

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HOLIDAY INN SELECT - COLUMBIA, MO

JANUARY 15, 2000

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm by President Bob Parks.

ROLL CALL

District #1	7	District #4	3
District #2	7	District #5	1
District #3	5	District #6	2

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Cantrell explained the benefits of involvement in an Association, whether or not you take a leadership role. He listed the numerous business partnerships that National LICA has developed, i.e. the National Watershed Coalition, Natural Resources Conservation Service, International Erosion Control Association, Underground Damage Prevention, Environmental Issues Council, and Property Rights, etc.

David updated the membership on the National LICA activities on their behalf and stated that he believes the national and state chapters are one entity which needs to be protected. He discussed the reasoning behind the proposed National LICA dues increase and complimented our membership on being pro-active with our own dues increase. In addition, he stressed the importance of building our membership base. He stated that the person who gets the most out of your involvement is you. You will gain knowledge and experience to do the things you never thought you could.

As National Vice President, David has visited many of the state chapters over the last year and has worked closely with the Convention Committee to plan into the future. David's goals for his presidency are:

- 1) Better communication between the state chapters and national office
- 2) An improved newsletter
- 3) Better communication between the Executive Directors
- 4) More membership benefits paid through dues
- 5) 1,000 new members

In conclusion, David stated that National LICA is fiscally sound and is still following the strategic plan that the membership developed at the National Convention in Tucson, Arizona.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Don Loken was unable to attend the membership meeting, but had given his report to our membership earlier in the convention.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Charlie Boyer and seconded by Jerry Koechner to approve the minutes of the July, 1999 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bob Parks thanked all the members who have volunteered so much of their time and talent over the last year. He reported that the Executive Committee has been in touch on a regular basis through teleconferencing. The Executive Committee attempted to attend each District Meeting to explain the dues

increase and plans for the coming year. The Executive Committee members had attended District Meetings for District 1,2, and 3 by September and District 4 and 6 by December. District 5 held a meeting after the Board of Directors meeting in October, however, only one member attended. Bob urged the membership to help Ken Balkenbusch re-organize and re-build District 5.

Bob also discussed the proposed National LICA dues increase and informed our membership that, if National did increase their dues, we would not have to increase our members' dues.

The plans for the upcoming Field Day and Kansas City Convention were discussed. Bob asked our membership to help with these meetings and to assist at our state conventions. He stated the Executive Committee needs some assistance during the convention.

We successfully defeated 11 separate legislative attacks on the cost-share program; provided representation for our members at all of the NRCS State Technical Meetings and DNR Commission meetings. Thanks to those members who stepped forward, this was able to be accomplished for all our members.

He also thanked the members of the Executive Committee who, through conference calls, have been progressing our strategic plan and have helped develop the goals for 1999.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Doyle Kirchner and seconded by Rod Schottel to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Charlie Boyer and seconded by Melvin Beckemeyer to accept the Secretary's Report as written. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported the following:

- 1) Missouri will have three delegates at the Savannah Convention. Jerry Koechner, Caryl Lance, and Nick Shelley were appointed by Bob Parks as the delegates. Gayle Matthews, Melvin Koechner, and Hollis Boyer were appointed by Bob Parks as the alternates.
- 2) The National Dodge Program has changed. Debbie will contact national to get the specifics and report the information in the next newsletter.
- 3) Port Industries is hosting a field day in Palmyra, MO on August 1st.
- 4) Don Loken has been asked to investigate the National Summer Meeting in 2002 that Region IV is hosting to determine:
What has been done?; Who is coordinating this effort?
How will the chapters divide the work and profit/loss?
What will happen if National re-draws the region lines and Missouri is no longer in Region IV?
- 5) District 5's previous treasurer has not renewed his dues and would like his name removed from the checking account.

A motion was made by Jeff lance and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to return the District 5 funds to the state treasury until that District can re-organize and determine if they want those funds back. The motion carried.

- 6) Don Loken running for National Vice President. We need a new Region IV Vice President. This will be voted on in Savannah.
- 7) MLICA Summer Meeting Dates - July 21 & 22 - cut off for room reservations at reduced rate of \$100 is June 20 - make your reservations early - then cancel in 72 hours if need be.
- 8) National Summer Meeting - July 24-30; Denver, CO - at the DoubleTree - Region 6 is hosting
- 9) National Winter Convention - February 11-17, 2001 - Orlando, FL; Summer Convention - July 2001 - Kansas City; Winter 2002 - Birmingham, AL; Summer 2002 - Moline, IL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associates - Don Scheib has agreed to serve as the Associates' Chairman.

Budget - No Report

By-Laws - No Report

Convention/Education - Gerald Bauer reported that he now has established committee members and has appointed one member for each district to work on the educational programs within those districts. The Convention/Education Committee recommends that each District host a 4-8 hour hands-on educational program every two months.

The membership selected the dates of January 11-13 as the first choice for the 2001 Winter Convention.

A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Delbert Stoner to have the Executive Director to collect bids from hotels in Jefferson City and Columbia for the Winter Convention and authorize the Executive Committee to make the decision on location. The motion carried.

Field Day - Jeff Lance reported that \$17,000 has been applied for through the EQIP Educational Assistance grant. The field day committee met earlier in the convention and members were provided with site plans and activity updates. Volunteers were recruited.

Governmental Relations - Charlie Boyer reported that the committee has recruited volunteers to attend the DNR Soil & Water Commission meetings. He thanked Caryl Lance for attending so many of these meetings on our behalf. Charlie also reported that the committee wanted to work with local SWCD offices where the skills are poor.

Kansas City - Debbie Dickens reported that the Kansas City committee had met earlier in the convention. A list of possible tours was developed and volunteers recruited.

Ladies - No report

Legislative - Jerry Koechner reported that National LICA is working on federal One-Call legislation. This issue may also appear at the state level. He read an article regarding President Clinton's proposed increase in aid to farmers and conservation practices in fiscal 2001. He also stated that the federally proposed watershed rehabilitation act would be great for MLICA members. His committee has already been in touch with the NRCS to determine what training should be offered to our members to prepare for this work.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion was made by Charlie Boyer and seconded by Doyle Kirchner nominate Eddie Gilmore as Secretary. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Melvin Beckemeyer to elect Eddie Gilmore as Secretary, Mel Kleinsorge as Treasurer, Jeff Lance as Vice President, Roger Limback President and Bob Parks as Chairman. The motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Gayle Matthews and seconded by Stephen Champlin to send \$10.00 per member to the Districts. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director