

Land Improvement Contractors of America

Delegates Meeting

February 19, 2022 • San Antonio, Texas

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Clark at 9:04 am at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Jeff Schell called roll and declared a quorum present. A complete roll call is listed below:

Arkansas absent

Illinois

President Steve Anderson
1. Jon Seevers
2. Tom Beyers
3. Lee Bunting (proxy)
4. Eric Layton (proxy)

Indiana

President Bryan Noggle
1. Joe Stull
2. James Ramsey
3. Chris Smidler

Iowa

President Katie Resor (proxy)
1. Russ Peters
2. Bruce Barnhart
3. Mark Erpelding
4. Curtis Maxwell

Kansas

President Kent Henderson
1. Clem Karlin
2. Steve Dick

Michigan

Pres. Adam Cook
1. Ben Cook

Minnesota

President Steve Vis (proxy)
1. Kevin Bakken
2. Dee Ann Larson
3. Don Loken

Missouri

President Rob Liles
1. Jake Gingerich
2. Charles Krumpelman (proxy)
3. Ryan Cronk (proxy)
4. Jeff Lance (proxy)
5. Roger Morris (proxy)

Nebraska

President John Schueth (proxy)
1. Harry Hauschild
2. Keith Samuelson
3. Ted Lashley
4. Jim Pruss

New Jersey

President Ron Garofalo
1. Dennis Mikula
2. Shelley Hewson (proxy)
3. Jeffrey Bailey (proxy)
4. Dave VenderGroff (proxy)
5. Bill Esposito (proxy)
6. John Rothberg (proxy)

New York absent

Ohio

Pres. David Schwieterman (proxy)
1. Steve Gerten
2. Shawn Kirian (proxy)
3. Terry McConnell
4. Jeffrey Billenstein (proxy)

Pennsylvania

Pres. Chris Moore (proxy)
1. Dan Micsky

South Dakota

President David Word
1. Bryan Vanderpol

Virginia absent

Wisconsin absent

Executive Committee

Chairman Nordis Estrem
President Bob Clark
Vice Pres. Chris Wagner
Region 1 Absent
Region 2 Dave Gallahan
Region 3 Tony Cain
Region 4 Chris Brauer
Region 5 Absent
Region 6 Jeff Schell
Region 7 vacant
Region 8 Absent

NEUCROLOGY

Janet Bragg
Eldon "Stoker" Emond
Ellsworth Everest
Jane Row
Steven Stohry
Norbert N. Franzen
Larry Clark
Chuck Cummings
Eldon Gingerich
Dan Jordan
Harold Veatch
Penny Veatch
Jim Waterhouse
Burke B. Bayer
John "Jack" C. Bernitter
Stanley "Stan" Kent Hartwich
William "Bill" Glace
Paul Hettenbach
Mark P. Fledkamp
James "Jim" H. Juneman
Lawrence "Larry" Pike
Susan "Sue" Thole
Robin C. Timm
James "Jim" O'Toole
Lloyd Elbert Smelser
Mildred Auernhamer
Ruben Aurenhamer
Derek Foster
Bill Word
Jan Loken
Jeff Schnieders
Bill Hartmann
Peg Schlichtman
Dennis Neureuther
Barney Smith
Roger Burckhart
Ronald "Bumpy" Rhodes
Randy Griffin
Bob Bak

Past Presidents

Mike Cook
Brad McArdle

Associates

Kent Rodelius (proxy)

Ladies

Veronica Seevers

Marion, IN
Wolcott, IN
Warsaw, IN
Monroeville, IN
Shelbyville, IN
Urbana, IL
Maquoketa, IA
Fontanelle, IA
Kalon, IA
Lenox, IA
Fontanelle, IA
Fontanelle, IA
Keota, IA
Manhattan, KS
Havensville, KS
Onaga, KS
Sabetha, KS
Abilene, KS
Seneca, KS
Hanover, KS
Arkansas City, KS
Stafford, KS
El Dorado, KS
Greenbush, KS
McLouth, KS
Frakenmuth, MI
Frakenmuth, MI
Ashley, MI
Camden, MI
Owatonna, MN
Jefferson City, MO
Seward, NE
Edgar, NE
Glenwood, NY
Spencer, NY
Wooster, OH
Radnor, OH
Grove City, PA
Pierre, SD

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dave Gallahan made the motion to approve an open agenda, seconded by Tony Cain. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chris Brauer made the motion to approve the previous minutes of March 9, 2020 as printed on LICANational.org seconded by Dave Gallahan. Motion Passed.

REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer- Jerry Biuso

Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid

LICA has been given the opportunity to co-produce a documentary that will air on PBS. The segment is called "Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid." This segment will enlighten the audience by delivering information about our association, covering LICA's history and vision for the future including the LICA Educational Foundation for Veterans. The first draft of the script is underway and the production is scheduled for May 2022 and distribution in July 2022.

