam SeEVERS made the motion to have an open agenda, Evelyn Cottrell seconded, motion carried.

Maura Dibble read the minutes from Newark, NJ, minutes were approved as read.

Old Business: The balance of the ladies money as of 2/16/07 is \$7,842.00 with the ladies tour in New Jersey deducted. The quilt raffle made \$1,385.00 with the cost of the quilt deducted.

New Business: Patti McArdle talked with the ladies about the upcoming meeting in Nebraska.

Susan Thole of Kansas showed her tatting project and said she would be willing to teach a group of ladies how to do it. Evelyn Cottrell made the motion to have Susan make up kits for the winter meeting in 2009. Patti McArdle seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Ladies Committee (Continued)

Election of officers: Minutes from the Myrtle Beach read that the Vice President would move up to President and there would be a new Vice President. Norma Lashley is unable at this time to fulfill this and asked that she be given another year.

Nordis Estrem made the motion to keep the slate of officers for another year. Coretha Rosendaal seconded, motion carried.

Miriam Seevers made the motion to have Sandy Birge represent the Ladies on the Education committee. Nancy Minsky seconded. Carried.

Nordis Estrem made the motion to donate \$1,000.00 for the 2007 scholarship Evelyn Cotrell seconded, motion carried.

Jan Loken made the motion was made to pay up to \$1,000.00 for the ladies program for the Summer Meeting in Nebraska, Loralyn Yunker seconded. Carried.

Shelly Barnhardt made motion to pay up to \$500 for the children's program, Sandy Birge seconded - carried

Discussion was held on the next fund raising. Motion was made by Nordis Estrem to hold a silent auction in the summer of 2008, seconded by Becky Riniker, carried. A recommendation will be made to Convention Committee to hold a live auction at the Winter Meeting 2009 with the proceeds going to the scholarship program.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 am by Sherry Gysbers, seconded by Doris Sage Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Dibble

Legislative

Meeting called to order at 10:00am by chair Geri Mulford.

Those in attendance were: Geri Mulford, FL; Leon Dubois, FL; Dirk Riniker, KS; Charley Lloyd, NE; Brad McArdle, NE; Bruce Lettmann, IA; Chris and Kim Johnson, VA; Stuart Anderson, IL; Steve Anderson, IL; Leslie Mueller, WI; Donald Bronson, FL; Brad Barringer, Carolinas; Louis Bushey, MI; Wayne F. Maersch, MD; Peggy H Graham, SC; Anna Maersch, MD; Fuzz Haile, KS; Nordis Estrem, MN; Justin Sage, KS; Dean Neiswinger, IN; Nancy Miscky, PA; Richard G. Cottrell, PA and Evelyn Cottrell, PA.

Chris Johnson moved for and open agenda, second Dirk Riniker. Motion passed.

Chris Johnson moved to accept previous minutes as published, second by Peggy Graham. Motion Passed.

Discussion followed on issues to lobby for in Washington. They were voted on and accepted as follows: 1) Taxes: Make the tax cuts passed by President Bush Permanent, specifically the "Death Tax;" 2) Health Care: Make affordable health care available through associations; 3) Energy: Open ANWAR and off shore drilling off our costs and expand ethanol; 4) Immigration Reform: Approve a guest worker program where they can sign up to work here legally. Do not set this up as a path to citizenship. Do not allow babies born to illegals to be automatic citizens. Investigate how Somalians are being legally brought here to work under a refugee program; 5. Infrastructure: Small watershed program. This program must be funded adequately as so many of our dams built 50-75 years ago are beginning to fail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Legislative (Continued)

Washington trip: March 19-21st 2007. We will be staying at Virginian Suites a couple of blocks from the metro. NRCS will speak to us Tuesday AM and we will have our usual dinner at Phillip Flagship on the river. Chris Johnson will get the bus for us.

Seminar Suggestions: Protecting your assets (again) by Chris Johnson; Legislative Awareness (NFIB) (Again) by Wayne Maersch; Public Speaking (LICA Toastmasters) by Peggy Graham; Roberts Rule of Order by Stuart Anderson; Best Practices Common Ground Alliance by Brad Barringer; Donald Bronson suggested all LICA members belong to NFIB "National Federation Independent Business." Brad Barringer, NC; accepted position of Chairman of Legislative Committee. Motion to adjourn at 11:00am by Wayne Maresch, second Chris Johnson. Motion passed.

