

National Liquor Law Enforcement Association

Minutes of Meeting

Date: September 25, 2002
Time: 1500 hrs.
Location: Via Telephone
Attendees: President Wilson, Sec/Tres Moore, Sgt. at Arms Phillips, Past President Roger Johnson

Additional Attendees: Past President Dennis Theoharis

The meeting was called to order by President Wilson at 1500 hrs.

Order of Business:

A quorum was present

Sec/Tres Moore called for the meeting. The staff at PIRE facilitated the conference call connection and meeting logistics. The topic for immediate discussion was the 2003 NLLEA conference and the issue was whether to continue with the planning as provided for in the past, or to join with PIRE/OJJDP and combine the NLLEA conference with their annual event.

President Wilson stated when Mississippi hosted the conference he spent approximately 2000 hours to 2500 hours in planning and development. This was very demanding on his staff and manpower intensive.

Dennis Theoharis reported on his conference planning status thus far. He reported working vigorously on this project since the Cleveland meeting. He has been working on getting hotel information and pricing in the past few months.

Those on the call discussed a recent email from Mr. Bob Reynolds from PIRE outlining what NLLEA could expect from his staff on support and conference planning. Dennis explained what he believed PIRE had said they could do based upon the discussion that took place in Cleveland. All agreed the limited support that PIRE could offer placed the 2003 conference at a great disadvantage.

Dennis explained that he had a drop dead date of 9-27-02 for obligating the hotel. Dennis said he called Ohio and spoke to the previous conference manager about there process. He was told the State of Ohio guaranteed their contracts. Mr. Theoharis said he could not sign the contract (\$63,000 estimated expenditures) to obligate his county for the hosting of this meeting. His county did not have the funds available to underwrite the NLLEA conference and with the apparent lack of "support" by PIRE, he would not sign the contract.

Once Dennis said that he could not sign the contract on behalf of the county, discussion took place on whether NLLEA would sign the contract. The NLLEA board would have to sign the contract in order to have . President Wilson said the NLLEA did not have the funds to obligate the organization and further discussed how the conference is our responsibility and we need to discuss the future of having state agencies underwrite the costs of a state hosting an NLLEA conference. There was discussion regarding the costs to host and minimum obligations and financial responsibilities

The option of conference sharing with PIRE was discussed by all. The possible opportunity to partner with PIRE presents an opportunity and the membership polled at the Dallas/OJJDP

conference seems that members were interested and seemed interested in joining in with the PIRE venture.

President Wilson mentioned the benefits he observed at the Dallas meeting and suggested a joint venture provided a big benefit for the organization and membership. President Wilson mentioned Ms. Davis' (PIRE manager) interest in ensuring the NLLEA had their own banquet and membership meeting. This could expand membership opportunities for those non-law enforcement agencies in attendance.

Motion: **Roger Johnson** due to the inability of Montgomery County to sign contracts, and the board's decision that NLLEA does not have the financial resources to sign a contract with a large financial obligation, a motion was made to not have the 2003 meeting in Montgomery County Maryland.

Seconded by Rick Phillips

Passed on voice vote

Motion: **Roger Johnson** motions to authorize the board to enter into negotiations with PIRE/OJJDP to develop plans for joint hosting of a conference in 2003.

Seconded by Rick Phillips

Passed on voice vote

President Wilson appointed those on the call to a "NLLEA conference committee" for the purposes to developing a short-term contract for possible 2003 conference development. Committee members include:

President	David Wilson
Sec/Tres	Aidan Moore
Sgt. at Arms	Rick Phillips
Past President	Roger Johnson
Past President	Dennis Theoharis

Meeting ended 1556 hours on 9-25-02

END OF MEETING