

# **MLICA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

THE COUNTRY CLUB HOTEL - LAKE OZARK

JULY 31, 1999

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm by President Bob Parks.

## **ROLL CALL**

District #1	2	District #7	5
District #2	0	District #8	3
District #4	0	District #9	1
District #5	1	District #10	0
District #6	2	District #11	7

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Hollis Boyer and seconded by Caryl Lance to approve the minutes of the January, 1999 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bob Parks reported that he attended the National Winter Convention in February in San Antonio where he attended a lot of educational seminars. In March, Districts 1 & 7 attempted to host an educational district meeting. Bad weather reduced the number of attendees to the point where the Associate sponsors withdrew their support, so the meeting was canceled.

Bob also reported that the March Board meeting did not have a quorum, thus no business was conducted. He stated that the same thing had occurred at the previous October Board meeting. Bob stated that this issue would be discussed later in the meeting.

In July, Bob attended both a District 7 meeting and the National Summer Meeting in Dayton, Ohio. He reported that there was discussion at the National meeting to increase the dues. This topic will also be discussed further at a later time in this membership meeting.

Bob stated the Executive Committee has been staying in touch with conference calls. They have identified some problems with the current status of MLICA and have some proposed solutions that will be discussed later in the meeting. Bob reviewed the financial history of the National LICA and reported that they are now moving in the right direction.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Jerry Koechner to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following items were reviewed by the Executive Director:

1. The National Term-Life policy will be extended one more year. The insurance underwriter is requiring birth dates on all covered members. MLICA has birth dates for all but four contractor members at this time.
2. HR728, the proposed federal watershed rehabilitation legislation was briefly covered. Missouri has a total of 244 dams constructed by PL-566, PL-534, Pilot and RC&D that need \$21,148,000 of repair. LICA could position itself to be the only trained contractor group that can provide this type of work. The membership will have a chance to review the National's tape later in the summer meeting.
3. The Minnesota/Iowa field day, a landscape based research project to be held August 10,11,12 was discussed.
4. A description of the National Water Table Management Committee's proposed drainage equipment testing plan and potential dues impact.
5. The National LICA is reviewing a plan to redraw the regions which would move Missouri from a region of 857 members to a region with 237.
6. Future National Conventions
  - 2000 - Winter - Savannah; Summer - Denver
  - 2001 - Winter - Orlando, FL or Anaheim, CA; Summer - Kansas City
  - 2002 - Winter - Anaheim, CA or Birmingham, AL; Summer - Moline, IL
7. An update on the National Convention in Savannah
8. We have received a report on an EPA Air Rules judgement and the Dixy Lee Ray Memorial Symposium
9. MLICA's Winter Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, MO on January 13 - 15, 2000.
10. Each member will be receiving a Holiday Inn Discount card in the near future as a National benefit.
11. Wayne Maresch, National Executive Vice President and John Cook, National President, will be visiting several NRCS field offices to determine the reason for techs being in the office instead of the field and how this can be resolved.
12. The National Raffle will have a CAT Skid Steer; John Deere Gator; Spectra Precision laser; tuition at NW Iowa CC; \$1250 cash; \$500 cash and possibly another \$500 cash as prizes. The drawing will take place on February 19, 2000 in Savannah, GA at the National Winter Convention.
13. The National Ladies Committee gave \$15,000 in scholarships and \$1000 to the Center of Environmental Education Research Program.
14. We have received the last copy of the *Advocator* in which "Doc" Pugh indicated that both the *Advocator* and P.O.O.R. would be folding up operations and begin addressing their concerns about the cost-share program through political means.

15. The next State Technical Committee meeting will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, MO.
16. Announcements were made concerning some deaths and illnesses experienced by our membership.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

It was decided that the topics included in "Old Business" and the "Proposed Dues Increase and By-Law Changes" listed as "New Business" would be addressed at the same time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed Dues Increase and By-Law Changes - Much discussion was held concerning the current status of MLICA's Board, finances, district boundaries, and future.

A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by Caryl Lance to adopt the Executive Committee's proposed new district boundaries. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by John Hurt to call the new districts as follows: Old Districts 10 & 11 will be New District #1; Old Districts 8 & 9 will be New District #2; Old District #7 will be New District #3; Old Districts 1 & 2 will be New District #4; Old Districts #3 & 6 will be New District #5; and Old Districts #4 & 5 will be New District #6. Much discussion was held. Ken Balkenbusch called the question. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ken Balkenbusch and seconded by Jerry Koechner to re-write Article I, Section 2 of the by-laws as follows: *The State of Missouri shall be divided into six (6) geographical districts, each being an independent organization with its own officers and board of directors.* The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by John Hurt to re-write Article II, Sections 1, 4, 5 & 8 of the by-laws as follows:

Article II, Section 1: *There shall be four classes of membership known as active members, associate members, supporting members, and honorary members.*

Article II, Section 4: Deleted

Article II, Section 5: *Any person genuinely and sincerely interested in the furtherance and promotion of sound soil and water conservation practices and any sales person dealing in the sale of materials, equipment or services incidental to the soil and water conservation industry, but not eligible for either active or associate membership shall be eligible for membership as a supporting member. Supporting members shall not be entitled to a vote in the Association.*

Article II, Section 8: *Membership in this Association, active, company associate, supporting and honorary, shall be determined by the board of directors, with the approval of the membership.*

The motion carried. [Note: The by-laws will be re-numbered to reflect the deletion of Article II, Section 4.]

Ken Balkenbusch made a motion seconded by Gayle Matthews to raise the Supporting Membership dues to \$50 annually. Much discussion ensued. John Hurt called the question. The motion carried.

Gerald Bauer made a motion seconded by Hollis Boyer to re-write Article VIII, Section 1 of the by-laws as follows:

Article VIII, Section 1: *Dues structure and distribution for active, associate and supporting membership will be established and structured by the voting membership of the Missouri Land Improvement Contractors Association.*

*(A) Active member dues will include one National LICA membership, one Region IV membership, one Missouri LICA membership, and one Missouri LICA AD&D insurance premium for the fiscal year, as long as the active member meets insurance policy requirements.*

The motion carried.

The membership decided to hold a membership drive this fall with Bob Parks serving as Chairman.

A motion was made by Clarence Duce and seconded by Ken Balkenbusch to raise the Active Contractor dues to \$250 and to get 30 members back through a membership drive. Discussion ensued. The motion failed to get a 2/3rd majority as required in the by-laws and failed.

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Gayle Matthews to raise the Active Contractor dues to \$300. A motion was made by Mel Kleinsorge and seconded by Gayle Matthews to amend the original motion to include a \$50,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for each qualified Active Contractor member. Discussion ensued on the amendment. The amendment passed. The motion, as amended, failed to get a 2/3rd majority as required in the by-laws and failed.

A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by John Hurt to raise the Active Contractor dues to \$325. A motion was made by Mel Kleinsorge and seconded by John Hurt to amend the original motion to include a \$50,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for each qualified Active Contractor member. Discussion ensued on the amendment. John Hurt called the question. The amendment passed. Discussion ensued on the original motion as amended. The question was called by John Hurt. The motion carried.

The rest of the items on the New Business were not discussed. A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by Gayle Matthews to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Dickens  
Executive Director