Long Term Planning/Past Presidents

Meeting was called to order at 8:35am by chair Geri Mulford. Those in attendance were: Geri Mulford, FL; Don Loken, MN; David Cantrell, Carolinas; Darrell Birge, IN; and Fuzz Haile, KS.

Open agenda and previous minutes approved as published.

Discussion of Membership Development Incentive:

- \$5.00 CR for 10% increase in membership
- \$5.00 CR for each 100 members
- \$25.00 maximum discount

This would not be a discount to the member, each state chapter would get this discount from what they pay to National. This program would continue for two years based on how membership as shown by National as of 6/30/06. If, after two years, National LICA does not have a total of 10% increase in membership from 6/30/06 to 6/30/08 this program will discontinue.

National LICA Executive Committee has obtained additional money from the following sources that will help absorb this loss of funds to National as follows: 1) \$10,000.00 reduction of the cost of *Land and Water Magazine* by Jerry Biuso; 2) \$15,000.00 additional from CNA over the \$50,000 by Jerry Biuso; 3) \$26,000.00 savings in Term Life Insurance by Darrell Birge; Total \$51,000.00 extra money to National per year.

This committee will support Bruce Barnhart's proposal for "Membership Development Incentive" for the two-year term.

Darrell said Auto Owners in Indiana gives additional 10% discount on your business Insurance if a LICA member.

Other Long Term Planning Proposals: Continue with Washington Visits.

Seminars: Five-Year Strategic Plan Goals be read and reviewed periodically to keep this plan in focus.

Motion to adjourn Fuzz Haile, second Darrell Birge Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

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Have you gotten JUST ONE?

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Long Term Planning/Past Presidents (Continued)

LICA Members met at 2:00pm on February 14th to review and prioritize a new Strategic Plan as follows:

Five Year Strategic Plan 2007-2012

GOAL I

Promote membership among contractors in all areas of land improvement.

- Action 1 Trade Shows
- Action 2 Membership drives
- Action 3 Publicity campaigns
- Action 4 Network with other trade associations
- Action 5 Educational workshops
- Action 6 Local interest meetings
- Action 7 Encourage LICA Associates to promote membership

GOAL II

Promote and develop contractor certifications through educational programs

- Action 1 Maintain national certification committee
- Action 2 Create a standard certification form
- Action 3 Inform LICA members about existing NRCS letter of competency
- Action 4 Inform LICA members about the Technical Service Provider program

GOAL III

Provide educational opportunities that help contractors diversify and learn new construction techniques. Develop leadership to market and promote LICA to contractors and the public

- Action 1 Provide seminars, field days and demonstrations that focus on practical applications.
- Action 2 Utilize resource speakers/demonstrators from:
 - Universities/research/extension
 - Associate business members
 - Contractors using the techniques
 - Architects, Engineers and others
- Action 3 Assign LICA members to identify opportunities and evaluate tangible results by working with education, new technology, and associate advisory committees.

GOAL IV

Develop leadership to market and promote LICA to contractors and the public

- Action 1 Teach public speaking (type of LICA toastmasters)
- Action 2 Leadership training/development
- Action 3 Learn and be aware of other contractors needs through surveys/questionnaires

GOAL V

Position Land Improvement Contractors of America in the public perception as a professional land and water conservation organization

- Action 1 Utilize public relations

GOAL VI

Develop better working relationship with local, state, and federal government.

- Action 1 Host agency meeting for the exchange of information
- Action 2 Send promotional material to target groups.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Long Term Planning/Past Presidents (Continued)

GOAL VI (Continued)

- Action 3 Prepare and share with members a brief synopsis of legislation that pertains to LICA
- Action 4 Engage in personal visits, letter writing, phone calls and e-mail.

GOAL VII

Develop additional membership benefits

- Action 1 Search for discounts for LICA members
- Action 2 Seek additional insurance programs

Membership

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am by Chairperson Maura Dibble. Those in attendance were: Jerry Biuso, NJ; Ron Garafalo, NJ; Bruce Barnhart, IA; Shirley Mueller, WI; Edith Ervery, NJ; Tom Ervery, NJ; John Rothberg, NJ; Donna Clark, IN; Cathy Cantrell, Carolinas; Marilyn Robertson, Carolinas; Larry Matthews, Carolinas; and Bob Yunker, NY.

John Rothberg made the motion to have an open agenda, second Bruce Barnhart. Motion passed. Maura read minutes from the last meeting. Bruce Barnhart made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, second Bob Yunker. Motion passed.

