

MINUTES OF NLLEA 2000 BUSINESS MEETING

DENVER, COLORADO

(as amended and approved by NLLEA members on September 19, 2001)

The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association Business Meeting held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Denver, Colorado was opened at 8:10 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2000 and called to order by President Greg Hamilton of Texas. The following is a summary of the meeting:

Call to Order by NLLEA President Hamilton.

NLLEA Officers present: Sergeant-at-Arms: David Wilson, Mississippi; Secretary-Treasurer: Roger Johnson, Wisconsin; Vice President: William Patterson, North Carolina; President: Greg Hamilton, Texas.

President Hamilton requested Secretary-Treasurer Johnson to conduct Association Roll Call of those States and Provinces in attendance, and asked each present to give a brief summary of activities for each State/Province.

Alabama	Present	Nebraska	Present
Alaska	Present	New Hampshire	Present
Arkansas	Present	New Jersey	Absent
Newfoundland	Absent	New Mexico	Absent
Ontario	Present	New York	Absent
Colorado	Present	North Carolina	Present
Connecticut	Absent	Ohio	Present
Delaware	Present	Oklahoma	Present
Florida	Present	Oregon	Present
Georgia	Absent	Pennsylvania	Present
Hawaii	Present	South Carolina	Present
Illinois	Present	Tennessee	Present
Kansas	Present	Texas	Present
Kentucky	Present	Utah	Present
Louisiana	Present	Vermont	Present
Maine	Present	Virginia	Present
Maryland	Present	Washington	Present
Mississippi	Present	Wisconsin	Present
Missouri	Present	Wyoming	Absent

Also present were Charter Members James Mahoney and Richard Evans.

The roll was called and those present gave a brief presentation of their respective state/provincial activities, with a 2 ½ minute limit for each state/province.

President Hamilton called for a reading of the minutes of the 1999 NLLEA business meeting (they had previously been distributed to those in attendance at the 2000 business meeting). A motion to accept the minutes of the 1999 NLLEA business meeting was made by Charter Member Dick Evans

and seconded by Chris Curtis, Virginia. President Hamilton called for discussion; there being none, he called for voice vote; no opposition, motion carried and 1999 NLLEA minutes were accepted as written.

President Hamilton called for reading of communications or bills; there were none.

President Hamilton gave President's Report: the web page is up and running; the page is www.nllea.org; any suggestions are welcome. Bill Roche from Alaska offered to help make changes. Suggestions should be e-mailed to the webmaster. President Hamilton along with Vice President Bill Patterson and Dave Reitz of Colorado went to Washington D.C. in May on behalf of the NLLEA. They sought to introduce themselves to members of Congress and a couple of federal organizations, one being PIRE of Rockville, Maryland. They found that none of the legislators knew that the NLLEA exists. Upon return, President Hamilton drafted and sent a letter to let interested parties know of the NLLEA. President Hamilton was hopeful the NLLEA Board will be able to make this trip on a yearly basis and expand NLLEA's contacts. The group met with the Department of Justice, the Pacific Institute (PIRE) and NHTSA. The group sought funding of some of the NLLEA academies. President Hamilton is expected to have a follow-up meeting with NHTSA to pursue such funding, perhaps to get scholarships for states who cannot afford to send agents to the academy.

President Hamilton called upon Gwen Patterson to give a report on a proposed NLLEA Spouses' Association. Ms. Patterson explained that the spouses have gotten together to form an NLLEA Spouses' Association. This year there will be three spouses who will serve as contacts for the NLLEA Board to give out any information for the next conference. They propose sending out four newsletters per year to the spouses; it will contain information on how to dress for the banquet, personal information, meeting times, etc. The first Monday of the conference, the spouses will have their own breakfast where they will exchange information. At the end of the NLLEA conference, the Spouses' Association will make a donation to the host agency for it to donate to a worthy cause of its choosing. The NLLEA application should also contain the spouse's name and home address of the NLLEA member, so the Spouses' Association can contact them. It should also contain children's names and ages and if they will be attending the conference, so that the Spouses' Association can plan to include them in activities.

The Spouses' Association also plans to send a monetary donation to NLLEA members or their spouses if either passes away, or for the death of their infant children.

