

NATIONAL LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Record of Organizational Meeting

Date: September 20, 2003 Time 0800 hrs

Location: Annual Meeting in Atlanta Georgia

Participation:

President David Wilson X

Vice President Lynn Cayford X

Sec/Tres Aidan Moore X

Sergeant at Arms Rick Phillips X

Roger Johnson Immediate Past President X

Other: Approved August 28, 2004

Meeting Content: A quorum was present

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 0801 hours and all officers of the Association were present:

1. Minutes

President Wilson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Association as presented.

Motion: Dennis Theoharis motions that the minutes should be accepted.

Seconded by Bill Roche

Passed on voice vote

2. Communication

President Wilson asked for any communication before the Association. He read a letter from Holly Pomelow from Maine thanking the association for her life membership.

3. Bills

President Wilson said he was unaware of any bills incurred by the board on behalf of the membership other than what was already approved by the membership.

4. Officers Report

President Wilson commented on the success of the "e-vote" held by the Association. Jan from Hawaii asked about the format of the conference and President Wilson announced he anticipated the joint format to continue. The comments thus far from members were quite favorable.

Vice-President Cayford discussed the disbanding of Maine Liquor Enforcement and warned members to keep this in mind in the future as budgets shrink.

Secretary/Treasurer Moore spoke about the success of the accounting relationship with PIRE. He discussed the importance of improving and expanding the web services for members to post information for the membership.

Sergeant at Arms Phillips felt we needed to improve web services and the email connections with a separate distribution list to send attachments to the membership. Mr. Phillips explained the relationship of the NLLEA and the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE). He explained that the ultimate intent was to mature the Association in order to become eligible for grants and to foster the growth of the Association. The relationship was helping to move this goal forward. He explained that the PIRE relationship was not a secret relationship and invites any members who wanted to know more details to speak to any of the officers about the relationship.

5. Financial Report

President Wilson spoke on the financial report (copies were provided to the membership) of the Association and felt that the relationship with PIRE has allowed the Association to be more financially stable and begin an increase in the Associations treasury.

Prior to moving to further business Dick Evans raised a point of order that the financial report was not adopted. President Wilson outlined to financial statement for the membership. Tommy Marvell asked about the Associations merchandising and whether it was making any money. The consensus was that merchandising thus far was not a large profit center for the Association and Sec/Tres. Moore raised the issue that we might explore on-line purchasing of "gear" as a service to the membership.

Dennis Theoharis asked about the indirect cost figure of \$2306.13. It was explained that the indirect costs are part of the Associations cost center and reflect the costs to support the Associations mission (postage, travel, etc.)

Motion: Tommy Marvell motions that the financial report should be accepted.

Seconded by Dennis Theoharis

Passed on voice vote

6. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Association

7. New Business

Bill Roche discussed the last by-law change and the intent to broaden the membership by creating an agency membership (\$200) and an individual membership (\$20). Mr. Roche spoke to the problem of individuals who are not or will not take an agency membership and now cannot vote. Mr. Roche requested the board consider a change to the by-laws on this matter. He proposed a change that would give one vote to each agency.

Mr. Roche discussed amending the by-laws to incorporate an individual in lieu of an agency membership and to have the issue submitted to the membership for adoption via an electronic vote. Mr. Roche used the example of Martin Costello from Nebraska State Patrol as a member whose agency did not join but who has been a long time member and how he could not vote.

Motion: **Bill Roche** motions that the officers of the NLLEA are charged with developing an amendment to the by-laws to allow for a regular membership for agencies who will not pay regular membership. The membership fee would be \$100 and the agency head or Assistant to the agency head would be eligible voters.

Seconded by Tommy Marvell

Passed on voice vote

Motion: **Rick Phillips** motions that the by-laws dealing should be amended to allow for electronic approval.

Seconded by Tommy Marvell

Discussion

Dick Evans said this effort could slow down the process more than what exists now. Tommy Marvell said it should be by a majority vote. Martin Costello said that the process, while efficient, may limit comment and input from the membership. Tommy Marvell stated a simple majority of the eligible voting membership should be part of any change. After the end of discussion the above two motions:

Passed on voice vote

8. Unfinished Business

President Wilson asked the membership to continue to allow the officers/board to continue to do the conference planning in conjunction with PIRE and OJJDP? The question was put in the form of a motion and

Motion: **Ed Duvall** motions that the board continue with the conference planning with PIRE and OJJDP.

Seconded by Rick Phillips

Passed on voice vote

9. Training Academy

Connecticut and Colorado have talked about hosting the Academy. Sec/Tres. Moore noted this was a substantial burden on the host state and that the board should consider a permanent site for the Academy program. Moore spoke about the opportunity to use the NLLEA as a training resource for law enforcement nationally.

Comments from some of the membership that the Academy is a resource and some questioned whether our training initiatives could be underwritten by PIRE and OJJDP. There was a discussion before the membership suggesting Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin has expressed interest in partnering with NLLEA to discuss development of a training curriculum in liquor law enforcement that might be provided to law enforcement officers around the country as part of a grant program. The board will explore the possible opportunity in future discussions with Fox Valley Technical College.

There was a desire to have the board explore the concept of permanent regional training sites and to explore building a relationship with those who are interested in forward looking aspects of law enforcement training.

10. Membership

Motion: **David Wilson** motions that the following receive life membership with the NLLEA:

Lynn Cayford
Holly Pomelow
David Reitz

Seconded by Aidan Moore

Passed on voice vote

Motion: **Bill Roche** motions that rather than wait for the annual meeting, new members be approved electronically.

Seconded by Roger Johnson

Passed on voice vote

It was noted that the names of the applicants for agency membership would be extracted from the database before any electronic approval.

11. Election of Officers

Sergeant at Arms Phillips explained the election process to the membership. He explained that we were looking at a unique situation and explained how the balloting would take place due to the situation in the State of Maine that would not allow vice-president Cayford to assume the presidency.

The vote would be for two of the five members who were candidates for office. The person with the highest number of votes would assume the position of Secretary/Treasurer and the second highest vote getter would become the Sergeant at Arms. Candidates for office in 2003 were:

Scott Pohlman - Ohio
Shawn Walker - Virginia
Linda Ignowski - Oregon
Stacey Drakeford - South Carolina
Martin Costello - Nebraska

Motion: **Jim Mahoney** motions to suspend the rules to allow eligible agencies, who by technical problem (delayed processing of dues from their departments) and who would otherwise be eligible to vote, vote in this election.

Seconded by Bill Roche

Passed on voice vote

The membership elected Linda Ignowski and Secretary/Treasurer and Shawn Walker as Sergeant at Arms.

Motion: **David Wilson** motions to advance Aidan Moore to the office of President and Rick Phillips to the position of Vice-President of the NLLEA

Seconded by Dennis Theoharis

Passed on voice vote

President Wilson asked if there was any further business to be brought before the membership at the annual meeting of the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association for 2003. With no further business being brought forward.

Motion: **Roger Johnson** motions adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Bill Roche

Passed on voice vote

End of Minutes

Unapproved