Jerry Biuso explained the proposal membership incentive program. It will have to be passed by the Board of Directors. Jerry presented the front of the new membership brochure/application. He also showed the new *LICA Contractor* magazine. Jerry explained and updated how the new LICA Pinnacle Six-Pack Insurance Program works.

The "Just One" promotional program was discussed. Jerry shared some of his recruiting experiences as he's traveled around to the chapters. Jerry reminded the group that he can come to the states and help with membership. He has a budget to pay for that. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Policy

February 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Those in attendance were: Maretta Grattan, IA; Stan Miller, IA; Penny Hughs, KS; Patti McArdle, NE, Eileen Levy, National

The minutes from the October 21, 2006 Executive Committee Meeting and the July Summer Meeting 2006 were reviewed. Inclusions were noted for the Policy, Procedures and Guideline Handbook.

Meeting Adjourned.

Safety

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Those in attendance were: Sandy Welker, OH; Byron Spencer, IL; Mike Ahern, IL; David J. Spangler, CA; Jan Loken, MN; Stan SeEVERS, IL; Wayne Litwiller, IL; Sandy Gulick, VA; and Don Loken, MN.

10 components of a Safety Management Plan:

- discussion, final draft and adding pictures
- Intent to have available electronically for all members and in printed form
- Recommend that each state chapter distributes
- Recommendation to add material regarding excavation, David Spangler, from CNA will get to Eileen.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Safety (Continued)

- Recommend format be in user friendly such as Word and PDF. Word so each member can personalize.
- Suggest Eileen - email back to David Spangler and Byron for suggested insertion of excavation and format issues

Concern with locators that are on private property from gas line to homeowner (feeder line). No one takes responsibility. This seems to differ by state. Common Ground Alliance is a group that may be a contact to obtain direction of this subject. Recommend that LICA contact Common Ground Alliance and work with them on this issue. LICA member Brad Barringer is involved with them and would be a contact.

Motion by Byron Spencer, second Stan that LICA establish a relationship with Common Ground Alliance.

Previous minutes were read and approved by Sandy Gulick. No further old business.

New Business

Mike Ahern presented CNA report (see attached for your records)

2 Courses- CNA able to present

Construction boot camp

Efficiency and Productivity (Don has overview of this info.)

Additional Safety Topics

Discussed how do we encourage membership to be more involved with safety.

Recommend Safety Committee meeting be at time when there are no other meetings.(because it such an important issue). National needs to emphasis attendance.

Reinstate that a member of each region be present at the committee so assigned. Sandy Gulick will bring this up at Executive Committee.

Resource - CNA.com. Under risk control gives more info on Construction Boot Camp and Efficiency & Productivity.

Lack of attendance at committee meetings is of great concern. Don will also bring this up in Executive Committee.

A motion by Sandy Gulick, second Stan SeEVERS that the goal on Safety Manual - Finished product and CD's available for distribution at Omaha.

Safety Committee requests of budget committee funds for creation and distribution of total membership.

Meeting Adjourned.

Technology

Meeting called to order at 10:00am. Those in attendance were: Russ Peters, IA; Matt Cantrell, NC; Steve Gerten, OH; Myron DeArmond, IN; Bob Clark, IN; Nate Cook, MI; Bob Colburn, NJ; Mike Cook, MI; and David Cantrell, Carolinas.

Russ Peters motioned for an open agenda, second Bob Colburn. Motion Passed.

Discussed CPS, Bio-Diesel, Computer Control Technology and Computer Control Diagnostics. Seminar Topics for 2009

Motion to Adjourn Russ Peters, second Matt Cantrell. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)

Water Table Management

February 16, 2007 8:35 am.

A sign in sheet was passed and Stan moved to approve an open agenda for today's meeting. Worthin 2nd the motion and motion carried.

Minutes from the last committee meeting were read and Stan moved to approve minutes as read. Worthin 2nd the motion and motion carried.

Joe began the discussion regarding the national drainage workshop which was originally thought would be best scheduled with the Illinois Farm Progress Show (IFPS) to allow for a tour of BMP's installed in 2006 by ILICA at the show site. Rooms in Decatur are gone and outlying cities are filling up fast so this would have to be decided very soon. After much discussion, it was determined that there was not enough lead time to promote the workshop to have it in 2007 and that coordinating it with the 2008 Conservation Expo at the IFPS site would be the best opportunity for contractor attendance in the Midwest. The tentative time frame being considered is the 1st week of August 2008. The national workshop could be scheduled on Thursday - Friday then follow with the 2008 Conservation Expo on the following Tuesday through Thursday. The Workshop Sub-Committee, consisting of John Downey, Kent Rodelius, Charlie Schafer, Peter Darbishire and Jon SeEVERS as possible chair. The committee will develop the agenda by September 2007 and will also have a promotional brochure developed for distribution at the 2007 IFPS from the ILICA booth in the Partner's in Conservation tent.

