

MLICA Board of Directors Meeting

March 23, 2002

Michigan Street Banquet Center
Jefferson City, Missouri

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Limback at 12:30pm.

ROLL CALL:

Dist.#1: Caryl Lance - Clarence Duce Proxy	Jerry Koechner - present
Dist.#2: Nelson Wilson - present	Mel Kleinsorge - present
Dist.#3 John Hurt - absent	John Houston - absent
Dist.#4: Bob Parks - present	Milburn Davis - present
Dist.#5: Ken Balkenbusch - absent	Larry Koenigsfeld - absent
Dist.#6: Nick Shelley - absent	Doyle Kirchner - absent

Executive Committee:	Chairman, Roger Limback - present
	President, Jeff Lance - present
	Vice President, Eddie Gilmore - present
	Secretary/Treasurer - Mel Kleinsorge - present
Staff:	Debbie Dickens; Executive Director - present
Ladies Committee:	Ginger Matthews - present
Associates Committee:	Don Scheib - absent
Guests:	Hollis Boyer Vivian Limback
	Anabel Boyer Betty Duce

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jerry Koechner and seconded by Bob Parks to approve the minutes of the October, 2001 Board Meeting as printed. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jeff Lance reported that he had the National LICA 51st Annual Winter Convention in Birmingham, AL in February. Missouri had good representation at the convention with a group of about 10 people in attendance. He encouraged anyone who has not attended a national meeting to do so because he learned a lot from the seminars and other LICA contractors.

Jeff also reported that MLICA representatives met with Keith Admire, NRCS, to discuss the EQIP funds that might be available in Missouri through the farm bill and a possible certification program. Further information would be provided in the Governmental Relations Committee report.

He also reported on the Competent Person training programs that were held in four of the six Districts since the Winter Convention. The last class is scheduled in District #1 next weekend.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mel Kleinsorge was absent when the report was to be given, so Debbie Dickens gave the report. The budget was also reviewed. A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Jerry Koechner to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report as written. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Executive Director reported the following:

- Reminded the Districts to cash their District dues checks
- Asked the members of District #2 to follow up on two prospective members in their District.
- Reviewed the dues structure for the period between the March Board meeting and the Summer Meeting. If you sign up a new member between now and Summer Meeting, the cost to the contractor is \$250.00
- Reviewed the proposed NLICA advertising program to develop membership. A motion was made by Milburn Davis and seconded by Nelson Wilson to contribute \$500 to the National LICA for the 2002 advertising campaign. The motion carried.
- The hosting and development of a web page for our domain (MLICA.org) was discussed. A motion was made by Eddie Gilmore and seconded by Milburn Davis to approve a six-month trial period of web page hosting through bcentral. The motion carried.
- The new 2002 Directory and Buyer's Guide was distributed to attendees. Attendees took additional directories to be distributed in their Districts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Associates - No Report

Education/Convention - Eddie Gilmore reported that the 2002 Summer Meeting will be held August 10th at the Osage Bluff Lodge. The Winter Convention will be held in Jefferson City in conjunction with a legislative day. The committee is working out the details for both meetings and information will be sent to members, as well as included in the newsletter. The 2001 Winter Convention was reviewed, including an increase in the honorarium paid to the Columbia Fire Department. The Associate who sponsored the event contributed \$75 instead of the \$50 approved at the October Board Meeting. The \$75 was sent. The hotel problems were also discussed. The final invoice for the convention has not been settled.

Field Day- Jeff Lance provided an update on the 2002 field day. We are still looking for a site and are hoping to know more within a few weeks. The event will be scaled down from the 2000 field day, but will hopefully include a video. The subject of the field day is still expected to be streambank stabilization. Discussions have been held with NRCS and MDC to determine the scope and location. It is unclear, at this time, if Delbert Stoner is still interested in chairing the committee.

Governmental Relations - Jerry Koechner reported that HB #2038 has been introduced to eliminate an old weight limit version of the LIC tag. It has been assigned to a committee, but no action has been taken at this time. The committee is also interested in raising the 25 mile LIC tag radius up to the 50 mile local tag limit. The committee will research whether this limit is set by statute or policy and follow up. In addition, the committee would also like to redefine the statute definition of "conservation" as it applies to the LIC tag.

Jerry Koechner also reported that his committee met with Keith Admire, NRCS, to discuss the possible farm bill and how its passage might impact MLICA members. Discussion was also held on third party technical assistance, along with the possibility of certifying contractors on computer design work.

Jerry reported that his members will be attending the NRCS State Technical Committee meetings and DNR Soil and Water Commission meetings. He encouraged other members to also participate as decisions impacting future work are being made in these meetings.

Ladies - Ginger Matthews reported that the Ladies Auxiliary has not had many scholarship applications for its \$1,000 scholarship. It was decided to include an application in the next issue of the MLICA News and that Board members will also remind their Districts of its availability. Ginger reminded those present that applications are mailed in January and need to be returned in July for the fall award.

Membership - Each District present set their membership goals for October 1, 2002. The are: District #1 - 20 members; District #2 - 19 members; District #3 - 22 members; and District #4 - 20 members. The current pro-rated contractor dues are \$250 until October 1, 2002.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Winter Convention Update - see committee reports

NEW BUSINESS

1. Missouri MBA Student Project - after the Winter Convention, MLICA was selected by a team of Missouri University Masters of Business Administration students as their marketing project for the spring 2002 semester. The team is currently interviewing associate and contractor members. Their final presentation date has not been set, as yet. Their report will include suggestions for improved marketing prospects. In addition, it expected that a draft web page design, benefit proposals, educational suggestions, and associate benefits might be included. There is only a minimal cost, i.e. phone bill and postage, incurred by MLICA for this study.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Dickens

Executive Director