President Hamilton asked Bill Patterson to give the Vice President's report. Vice President Patterson reported that changes in individual state agencies left the NLLEA Board with vacancies, and thus he continued to assume the Secretary/Treasurer duties. North Carolina hosted several conference calls with the board members throughout the year, as well as hosted the NLLEA National Academy.

President Hamilton called for the Secretary/Treasurer's report (the report had been previously distributed to NLLEA attendees). Vice President Patterson noted a \$522 deposit, which was a refund from the NLLEA Academy. As of August 7, 2000, the NLLEA had 38 Associate Members and 59 Regular Members. The ending balance at that time was \$13,500.15; Mr. Patterson had received about an additional \$1,000 at the conference. President Hamilton called for a motion to accept. Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma, moved to have Charlie Weaver of Oklahoma included as a Life Member; David Reitz, Colorado, moved to have Jimmy Sullivan of Mississippi as a Life Member. Both motions seconded by Chris Curtis of Virginia, approved by voice vote, as was the Secretary/Treasurer's report.

President Hamilton called Charles Sumner, Mississippi, to give the NLLEA National Academy Report. Mr. Sumner reported the 2000 NLLEA Academy was held April 30-May 5 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Sixteen separate state and county agencies were represented, including Maui, Hawaii and Montgomery County, Maryland. Fifty-six students and ten instructors attended. There were 22 students in Phase I, 25 students in Phase II, and 9 in Phase III. In discussion with the NLLEA Board, the Academy may be moved back, to March or early April, to accommodate budget concerns. The Academy will also send a letter to the administrators of the students attending advising them of training received. Input was solicited by Mr. Sumner from the administrators for

instructional contents and Mr. Sumner thanked them for sending the students and instructors. President Hamilton asked for discussion. Aidan Moore, New Hampshire asked that a course outline be sent, as well, to be placed in file to ensure accreditation by their standards bureau. The academy again will be held in Wilmington, N.C. in 2001; hotel accommodations must be secured and hopefully a letter will go out to the agencies before the first of the year. Chris Curtis, Virginia, also offered his agency to assist North Carolina in hosting the academy. President Hamilton asked for motion to accept the training report. Motion made by Gary McGrew, Oregon; seconded by Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma; no discussion; accepted by voice vote.

President Hamilton asked if there was any old business. Lynn Cayford, Maine, made a motion to make Gary Gilbert, Washington, a Life Member. Seconded by Dennis Theoharis, Maryland. Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma, also moved that Tom Bolton, Ontario be a Life Member; seconded by Charlie Baugh, Alabama. President Hamilton asked for voice vote on motions; motions passed.

President Hamilton called for New Business and asked Secretary Johnson to read off applications for new membership. They were:

Regular Membership

William Roche, Chief Enforcement Officer, Alaska ABC
Kenny Heroman, Asst. Director, Arkansas ABC
Ken Peterson, Investigator IV, Colorado Liquor Control
John Giles, Deputy Director, Delaware ABC
Donald Bowman, Director, Delaware ABC
Rose Giansanti, Chief, Florida Alcohol & Tobacco
Shigeto Murayama, Chairperson, Maui
James Jordon, Supervisor, Illinois Liquor Control
George Murray, Deputy Director, Illinois Liquor Control
Angela March, Admin. Asst., Illinois Liquor Control
Eric Wisette, Administrator, Illinois Liquor Control
Terrence Selivon, Supervisor Illinois Liquor Control
Bobby Jackson, Director, Louisiana Alcohol & Tobacco
Barry Hinchey, Supervisor, Missouri Liquor Control
Kenneth Pincksten, Supervisor, Missouri Liquor Control
Keith Hendrickson, Supervisor, Missouri Liquor Control
Ed Duvall Jr., Deputy Director, Ohio Public Safety
Robert Shaw, Acting Inspector, Ontario Liquor Enforcement
Michael Sharland, Chief, Ontario
Phillip DeWire, Director, Pennsylvania Liquor Control
Stacy Drakeford, Captain, South Carolina Law Enforcement
Richard Phillips, Director, Washington State Liquor Control.