Charlie Schafer reported on the Ag Drainage Management Coalition (ADMC) proposal to NRCS regarding the funding they now have for ground and surface water conservation.

NRCS contacted ADMC for them to create this proposal to disburse these funds for the plans for practices involving control structure. He indicated that the plan has been tentatively approved and that landowners need to contract with NRCS by June 07 and have the plan developed within one year. These funds are only available for development of the plans, not the installation of planned practices. Ivan Dozer will be the Illinois contact for any questions that come up for NRCS.

Old Business - None

New Business - ADMC want to promote and support the conservation assessment regarding buffer management. This practice would use solid tile instead of perforated to allow more effective reduction of nitrites and outflow control and to coordinate with Dr. Cooke's bioreactor development. Buffers would then be more effective even if they were of lesser width. Charlie asked for LICA support as he talks with Wayne in Washington DC as things develop.

Possible topics to address the group at the Omaha Summer Convention are Dr. Richard Cooke's research and an update from Charlie regarding the buffer strips.

A short discussion regarding the issues in Michigan with re-delineation of wetlands which has become very frustrating for landowners and contractors in that area and it has also started to affect some parts of Illinois. More discussion with NRCS needs to occur to make final determinations.

Peter Darbishire moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Doubet seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

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The following are actions taken by the Board during the specific committee meetings:

Convention

Motion by Nordis Estrem, second Sandy Gulick to have for Nashville as the site of the 2009 convention. Motion passed.

Legislative

Motion by Geri Mulford, second by Brad Barringer to accept the issues presented by the Legislative Committee for the Washington DC trip: Death Tax, Health Care, Energy, Immigration Reform, Small Watershed Program. Motion passed.

Long Term Planning/Past Presidents

Motion by Louis McFarland, second by Richard Cottrell to accept the new Strategic Plan for 2207-2012. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues Incentive Proposal

The state chapter shall receive a discount of five dollars per member when they have a 10% increase in membership. For each one hundred members a state chapter shall receive a reduction of five dollars per member. The discount cannot exceed a total of \$25. For comparison purposes the membership numbers as of June 30th, 2006 will be used. The discount would be refunded to the states in July to help with chapter operations. Motion by Dirk Riniker, second Bruce Barnhart to accept proposal for a two year period.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Colburn, second by Justin Sage.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Land Improvement Contractors of America

Four Months Ending January 31, 2007

Income Statement

INCOME	BUDGET	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Contractor Dues	\$ 215,000	\$ 135,823	63%
Associate Dues	13,000	7,145	54%
Affl & Subs	1,000	285	18%
Member Services	1,000	777	77%
Raffle	25,000	00	
Interest	10,000	4,903	49%
Excess Funds	4,000	00	
Committee Income	00	383	
Total Income	269,000	149,316	
EXPENSES	BUDGET	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Rent	\$ 20,500	\$ 6,830	33%
Office Supplies	3,000	2,865	95%
Postage	3,000	1,420	47%
Professional Srv	3,000	2,750	91%
Print & Pub	1,000	832	83%
Telephone	3,000	1,064	35%
Bank Charges	500	285	57%
	34,000	16,047	
National Staff	105,000	34,518	32%
Taxes	2,000	804	40%
Travel	13,000	3,364	25%
	120,000	38,686	
Legislation	15,000	3,126	20%
Scholarships	2,000	00	
Public Relations	6,000	00	
Safety & Mbr. Svs	10,000	10,570	105%
	86,000	31,006	
Executive Comm.	20,000	6,358	31%
Committees	7,000	3,000	
Convention		1,230	
Liability Ins	2,000	326	16%
	29,000	10,914	
Total Expenses	269,000	96,653	
Net Income	00	52,663	

Balance Sheet

CURRENT ASSETS			
Merrill Lynch Account	413,934		
Chase Account	14,284		
Petty Cash	100		
Total Current Assets			428,318
OTHER ASSETS			
Due from Service Corp.	81,022		
Investment in LSC	1,000		
Prepaid Convention	28,038		
Prepaid Rent	1,475		
Total Other Assets			111,535
TOTAL ASSETS			539,853
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	1,738		
Payroll Tax	823		
Deferred Raffle	545		
Total Current Liabilities			3,106
CAPITAL			
Retained Earnings	484,084		
Net Income (Loss)	52,663		
Total Capital			536,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL			539,583