We have submitted a detailed description of LICA and our history for their creative department that includes copy production and distribution. We will use many of LICA members in the video whenever possible.

2022 Summer Meeting in St. Charles, MO (St. Louis)

The dates are official for the 2022 Summer Meeting, July 12-16, 2022. We have contracted with the Ameristar Casino Resort and Spa. The resort offers many onsite restaurants, spa, casino and free garage parking. It is conveniently located so many of our members can drive. St Charles is about 20 minutes away from St. Louis. It's a quaint historical river town.

LICA Magazine

The LICA Magazine is now in its 13 year and still going strong. The readership in 2021 and advertising exceeded 2020. We are projecting 2022 ad sales will increase by 12%. Two articles should have special interest to our members. "What LICA Members Should Expect from our Infrastructure" by Craig Martin Construction Attorney with Lamson Dugan and Murry. "It's An Old School Block and Tackle Industry Outlook" by Nick Yaksich, LICA Director of Government Relations.

Membership

Membership throughout the country continues to be flat!! A real effort must be made to increase membership across the country. We must motivate chapters to hold membership drives and develop membership committees with in their state.

American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASBE)

In early 2022, Nick Yaksich arranged a zoom meeting with the CEO of ASABE, Darrin Drolliner to discussed some possible collaboration between LICA and ASABE beyond this Symposium. As a follow up to the zoom meeting I published an article in the Spring issue on ASBE. I do believe we can share a common goal moving forward.

The Soil and Water Conservation Society is partnering with the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) to help bring the 11th International Drainage Symposium, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, August 30-September 2, 2022.

The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is an educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to agricultural, food, and biological systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St. Joseph, Michigan, ASABE comprises members in more than 100 countries.

The Drain Tile Coalition

The Drain Tile Coalition has attended many of our state chapters conventions and will exhibit attend our Convention in San Antonio. Founded in, 2018 they are non-profit dedicated to sharing best practices in safety to reduce the number of accidents resulting from installation on farms. They have advertising in the LICA Contractor Magazine.

CONEXPO 2023

CONEXPO is just around the corner and we are working on the education committee developing seminars for the earth moving tract. Our seminars of 2020 where the best attend in many years and we hope to maintain the interest of the attendees. 2023 will be the sixth consecutive show we will have been a member of the educational committee.

I secured a 400 square foot booth in the New West Hall Lobby. It is an idea location we are surrounded by Earthmoving Exhibitors and near educational seminars as well in close proximity to a large food court.

We are looking to develop a theme and beginning to design our exhibit booth. Within the exit area we will include an area for the LICA Foundation.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- February 18, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Hauschild, NE, at 10:28

In attendance: Harry Hauschild, NE, Dirk Riniker, KS, IN, Chris Wagner, NJ, Joe Stull, NE, Steve Anderson, IL, Brad McArdle, NE., Steve Gerten, OH, Chris Brauer, MO, Dave Gallahan, VA, Don Loken, MN, Maura Dibble, NY.

Steve Gertin moved for an open agenda, seconded by Dirk Riniker.

Harry Hauschild read the minutes from Niagara Falls, NY minutes were approved by Chris Wagner, NJ, seconded by Chris Brauer, MO

Discussion on the proposed amendments to the By-laws

Item #1 - A Resolution to authorize alternative procedures for members meetings when an in person annual or special meeting cannot be convened.

Item #2 - A Resolution to authorize the Board of Directors Executive Committee and other committees to hold virtual meetings.

Item #3 – a resolution to amend the budget and reserve section to remove the debt retirement and retain the reserve requirements.

After clarification, and reviewing the printed bylaws, Item #3 of the proposed by law changes, it should be article XII instead of XI

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Brad McArdle spoke about the need to try to keep having in person meetings whenever possible.
Consensus was unanimous,

Discussion on term limits for Executive committee

Chris Brauer made the motion to adjourn at 10:47 am, seconded by Steve Gerten, Carried.

Motion by Harry Hauschild to accept the By-Laws Amendments, seconded by Mike Cook. Russ Peters asked for clarification about Item # 3. Discussion. Motion Passed

ELECTION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Jon Seevers nominated Dave Gallahan for Vice President, seconded by Brad McArdle. Brad McArdle shared that he visited Dave and saw that he works hard and is very talented. Motion by Bruce Barnhart to close nominations, seconded by Tony Cain. Motion by proclamation to elect Dave Gallahan Vice President. Motion passed.

Dave Gallahan spoke and said that it's an honor to take this position. He is going to do his best to support this association. He thanked everyone and said he looks forward to making LICA bigger and better.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2023 DELEGATE

Steve Anderson motioned to accept Jon Seevers on the Nominating Committee, seconded by Jeff Schell Motion passed. Bob Clark appointed Chris Brauer from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Steve Gerten, seconded by Harry Hauschild. Meeting adjourned.