

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HOLIDAY INN SELECT - COLUMBIA, MO

JANUARY 12, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by President Roger Limback.

ROLL CALL

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

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Cantrell reviewed the benefits of membership including National LICA's participation in farm bill legislation, the National Governor's Summit, private property rights, and dam rehabilitation; hotel benefits; subscription to the Land & Water Magazine and Drainage Contractor; and contact with other members involved in the same industry. He encouraged those in attendance to sign up new members.

David also reviewed the plans for the March legislative days. He discussed the process involved and the benefits our members receive from these visits.

He encouraged members to attend the National LICA meeting in Orlando this coming February and the Summer Meeting in Kansas City.

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barney Flueger, Minnesota, complimented Missouri LICA members for their achievements on the field day and for a great convention. He presented his plan for re-districting on the national level. There was some discussion of his re-districting plan, but no action was taken and no endorsement was given.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Caryl Lance and seconded by Jerry Koechner to approve the minutes of the July, 2000 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roger thanked the members for all their help over the last year, in particular their involvement on the field day. He stated that the members really came through for MLICA and, as a result, MLICA has developed a stronger working relationship with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife, Conservation Department and University of Missouri.

Roger reviewed the membership drive and encouraged all members to make their prospect contacts. He said our goal for 2001 is an increase of 15 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Charlie Boyer and seconded by Steve Champlin to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mel Kleinsorge and seconded by Gerald Bauer to accept the Secretary's Report as written. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported the following:

1. The University of Missouri's Focus Groups are still being conducted around the state. After an initial draft has been completed, the University expects to conduct an additional four or five meetings to clarify points. The final report is expected in the spring.
2. The district presidents were reminded to let the state office know when they will be hosting membership meetings in order to be included in the newsletter.
3. The next DNR Commission Meeting is planned for January 17, 8:00am at the DNR Conference Center in Jefferson City. Eddie Gilmore will assist Caryl Lance in covering future meetings of the Commission.
4. The Missouri Natural Resources Conference is planned for January 31 - February 2, 2001 at Tan-Tar-A; Lake Ozarks.
5. The National LICA has some LICA jewelry available. It will be on display at the Orlando Convention, but a listing of the items with prices was distributed.
6. The National LICA convention in Orlando was discussed. Missouri's delegates will be Jeff Lance, Jerry Koechner, and Bob Parks. The alternates will be Melvin Koechner, Nelson Wilson, and Gayle Matthews.
7. The International Erosion Control Conference will be held Feb 5-9 in Las Vegas.
8. The Farm Bureau and Missouri Department of Conservation will host a meeting on January 25 to discuss future agricultural issues and the impact they may have on the industry. Jeff Lance and Debbie Dickens will represent MLICA at this meeting.
9. The US House of Representatives is considering forming a sub-committee on conservation. It is rumored that Rep. Frank Lucas (OK) will chair this committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associates - Don Scheib has agreed to serve as the Associates' Chairman for another year

Budget - No Report

By-Laws - No Report

Convention/Education - Dennis Brinton has volunteered to organize a one-day workshop on septic tank installation in District 1. Other Districts will be encouraged to develop an educational program for their areas.

- Field Day** - Jeff thanked the membership for all their help with the 2000 Field Days. He stated he would like to see MLICA plan another field day for 2002. Jeff has talked with NRCS and MDC regarding potential projects and sites. It is hoped that a site will be selected this summer. Streambank stabilization is a possible project type. Bob Miller from MDC stated that he believed MDC would be interested in developing a video on streambank stabilization. Bob Broz, University of Missouri, suggested that alternative water systems and/or terrace/pond maintenance might also be considered as projects. He believes there may be EQIP funds available for an educational video on these types of projects.
- Governmental Relations** - Caryl Lance stated that Eddie Gilmore had volunteered to help him cover the future Commission meetings.
- Insurance Committee** - Eddie Gilmore related that he has collected a lot of research on types of insurance group policies available, but most require more members. He asked the members if they were still interested in pursuing this topic or should he invest his time in other areas. The members indicated they were happy with their current carriers and would not be interested in any new insurance at this time.
- Kansas City** - Debbie Dickens reported that the Kansas City committee had met and that the plans were well underway for the convention. Plans will be finalized in March with promotional information to be distributed to all Executive Directors and the national office.
- Ladies** - Vivian Limback reported that the ladies had made some unexpected funds from the field day. They were very pleased and have offered their help at the Kansas City National LICA Summer Meeting.
- Legislative** - Jerry Koechner reported that One-Call legislation, seeking mandatory membership, is expected to be introduced again this year. His committee will continue to monitor any progress.
- Membership** - Jerry Koechner reported on the progress his committee has made on membership. He encouraged all members to get involved. More members results in more benefits to every member. He stressed the fact that a membership drive is something that should take place every year, not just occasionally.

A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by Charlie Boyer to accept the committee reports and given. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The MLICA web page was discussed. The domain has been purchased and members were encouraged to let the MLICA office know if they had access to a web page developer. It was decided that the web page should include:

- Calendar of events
- Newsletter
- Membership information and application
- Membership directory - in members only section
- State legislative update
- Links to Associates, NLICA web page, governmental agencies
- A "Member's only" section
- Count the hits
- District Map - click on it and get contractors names and phone numbers for prospective business

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rod Schottel nominated Ken Balkenbusch for State Treasurer. Dennis Brinton made a motion that nominations be closed and that all officers be elected by acclamation. Charlie Boyer seconded the motion. The motion carried. As a result, the 2000-2001 officers will be: Roger Limback, Chairman; Jeff Lance, President; Eddie Gilmore, Vice President; Mel Kleinsorge, Secretary; and Ken Balkenbusch, Treasurer.
- B. A motion was made by Rod Schottel and seconded by Nick Shelley to pro-rate Missouri's contractors' dues semi-annually to match the National LICA. The motion carried.
- C. Charlie Boyer moved and Steve Champlin seconded a motion to propose a by-laws change at the Winter Convention's 2002 General Membership Meeting to lengthen the term of a state officer to two years and to combine the Secretary and Treasurer's position into one. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director