The National LICA Summer Meeting - July 18-21, 2007

Hosted by Nebraska LICA at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Downtown Omaha

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Reservation cut-off date is June 16, 2007. To make reservations call (800) 362-2779 or (402) 346-9000 and request the National LICA Meeting Block. Register on-line at www.omaha.embassysuites.com using the group code NLM. The block is found in the reservation system as: Nat'l.LICA Mtg.

Driving Directions

From the East and West, take I-80 to 480 North Eppley Airfield/Downtown. Take the Harney/Dodge Street exit and turn onto Harney Street. Proceed approximately 1.5 miles and turn on 10th Street.

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Schedule of Events

PRE-TOURS

Wednesday and Thursday - July 18 and 19, 2007

Boys Town	Mead Cattle Co.
CLAAS Caterpillar Combine Plant	Nebraska's Memorial Stadium
DeSoto National Refuge	Historic General Dodge House
Strategic Air & Space Museum	Lauritzen Botanical Gardens
Valmont Industries	

CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday - July 19, 2007

8:00 a.m.	Tours
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Friday - July 20, 2007

6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Nebraska Welcome
9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Committees
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Committees
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner (On your own)
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social

Saturday - July 21, 2007

7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Committees
9:00 a.m.	Executive Directors Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hotel Hospitality Reception
7:00 p.m.	Dinner

Restaurants within Walking Distance

There are a LOT! Here are a few:

Billy Frog's Pub	Nick & Tony's
Omaha Prime	French Café
Spaghetti Works	Little King
Subway	M's Pub
Trini's Mexican	Famous Daves Bar-be-que

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Eppley Airport

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The National Summer Tours and Special Events



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The Strategic Air & Space Museum is regarded as the nation's foremost facility of its kind, the \$29.5 million museum opened on May 16, 1998 and preserves aircraft and missiles for future generations. The Museum is a 300,000 square foot building that features a glass atrium, two aircraft display hangars, a traveling exhibit area, a children's interactive gallery, a 200-seat theater, a Museum store, an aircraft restoration gallery, and a snack bar. The glass atrium is a breathtaking structure constructed of 525 glass panels that encase the awesome Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird. The two aircraft display hangars protect the aircraft collection and exhibits from harsh outdoor elements.

They participate in an exhibit exchange program with other national museums and display them in the traveling exhibit area. The children's interactive gallery is both entertaining and educational, and features audiovisual programs and activities for children of all ages. Visitors can purchase souvenirs, gifts and educational items from the Museum store, and refresh themselves at the Plane Food snack bar.

A unique feature of the Museum gives visitors the opportunity to watch the restoration of warplanes as technicians prepare them for display

Father Flanagan's Boys Town

One of Nebraska's top attractions, a beautiful campus shares the history of Father Flanagan's dream to care for America's children. Here, you can see Spencer Tracy's Oscar for the timeless classic movie "Boys Town," the breathtaking Dowd Chapel and Father Flanagan Shrine, and discover how Father Flanagan sparked a revolution in childcare at our Hall of History.

Founded by Father Edward Flanagan in 1917, Girls and Boys Town has a 90 year history of helping abused, abandoned and neglected children. What began as a small home for homeless boys has grown into a nationwide organization with 19 sites in 15 states providing more than 46,000 children each year with a safe, caring, loving environment.



Lauritzen Gardens Omaha's Botanical Center



Lauritzen Gardens are surrounded with beauty and tranquility. A trolley will take you over 100 acres of breathtaking outdoor gardens, including a rose garden, Victorian garden, children's garden and an arboretum. It also includes an indoor floral display hall, café and gift shop.

Memorial Stadium

You're sure to enjoy this wonderful tour of the famous historic Memorial Stadium. The home of the University of Nebraska Huskers since 1923. With a capacity of 82,000 it has a continuing NCAA-record sellout streak that reached 282 games at the conclusion of 2006,

The tour will include the Osborne Athletic Complex, the new home for Nebraska football, the coaches' offices, player locker room and a walk on the field. It will also include the Charles and Romona Myers Performance Center. The new performance area provides every one of Nebraska's nearly 600 student-athletes all the elements to maximize their performance, including a new strength complex, athletic medicine center, hydrotherapy pools, and nutrition center, all on one level.

