

# National Liquor Law Enforcement Association

## Minutes of Meeting

Date: March 17, 2003  
Time: 1330 hrs.  
Location: Via Telephone  
Attendees: Vice-President Cayford, Sec/Tres Moore, Sgt. at Arms Phillips, Roger Johnson, Chuck Conkling, Tommy Marvell, Rebecca Ramirez

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cayford at 1340. President Wilson was contacted about the call but did not call in for the meeting.

### **Order of Business:**

A quorum was present.

Those on the call received an update from Ms. Ramirez on the upcoming Alcohol Policy XIII meeting being held this year in Boston. She said there has been interest shown by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and "Join Together," a public health project at Boston University, who are interested in working with the NLLEA.

The meeting again turned towards the subject of the NLLEA academy and how the officers wished to proceed in the future on the academy in general and more specifically with the issue of express and implied authority by someone, other than the officers, to obligate the association contractually.

Aidan Moore offered that he had done some exploring on officer and director insurance. One insurer indicated a premium could be approx. \$1,000.00 per year.

Ms. Ramirez reported to the group how PIRE works with trainers as a part of their training and technical assistance efforts under the OJJDP enforcing underage drinking laws contract.

Discussion turned to the unanticipated fall out over the by-law change allowing agency memberships. A question was raised that if a state does not participate in an agency membership then what does it mean about an individual's ability to run for NLLEA office? It was clear from the by-law change that this person would not be able to run for office unless and until they are part of an agency membership.

Ms. Ramirez reported on how PIRE works with instructors employed with a personal services agreement (PSA) for training. They have their travel and expenses paid to and from the training and give the instructor a check for which they have the tax responsibility.

By comparison the NLLEA academy gets instructors sent by their agencies and paid by their agency. The NLLEA pays travels and expenses associated with shipping of materials, per diem (of an uncertain amount) and miscellaneous expenses.

Vice-president Cayford commented that we (NLLEA) should leave the academy as it is now. The comment was supported in principle by Sgt. at Arms Phillips. Aidan Moore offered that the officers were essentially surrendering their authority and responsibility to those who bear little to no personal responsibility for their decisions. Moore wanted to emphasize that this comment was not intended to be critical of Chuck Conkling or the many other people who have dedicated themselves to the academy, but to raise the issue of the impact to the NLLEA when the officers take a hands off approach to the academy and theoretically this could bankrupt the association financially. He suggested the officers needed to be "hands on" the academy initiative. The

general consensus from those on the call was that the academy is running fine the way it is being run today.

It was reported that there was a \$15,000 cancellation fee associated with the hotel in Portsmouth, VA if the academy was cancelled within 5 months of the event. Aidan Moore raised the issue that if there was a cancellation the NLLEA would be obligated to pay the bill or surely be sued for the damages which would most likely cripple the association financially.

The discussion turned to the matter of waiving membership dues for the academy instructors based upon a practice adopted in 1995-1996 (guess). These comments did not receive a motion to continue this practice and the meeting adjourned without any decision whether to waive these fees or not.

In the absence of a motion and a vote the academy instructors are expected to pay membership fees as anyone else unless they have been incorporated into their agencies membership list. If so, they would be eligible to run for office as well.

**END OF MEETING**