Motion to accept offered by President Hamilton; motion made by Chris Curtis, Virginia; seconded by Charter Member Dick Evans. Motion passed by voice vote.

Associate Membership applications were read by Secretary Johnson as follows:

Randall Smith, Administrator, Alabama ABC
Robert Wiest, Agent, Delaware Alcohol & Tobacco Control
Francisco Flattes, Investigator, County of Hawaii Liquor Control
Glenn Hudman, Investigator, County of Hawaii Liquor Control
Dexter Shimatsu, Investigator, County of Kauai Liquor Control
Gerald Rapozo, Investigator, County of Kauai Liquor Control
Lorenzo Moises, Investigator, County of Kauai Liquor Control
Scott Friedlein, Sergeant, Champaign, Illinois Police Department
Robert Pierce, Assistant Chief, New Hampshire ABC
Randall Avery, Assistant Chief, New Hampshire ABC

Lee Perry, Sergeant, Utah Department of Public Safety
George Whitney, Investigator, Vermont Liquor Control
Jesse Mack, Agent in Charge, Washington Liquor Control.

President Hamilton asked for motion to accept Associate Memberships; motion made by Chris Curtis, Virginia; seconded by Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma. Motion carried by voice vote.

President Hamilton then called upon Mr. Robert Reynolds of the Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation to address the NLLEA members to discuss the NLLEA's attempts to establish a national identity for the organization as well as a profession. Dave Reitz of Colorado pointed out the need to do so, as we (NLLEA and ABC's in general) are not known in national circles. We have no paid or full-time staff and have no voice in Washington D.C. on alcohol-related issues. Two pamphlets were circulated on the NLLEA and input was asked for to mesh the two together and come up with one document to describe the NLLEA organization.

Robert Reynolds of PIRE gave an overview of his background and the work of PIRE, a California nonprofit which has been around 25 years. PIRE has 200 employees and has offices in Birkley, California; Louisville, Kentucky; Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Landover/Rockville, Maryland and Providence, Rhode Island. PIRE has a contract with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (underage drinking program). Bob said that without strong enforcement and deterrence, nothing in public health works. Alcohol has been found to be a huge contributor to violence in this country.

The most effective strategies to deal with violence is to control alcohol. PIRE has been invited to give a 20 minute program on this to the Attorney General; alcohol is once again an issue and on the agenda in significant ways. Law enforcement does not recognize the roles of ABC's and at the same time researchers have found that the strongest interventions can occur in the alcohol area. The NLLEA is the only organization that can speak for liquor law enforcement across the board, unlike the NABCA or NCSLA. Bob offered to provide NLLEA with secretarial support and other things to relieve the association to pursue other objectives. The state ABC's have historically been overlooked in block grant funding for alcohol prevention. Bob offered to put research findings in the NLLEA newsletter every issue for NLLEA to use. States such as Ohio and Mississippi have used the resource material of PIRE and spoke highly of it. PIRE's web page is: www.pire.org/udetc. Bob stressed that the public health groups and law enforcement can come together and become powerful allies.

NLLEA members and boards are encouraged to pursue coalitions to expand and put forth alcohol enforcement issues.

NLLEA needs to set out a plan listing goals and objectives, have full 50 state membership and bulletin with NLLEA position statements on such things as server training, internet sales of alcohol, etc. President Hamilton stated the need for NLLEA to have a "home" office. Officially, PIRE could not do this, but could do so in working with the NLLEA board, according to Bob Reynolds. He does not want this to detract from the NLLEA's independence or integrity; he also wants to professionalize and educate ABC members, and assert professionally their roles in law enforcement.

Vice President Patterson suggested a committee (including the NLLEA board) be formed and have a conference call to Bob Reynolds and discuss goals and objectives. President Hamilton deferred selection of the committee to Vice President Patterson and to disperse information out to NLLEA members. Bob Reynolds's phone number is (301) 984-6500, e-mail: reynolds@pire.org. There was no opposition from the NLLEA membership that NLLEA should be pursuing this agenda.

Robert Shaw of Ontario suggested NLLEA be re-named to recognize Canada's presence and membership.

