

# NATIONAL LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

## *Record of Organizational Meeting*

*Approved September 5, 2005*

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Date: August 28, 2004 Time 08:15 hrs

Location: Annual Meeting in San Diego, California

Participation:

President Aidan Moore  X  Vice President Rick Phillips  X

Sec/Tres Linda Ignowski  X  Sergeant at Arms Shawn Walker  X

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Meeting Content: A quorum was present

President Moore called the annual business meeting to order at 0815 hours and all officers of the Association were present.

### **1. Roll Call of States:**

Sergeant of Arms Shawn Walker conducted the roll of states.

### **2. Minutes**

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

**Motion: Bill Roche** motions to waive the reading of the minutes and be accepted.

**Seconded by Dennis Theoharis**

**Passed on voice vote**

### **3. Communication**

President Moore summarized a letter received by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission of their continue support for NLLEA.

### **4. Bills**

There were no bills to be voted upon by the membership.

### **5. Officers Report**

#### **President**

President Moore reported on the Washington D.C. training scheduled for September. NLLEA will provide a weeklong training for the Washington ABC agents in basic enforcement topics.

President Moore encouraged NLLEA members to participate in NHTSA's 2004 Impaired Driving Crackdown in September.

The National Sheriffs Association Neighborhood Watch met with the NLLEA board to explore the possibility of working with them in a grant program. One possibility would be to produce a pamphlet. It really hasn't gone very far, but we will continue to explore other ideas.

President Moore also reported that the Board met with representatives from Fox Valley Technical College. Fox Valley Technical College is one the largest training academy for law enforcement. They may receive federal dollars to train law enforcement officers in liquor laws. They were exploring the possibility of NLLEA assisting in the development of the curriculum and possibly delivery of some of the training. So far we have not heard back from them.

Dennis Theoharis asked that if there is training dollars available for paying instructors for training that we look within our membership for the trainers.

President Moore also mentioned that we might want to consider providing the opportunity for members to purchase apparel on line. The board will explore the feasibility of providing this service to our membership.

The last item was a reminder to members to send us a patch of their agency if is not on our banner.

#### **Vice President**

Vice President Phillips shared the idea if we were to provide apparel on line that we consider using an independent business or person to store and warehouse the stock.

Randy Fawns suggested that we solicit orders once a year from the membership.

Vice President Phillips reported on the Weed and Seed Conference that Aidan and he attended this year. Aidan provided an overview of liquor laws and Rick gave an overview of the weed and seed program in Lakewood, Washington. The Department of Justice provided funding for a number of selected communities that were experiencing a high crime rate. The strategy was to target problem licensed establishments to reduce the gang activity.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

##### **Financial Report**

Secretary/ Treasurer Linda Ignowski presented the Treasurer's report.

**Motion:**Dennis Theoharis motions that the financial report should be accepted.

**Seconded by Chris Curtis**

**Passed on voice vote**

### **6.Committee Reports**

#### **Training Committee**

Sergeant at Arms Shawn Walker reported to the membership that he will reconstitute the Training committee and invited anyone to join the committee. The charge of the committee will be to make recommendations to the board regarding the type of training opportunities the association should undertake. If there are any major training issues, the board will ask the membership for input before a decision will be made. The board will keep the membership informed of the decisions. Maria Delaney offered to join the committee.

#### **By-Laws Committee**

Vice President Phillips reported there were no suggested changes to the by-laws.

He also suggested that we could use the conference call format for committees to talk to each other if needed.

### **Membership Committee**

Secretary/Treasurer Ignowski reported on the work of the membership committee. Committee members were: Mark Hutchens, Dan Boyce, Dennis Theoharis and Jim Plagens. The committee worked on recruiting state not currently members of NLLEA. They were successful in recruiting New Jersey and Wyoming. We still need to work on recruiting Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Rhode Island.

The association currently has 34 agency memberships and 44 states represented in our association.

Sergeant at Arms Walker presented the names of new agency, associate and individual members to be voted on by the membership.

**Motion: Dennis Theoharis** moved to approve the list as presented.  
**Seconded by Stacey Drakeford**

**Discussion:** The membership did not know who ACO Information Services were, so the voting on them will be tabled until the Board can determine their eligibility. The Board was given the power to act on them when they determine ACO's eligibility.

**Motion passed on voice vote**

### **7.Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Association

### **8.New Business**

#### **Registration fee waived for Past Presidents**

Dennis Theoharis shared with the membership an unwritten policy of the association waiving the conference registration fee of past presidents. He felt the association should make this an official policy.

**Motion: Dennis Theoharis** motions that NLLEA waive the conference registration fee for all past presidents of the association.

**Seconded by Stacey Drakeford**

**Dennis Theoharis withdraws his original motion.**

**Motion: Chris Curtis** motioned that retired NLLEA past presidents' registration fee be waived for the conference.

**Seconded by Bill Roche** with the clarification of retired means no longer an agency member.

**Passed on a voice vote.**

### **International Name**

Bill Goggins asked if the idea of changing the name of the association to the International Liquor Law Enforcement Association was appropriate since our membership includes agencies outside

of the United States. After a discussion it was determined it would have to be a by-laws change and it may be premature.

### **Training Committee**

Charles Sumner asked of Chuck Conklin will be the training coordinator for the academy and that his expenses would be paid to attend the annual conference. It was determined by the Board that this would up to the training committee to determine.

Dennis Theoharis asked that Charles Sumner and Chuck Conklin be in the mix for training opportunities and to be included in decisions for NLLEA training opportunities.

### **Life Membership**

**Motion: David Reitz** motions that David Wilson receive a life membership with NLLEA.

**Seconded by Chris Curtis**

**Motioned passed by a voice vote**

### **9. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished Business.

### **10. Annual Meeting**

Vice President Phillips announced that the Board would form a conference committee to help with the planning of next year's annual conference. Maria Delaney and Dan Boyce volunteered to be on the committee with the Board.

Members suggested that a tentative agenda be sent to the members for comments before it is finalized. Also they would like to have more separation from OJJDP's conference activities in order to maintain the identity of NLLEA.

**Motion: Chris Curtis** motions for the NLLEA to continue to host the joint conference with OJJDP but customize more of the agenda to NLLEA.

**Seconded by Dennis Theoharis.**

**Discussion:** David Reitz noted that there is financial advantage of having the joint conference. Dennis Theoharis also noted that we get a lot of national recognition by the joint conference.

**Passed on a voice vote.**

### **11. Election of Officers**

Sergeant at Arms Walker explained the election process to the membership. The two candidates for the office of Sergeant at Arms are:

Stacey Drakeford - South Carolina  
Eddie Edwards – New Hampshire

*The membership elected Stacey Drakeford as Sergeant at Arms.*

**Motion: Bill Roche** motions to advance Rick Phillips to the office of President and Linda Ignowski to the position of Vice-President and Shawn Walker to Secretary/Treasurer of the NLLEA.

**Seconded by Chris Curtis**

**Passed on a voice Vote.**

President Moore 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 2004. With no further business being brought forward, President Moore asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:Chris Curtis** motions to adjourn the meeting.

**Seconded by Bill Roche**

**Motion passed on voice vote**

Adjourned at 10:30.

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End of Minutes