

MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HOLIDAY INN SELECT - COLUMBIA, MO

JANUARY 12, 2002

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by President Jeff Lance.

ROLL CALL

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

Guests: Chrissie Yoder, Andrew Earhardt, Fuzz Haile

REGION IV VICE PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Barney Flueger, Region IV Vice President, was not in attendance, so Fuzz Haile, National Vice President included Barney's report with the National Vice President's report.

The National Executive Board is encouraging each state chapter to be represented on their Natural Resource Conservation Services' (NRCS) State Technical Committee. (Note: Charlie Boyer has been representing Missouri LICA on this committee.)

Jerry Biuso, New Jersey LICA Executive Director, has redesigned the format for the *National LICA News*. The new format should be used for the next issue. Jerry has also designed a new membership brochure for those states without their own membership brochures. In addition, Jerry is collecting, with the help of Chapter Executive Directors, media kits from trade publications for the development of a name recognition marketing plan in Region IV.

The National Awards Committee is encouraging each state chapter to apply for the State Awards, as well as asking members to submit nominations for the National Contractor of the Year, Contractor's Wife of the Year, and Hancor Award.

Fuzz also reported that the National Executive Committee wanted to encouraged members to support our Associate members. Fuzz stated that he believed Missouri members were already doing this.

Fuzz encouraged members to attend the upcoming National events including: the Winter Convention scheduled for February 18-23, 2002 in Birmingham; and the National Congressional visit scheduled for March 18-20, 2002; the 2002 Summer Meeting scheduled for July 16-20, 2002 in Moline, IL; and the 2003 Winter Convention scheduled for February 2003 in Oklahoma City.

Fuzz also reviewed the proposed "Son of CARA" and farm bill legislation currently being proposed in Congress and encouraged members to get to know their state and federal Representatives and Senators.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Roger Limback and seconded by Dennis Brinton to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2001 General Membership Meeting as printed. The motion carried. A motion was made by Caryl Lance and seconded by Bob Parks to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2001 General Membership Meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jeff Lance reported that in the last year, he has attended District meetings in five of the six Districts. He thanked the Districts for their hospitality and for hosting informative meetings.

Jeff also reported on the 2001 National Summer Meeting hosted by Missouri LICA in Kansas City. He thanked all the members who participated in the meeting which was a great success.

The 2002 membership drive was kicked off at the December 8 Strategic Planning/Officer Training session held in Jefferson City. The officers at that meeting set goals for each District and he congratulated the two Districts which met their goals. He also encouraged all present to continue the drive by meeting the goals they set at this General Membership meeting for a March 23 deadline.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ken Balkenbusch presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Bob Parks and seconded by Melvin Beckemeyer to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mel Kleinsorge reviewed the Secretary's Report. A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by Nick Shelley to accept the Secretary's Report as written. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director reported the following:

1. Missouri LICA has two delegates for the National Winter Delegates Session in Birmingham. Nelson Wilson and Jerry Koechner will serve as delegates with Gayle Matthews and Roger Limback serving as alternates
2. The upcoming Blue Ribbon Series - Competent Person Training was reviewed, along with plans for future seminars.
3. The National LICA membership will be holding a Strategic Planning session in Birmingham. Forms were distributed asking each member what they would like to be addressed during the Strategic Planning Session. These forms could be returned to the MLICA office or mailed to Jim Wallace, Kansas LICA.
4. New membership brochures are being printed and will be distributed to Associates and Contractor members after this convention. Current Contractor applications and benefits lists were distributed, along with Jerry Koechner's membership development letter and a National LICA brochure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-Laws - Nelson Wilson reviewed the Board of Directors' proposed by-laws changes. These changes were printed in the April/May, 2001 and October/November, 2001 *Missouri LICA News*. A motion was made by Nick Shelley and seconded by Charlie Boyer to approve the by-laws change relating to the two-year terms with the first term lasting one year. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

A motion was made by Nick Shelley and seconded by Caryl Lance to approve the by-laws change extending the term of state officers to two years. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Champlin and seconded by Charlie Boyer to approve the by-laws change to combine the state offices of Secretary and Treasurer into one office of Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried.

Convention/Education - Eddie Gilmore was not present to make a report. Members were encouraged to present their ideas for change(s) and/or additions to Eddie or the Missouri State office. In addition, they were encouraged to participate on the committee.

The Blue Ribbon Series classes were discussed for education in each District.

Field Day - Jeff Lance reported that the Streambank Stabilization field day has been postponed until the summer of 2003 in order to provide more time to select a site, plan activities, promote the event, and research applicable grants. He encouraged anyone interested in service on the planning committee to contact Jeff, the Missouri LICA office, or Delbert Stoner. MDC and NRCS have both expressed interest in participating.

Governmental Relations - Caryl Lance reported that the next DNR Commission meeting will be held January 16 in Jefferson City. He thanked Eddie Gilmore for helping him cover these meetings. In addition, Caryl reported that the next NRCS State Technical Committee would be meeting on January 24 and that if the proposed EQIP funds to become available, MLICA should be ready with a plan to aid in the qualifications and distribution of those funds.

Membership - Jeff Lance reported that each District has set new goals for our membership drive. The membership drive will take place all year long with new goals being set at this Winter Convention, the March Board Meeting, the Summer Meeting, and the October Board Meeting. The new contractor member goals for the March Board meeting are:

District #1 - 5 new contractor members

District #2 - 4 new contractor members

District #3 - 3 new contractor members

District #4 - 1 new contractor member

District #5 - 4 new contractor members

District #6 - 3 new contractor members

Progress reports will be sent to each District President monthly.

Fuzz Haile stated he would like to see National LICA provided prizes for contractor members signing up the most new contractor members. He encouraged members attending the Birmingham Convention to mention this at the National Membership Committee meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers - a motion was made by Clarence Duce and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to follow the new by-laws change and elect a new Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer to serve a two-year term. The motion carried. (Note: Prior to this motion, there were two people serving in what would have been the Secretary/Treasurer position.)

Charlie Boyer nominated Eddie Gilmore as Vice President. A motion was made by Hollis Boyer and seconded by Dennis Brinton to close nominations and elect Eddie Gilmore as Vice President by acclamation. The motion carried.

Nelson Wilson nominated Mel Kleinsorge as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by Charlie Boyer to close nominations and elect Mel Kleinsorge as Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation. The motion carried.

- B. EQIP Funds - the proposed increase in EQIP funds was again discussed. Mel Kleinsorge, Eddie Gilmore, Ken Balkenbusch, Jerry Koechner, Caryl Lance, Charlie Boyer and Nick Shelley agreed to serve on a committee to research what role MLICA can play in aiding NRCS in the development of qualifications and distribution systems for these funds.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director