Motion was made by Aidan Moore, New Hampshire to have NLLEA president write a letter to federal legislative committees supporting legislation regulating internet sales of alcohol; seconded by Tom Hooper, Ohio. Motion passed on voice vote.

Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws were distributed. Tom Hooper, Ohio made motion to accept as written; seconded by Charter Member Dick Evans. President Hamilton called for discussion. "Affiliate Member" was described as a mechanism to allow someone like Bob Reynolds of PIRE to become a non-voting member. It would allow NLLEA to partner with such organizations, but industry members would be prohibited from joining as described in the Constitution. Bob Reynolds suggested that Affiliate Members not be open to every organization, but that it be open to those who were committed to alcohol enforcement and suggested a \$250 fee. Dave Reitz, Colorado, suggested that language be added that no one licensed by Regular Members be allowed Affiliate Membership. TAM and TIPS are private vendors and some states do license them, as such. Dave Reitz suggested that perhaps such groups be allowed to attend, but not be given membership. Affiliate Members must be sponsored by a Regular Member, and this might alleviate some of these concerns. Anheuser-Busch subsidizes programs such as TAM and many law firms represent the industry, and there can be a conflict should they be allowed membership. Mr. Reitz felt that it would be helpful for them to participate in the conferences, but they should not be allowed any level of membership; their input is important, but they would not be allowed in beyond that. Richard Blau who participated as a presenter in this conference was an example of this. David Wilson, Mississippi cited MADD as an example for Affiliate Membership. Voice vote called by President Hamilton; motion carried. As such, Affiliate Members pay \$40 annual fee.

Unfinished business called by President Hamilton. Affiliate Members to be voted on were James Goldberg, NABACA and M. Jane Springer of TAM. Dennis Theoharis withdrew the application of M. Jane Springer of Maryland TAM, as they are subsidized in part by the alcohol beverage industry. Aiden Moore, New Hampshire moved that the NLLEA application be restructured so that this information be provided up-front, asking if they are licensed or regulated by any governmental body; seconded by Tom Hooper, Ohio. Motion carried by voice vote. James Goldberg's application was moved to approve by Bill Roche, Alaska, and seconded by George Murray, Illinois. Approved by voice vote.

Lynn Cayford, Maine made offer to host 2001 NLLEA conference, to be held the week of September 16th; Wayne Pagen, Maui and Ron Johnson, Georgia have interests in hosting in future years. Tom Hooper, Ohio, offered to host the conference in Cincinnati in 2002. Motion made to accept Ohio by Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma, and seconded by Chris Curtis, Virginia. Carried by voice vote.

Dave Reitz, Colorado, made motion to give Howard Cook of Montgomery County, Maryland Affiliate Membership; seconded by Chris Curtis, Virginia, approved by voice vote.

Secretary Johnson listed Tommy Marvell, Oklahoma and Martin Costello, Nebraska as candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms position. As amended at the 2000 conference, each eligible voter was entitled to no more than one vote; thus each state/province had one vote. As a Charter Member, Dick Evans and Jim Mahoney each had one vote. Bill Patterson had one vote as a board member. Tommy Marvell was elected Sergeant-at-Arms by a majority of voting members.

PIRE asked for a patch from each of the member agencies to display at their office.

Jim Miller, Oregon offered to work with Bill Patterson to check on liquor license applications and licensees and to post them on the web site. President Hamilton appointed Mr. Miller to work with Mr. Patterson to pursue this.

Ed Holmes, Kentucky, asked for an information-sharing workshop at the conference on gambling machines, their distribution system, etc. Anyone interested in other training topics should contact Lynn Cayford, Maine.

Chris Curtis, Virginia, will host a conference call on the NLLEA brochure; Dennis Theoharis, Montgomery County, suggested "tobacco" be included, as well, in the position paper.

Dave Reitz, Colorado, made a motion that NLLEA officers move up – Bill Patterson, President; Roger Johnson, Vice President; David Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer; Tommy Marvell, Sergeant-at-Arms. Seconded by Chris Curtis, Virginia. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Wilson, Mississippi moved for adjournment; seconded by Chris Curtis, Virginia. Motion carried by voice vote at 12:05 p.m.