MLICA Board of Directors Meeting

March 24, 2012

Bobcat of St. Louis - Columbia
Columbia Missouri

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Bledsoe at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

(Names in parentheses served as proxy for absent Board Member)

Dist.#1: Jeff Lance - present	Tom Lawlor - present
Dist.#2: Phil Wilson - absent	Jake Gingerich - absent
Dist.#3: Melvin Beckemeyer - present	Bob Cretzmeyer - absent
Dist.#4: Bob Parks - present	Gerald Bauer - present
Dist.#5: Ken Balkenbusch - absent	Greg Muenks - absent
Dist.#6: Vacant	

Executive Committee: Chairman Jim Bledsoe - present
President Larry LaFollette - present
Vice President Chris Brauer - present
Secretary/Treasurer Mont Gilbert - present

Staff: Debbie Dickens; Executive Director - present

Ladies Committee: Mona Bledsoe - (Sally Bauer)
Associates Committee: Vacant

Guests: Elwin Yoder

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Melvin Beckemeyer and seconded by Chris Brauer to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2011 Board Meeting as written. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Larry LaFollette reported that, since the Winter Convention, he has attended Membership Meetings for District 3, 4, and 5. He was pleased to see the membership award plaques being distributed at these meetings. Chris Brauer attended the National LICA Winter Convention in San Diego, representing Missouri LICA. Chris reported that there were a few milestones recognized during the convention. For example, Iowa LICA's membership has now exceeded 400. The successful reputation of the 2011 Missouri Damage Prevention Summit was well known at the national level. Chris also reported that Steve Miller, former Region IV Vice President, has been elected as the National LICA Vice President. The Region IV membership elected Steve Anderson, Illinois LICA, as it's Regional Vice President. Petrocon attended the meeting and was interested in seeing their program grow in the midwest. Chris said that he and Rhonda had a good time and met lots of LICA folks from around the country.

A motion was made by Jeff Lance and seconded by Tom Lawlor to adjourn for lunch. The motion carried.

Chairman Jim Bledsoe reconvened the meeting at 1:10pm.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mont Gilbert reviewed the fiscal 2011-12 financial statements. A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Larry LaFollette to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Executive Director reported that National LICA is having a membership drive contest. Any LICA member who signs up three new contractor members will receive their choice of a LICA fleece jacket or LICA windbreaker. Attendees were encouraged to contact non-renewed members, as well as to host a membership drive within their district. Trimble is also offering an incentive for both new and current contractor members. A new contractor member will receive a 5% discount and the sponsoring contractor will also receive a 5% discount on a Trimble system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/By-Laws - Chris Brauer reported that the committee didn't meet.

Convention/Education - Ken Balkenbusch and Jake Gingerich, Co-Chairs were absent. Jeff Lance and Tom Lawlor reported that the committee would like to look at the Crown Center as a possible headquarters for the 2013 Convention. The committee also decided that either January 4-5; Jan 25-26, or February 1-2 would be possible dates for the 2013 Convention. After reviewing a list of potential topics for the education sessions, they provided a prioritized list. The committee would like to have a tour of the Steamboat Arabia included in the events, as well as changing the Exhibit Hall hours to accommodate a free-evening for attendees. It was decided by consensus that the Executive Committee will have the final decision on location and activities.

Field Day - Jim Bledsoe reported that the University of Missouri Field Day is still scheduled for August 29 in Albany, MO. He said that volunteers would be needed on August 28 to set up, August 29 to work the field day and Missouri LICA booth, as well as on August 30 for cleanup. Buddy Hostetter will be providing the equipment.

Government Relations - Jeff Lance and Tom Lawlor, Co-Chairs, reported that the committee did not meet.

Legislation - Gerald Bauer and Elwin Yoder, Co-Chairs, reported that the committee had reviewed legislative proposals addressing the requirement to pay prevailing wage after a state of emergency has been declared. The committee endorses the two bills which have moved forward. They will continue to monitor the legislative session.

Ladies Auxiliary - Mona Bledsoe was absent, so Sally Bauer reported that, once a location for the 2013 Convention has been chosen, the Auxiliary will develop classes and events for the ladies, as well as entertainment for Saturday night.

Membership - Chris Brauer and Larry LaFollette, Co-Chairs, reported that for the remainder of 2012, Missouri LICA will conduct membership drives during the August 29 Field Day, September Golf Outing, October OSHA Training sessions in southeast Missouri, and the 2012 Damage Prevention Summit in November.

Golf Committee - Charlie Boyer was absent, so the Board addressed the Golf Outing. It was decided that an email would be sent to our Associate members to give them the opportunity to purchase a hole/tee. The event is scheduled for September 21 at the Railwood Golf Club in Holt Summit, MO.

A motion was made by Gerald Bauer and seconded by Gayle Matthews to approve the Committee Reports. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **2012 Winter Convention Auction Funds** - No action taken.

B. **2012 Bobcat Equipment Rodeo** - Bobcat of St. Louis - Columbia chose to host a customer appreciation breakfast instead of a rodeo for 2012.

C. **2012 Summer Meeting** - The 2012 Summer Meeting will take place on August 11 at Jester's in Warsaw, MO ... unless District #1 is able to host a field day demonstrating a new terrace-design computer program.

D. **2012 Golf Tournament** - See Committee Reports.

E. **2012 Damage Prevention Summit** - No date has been set for this event yet, but it will most likely take place during the first week of November at the Columbia Fairgrounds. The Board agreed, by consensus, to support this event.

F. **LICA Safety Insurance Program** - Prins Insurance announced that the LICA program did earn a dividend for the 2011 calendar year. This divided will be distributed to participating members later this year. The Executive Director reported that several new Company Associates have signed up as a result of the new United Fire program.

G. **Petrocon Program** - Discussion was held concerning the Petrocon benefit. No decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **2012 Membership Drives** - See Committee Reports.

B. **2012 OSHA Training** - OSHA training sessions will be established in District #6 in the fall of 2012. Bruce Mosier, Prins Insurance, has agreed to be the speaker. He will also get help from local United Fire agents.

C. **District Meeting Dates** - District #1 is considering a field day this summer to demonstrate new terrace-design software. If that takes place, the Summer Meeting and District Meetings may be held at the same time. District #2, #3, and #5 will hold their next District meeting during the Summer Meeting. District #4's next meeting will be in April. All Districts will be meeting again in October.

D. **2013 Winter Convention** - See Committee Reports.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Dickens
Executive Director