

MLICA General Membership Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn - Columbia, MO

January 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Brauer at 9:35 am.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Chris Brauer welcomed National LICA President Steve Anderson, Region IV Vice President Nordis Estrem; and all the new members, prospective members, and current members to the January 23, 2016 General Membership Meeting.

ROLL CALL

District #1	10	District #4	7
District #2	7	District #5	6
District #3	3	District #6	0

Chairman of the Board: Larry LaFollette - present
President: Chris Brauer - present
Vice President: Mont Gilbert - present
Secretary/Treasurer: Tom Lawlor - present
Ladies Auxiliary President: Sally Bauer - absent
Associates Chairman: Bruce Mosier - absent
Executive Director: Deb Dickens - present

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mont Gilbert and seconded by Greg Muenks to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2015 Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

NATIONAL REPORT - Steve Anderson, National LICA President and Nordis Estrem, Region IV Vice President

Nordis Estrem reviewed the list of contractor benefits, including the two newest benefits. She gave a first-hand account of how the benefits have helped her business and encouraged members to take advantage of them.

Steve Anderson reported that, as National LICA President, he has attended a variety of events, including field days, picnics, fish fries, golf tournaments, a trap shoot, and conventions. By quoting a Sarah McLachlan lyric, "The more you give, the more you become. The more you take, the less you become," Steve reminded members that the more active they are in LICA activities, the more they will gain and LICA will benefit, too. He encouraged them to join a committee and thanked them for allowing him to serve as their President.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Chris Brauer reported that he had attended the National LICA Winter Convention in Tampa, FL and the National LICA Summer Meeting in Little Rock, AR. He agreed to serve on the National LICA Nominating Committee for the 2016 National Vice President position. In addition, he represented Missouri in early December at the Annual Insurance Program Review meeting in Cedar Rapids, IA where the insurance program was reviewed. The program has been a great success for both the contractors and the state chapters. He thanked all the members who helped with the December Membership Drive in Southwest Missouri and the Damage Prevention Summit and encouraged the members to attend as many meetings as possible. He thanked the contractors for the opportunity to serve as their President.

TREASURER/SECRETARY REPORT

Tom Lawlor reviewed the financial statements for FY 2015-16 and the membership report. A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by Steve Ekstam to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/By-Laws Committee: A motion was made by Greg Muenks and seconded by Jake Gingerich to adopt the following by-laws change: [Note: Items in [brackets] will be removed and items in **underlined bold** will be added.]

ARTICLE VII

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Roll Call - Determine if Quorum

A quorum for membership meetings is defined as follows: Except as may be from time to time otherwise provided by law, by the articles of incorporation of the Association, or by these bylaws, [ten] **five** percent of all members entitled to vote at any meeting shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the members for the transaction of any business, and the act of the majority of a quorum present at any meeting shall constitute the act of the Association for all purposes, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law. A lesser number than a quorum may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is secured, but no business may be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

The motion carried.

Convention/Education: Ken Balkenbusch reviewed the dates and locations for the 2016 Summer Meeting in Kansas City and the 2017 Winter Convention. He asked for volunteers to help in Kansas City as Missouri LICA hosts the 75th Annual LICA Summer Meeting.

Field Day: Chair Jim Bledsoe reported that Dr. Kelly Nelson met with the Committee and Executive Committee on Jan 22 and reviewed the full project details, as well as funding possibilities, required permits, possible wetland concerns, and recommended phasing for the project. This field day will extend over several years, offering our members multiple chances to learn new conservation practices and review results of previously installed practices. Charles Krumpelman has agreed to serve as Co-Chair for the Field Day Committee.

Government Relations: Chair Jeff Lance reported that the Committee is researching the possibility of a certification program for the layout and design of terraces, as well as training for Technical Service Providers (TSP) in order to alleviate some of the time conflicts in the county offices as state and federal staffing levels are reduced.

Legislation: Co-Chairs Elwin Yoder and Gerald Bauer reported that they had attended a press conference held by Representatives Vicki Hartzler and Blaine Luetkemeyer in opposition to the EPA's proposed Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Since that meeting, several court challenges have put the new rule on hold, but the Committee will continue to monitor it. On January 21, Missouri LICA members met in Jefferson City to review proposed legislation before the 2016 Missouri House and Senate, including an increased appropriation for the Soil and Water Program to include \$8.8 million in practices and \$3.5 million in staffing. The group also discussed the funding options for roads. After the meeting, the members went to the Capitol and had meetings with their Representatives and Senators. It was a very successful day and the Committee expects that attendees will continue the contacts they made.

Membership: Co-Chairs Larry LaFollette and Chris Brauer reported that a membership drive was held in conjunction with the Damage Prevention Summit in Springfield in early December. Jerry Biuso, National LICA CEO attended both and also met with several United Fire agents in the Southwest Missouri area. All of the events were very successful, with Fabick CAT offering to host two membership meetings a year in the Springfield area of District #4 and National LICA offering to host Missouri LICA as a platinum sponsor for the 2016 Damage Prevention Summit.

A motion was made by Roger Levings and seconded by Dennis Brinton to accept the committee reports. The motion passed.

The meeting was suspended at 10:40am and re-convened at 11:10 am.

OLD BUSINESS

There being no old business before the membership, no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **By-Laws Proposal** - See the Budget/By-Laws Committee Report.
- B. **Election of New State Officers** - Jeff Lance nominated Rob Liles and Dennis Brinton nominated Greg Muenks as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Jim Bledsoe to close nominations. The motion carried. After a written ballot, Rob Liles was elected as the 2016-17 Secretary/Treasurer.
- C. **Delegates for 2016 National LICA Winter Convention** - Missouri LICA qualified for four delegate votes. Two proxies were given to Chris Brauer and two proxies were given to Mont Gilbert to be used at the National LICA Winter Convention in San Antonio, TX.
- D. **New Member Benefits** - The Executive Director distributed a list of contractor benefits to members who were, once again, encouraged to use them.
- E. **Important 2016 Dates** - The following dates were reviewed:

- Spring & Fall Board & Committee Meeting Dates - Bobcat Columbia - March 19 & October 22, 2016
- 2016 Summer Meeting - InterContinental Hotel; Kansas City; July 18-23, 2016
- 2016 Golf Tournament - Hail Ridge Golf Course; Boonville - September 16, 2016
- 2016 Damage Prevention Summits - Springfield, December 7-8, 2016 (Set-up: December 5 & 6)

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Dickens
Executive Director