Inscribed on the four corners of the stadium are the following words, written by former UNL professor of philosophy Hartley Burr Alexander:



Southeast: "In Commemoration of the men of Nebraska who served and fell in the Nations Wars."

Southwest: "Not the victory but the action; Not the goal but the game; In the deed the glory."

Northwest: "Courage; Generosity; Fairness; Honor; In these are the true awards of manly sport."

Northeast: "Their Lives they held their country's trust; They kept its faith; They died its heroes."

Each event has limited space. Please make your reservations early.

For more information please call Nebraska LICA 402-289-2489

2007 SUMMER MEETING TOURS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

TOUR ONE:

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View a 50,000-head cattle feed lot and also a Nebraska ethanol plant under construction.

CLAAS CATERPILLAR COMBINE PLANT

CLAAS Omaha is the assembly site for LEXION combines. Home of the world's largest combine in the heart of the corn and wheat belts of the Midwest.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT EARTHMOVING JOB

Weather permitting

Lunch: Round The Bend Restaurant

PRICE: \$50.00 per person

TOUR TWO:

LAURITZEN GARDENS

Omaha's botanical center with over 100 acres of breathtaking gardens. The trolley will take you through the beautiful and tranquil areas of many different garden themes.

HISTORIC GENERAL DODGE HOUSE

A 14 room, three story brick Victorian home built in 1869 stands on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri River Valley. It displays such architectural features as parquet floors; walnut, butternut and cherry woodwork and several "modern" conveniences which were quite unusual for the period. Also tour the August Beresheim House.

DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/THE STEAMBOAT BERTRAND

This 7,823 acre refuge lies on the wide plain formed by prehistoric flooding and shifting of the Missouri River and is devoted to preserving and restoring increasingly scarce habitat. In 1968, the steamboat Bertrand was discovered on the refuge and unearthed. The cargo, which contained every manner of goods needed for the territories, gold mines, logging camps, farms and households, has been restored and is on display.

Lunch: Rick's Boatyard Café

PRICE: \$50.00 per person

Thursday, July 19, 2007

TOUR THREE:

MEMORIAL STADIUM

Located in Lincoln, Ne., this has been the home of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers since 1923. This stadium becomes Nebraska's third largest city on game days with an attendance of 82,000.

STRATEGIC AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

The nation's foremost facility of it's kind which preserves aircraft and missiles for future generations.

FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS TOWN

Tour this beautiful campus with a 90 year history of helping abused, neglected and abandoned children. There is no greater way to feel the healing and hope Girls and Boys Town provides than by visiting this historic village. See where the children live, pray, learn and find love.

Lunch: Mahoney State Park - Peter Kiewit Lodge

PRICE: \$50.00 per person

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Members, Spouses, Associates, Government Employees, Consultants	\$ 130.00 each	\$ _____
Youth - 15 years of age and under	\$ 65.00 each	\$ _____

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Members, Spouses, Associates, Government Employees, Consultants	\$ 150.00 each	\$ _____
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PRINT NAMES FOR NAME BADGES Child Age COSTS: TOUR 1 TOUR 2 TOUR 3 TOTAL

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Registration Policy: Only individuals registered and wearing badges may attend Summer Meeting events. All must register to attend convention, programs or functions. No registration will be processed without payment. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Refund Policy: For cancellations received prior to June 20, 2007 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payments will be refunded after June 20, 2007 unless an emergency has been experienced.

For further information call: (402) 289-2489

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International Construction & Utility Equipment Exposition

October 16-18, 2007

Louisville, KY USA/ Kentucky Exposition Center

ICUEE 2007, also known as The Demo Expo, will be held October 16-18, 2007 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. The show will also feature hands-on working equipment demonstrations and more than one million net square feet of the latest in equipment, technologies, products and services.

A cornerstone of ICUEE 2007 education will be a special co-located education program conducted by Underground Construction Technology (UCT). UCT is the respected industry authority known for benchmarking education and training programs related to underground construction and rehabilitation infrastructure.

Seminars on above-ground and overhead equipment technologies and trends will complement the UCT offerings. New for the 2007 ICUEE is that all show seminars will offer Continuing Educational Units (CEUs) credit to attendees.

The latest details are on the show website (www.icuee.com), and attendees can sign up online. Ticket packages are available to allow attendees to customize their ICUEE education experience, and advance registration offers cost savings.

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