

Minutes of the October 2013 membership meeting,

as submitted by John Rendle from a recording by Don OShall.

The following national Board members were present: Larry Bowman, Steve Engen, Kurt Kloeckner, Dan McGlynn, Don OShall, Kevin Piper, Lee Rink, and Jim Swift, Not Present, but having sent in a written proxy, was John Rendle.

Not present were Dale Bowman and Tara Williams

It was determined a quorum existed.

33 members and four guests attended.

The **pledge of Allegiance** was given at 6:32 pm, led by Kurt Kloeckner.

Vice President Don OShall presided as acting President in the absence of President Williams.

He apologized for not sending out an agenda prior to the meeting but pointed out that he was not acting President at the time it would have needed to be sent.

The meeting began with a **State of the Organization message to the Membership**. It was pointed out that this had been a very active and interesting year, both in good ways and in not so good ways. On the good side were the many accomplishments of the Board in setting up processes which benefit the membership, such as the On-line testing, and the fact the ILA national had satisfied the goal for four newsletter issues this year. On the not-so-good side were the sudden withdrawal from the Presidency of John Truempy (not the first time he had withdrawn from a Board position before his term had expired) and the conditions under which it occurred, and activities by Vice President OShall that caused the VP to receive a formal reprimand and a stern warning against repeating the type of inappropriate reaction he had expressed which caused the reprimand to be necessary. But summed up, the good activities of the year far out-weighed the bad ones.

In the absence and resigning of position by the Secretary because his duties had him outside the US, the reading of the previous meeting report was waived. The President agreed to take notes for the day and generate information for whoever would be elected secretary later that evening.

Chapter Reports were read. A motion from the floor to accept the report, and a second was followed by a vote resulting in unanimous approval of each report as given.

Committee Reports were then given. A motion from the floor to accept the report, and a second was followed by a vote resulting in unanimous approval of each report as given.

The **newsletter committee report** stated that there are now four issues completed except for the current product news (which should be current at the time of publication) and advertisements, all ready to go at the appropriate time, so there is no reason any of the newsletters should not be ready in time.

The **web committee** repeated the request for assistance for Victor Lewis. Two volunteers were accepted.

The **ILCP committee** reported that since the online testing began a month ago there were seven tests given using it. The pass/fail ratio remained the same as with previous written tests. Feedback was 100 per cent positive. One member stated he had spent thousands of dollars getting to test sites trying to gain certification at the level he desired and had taken the online for his latest attempt, which cost only the testing fee. He was VERY positive in speaking of on-line testing. Another member stated that "If I had even TRIED to cheat I would not have had time to complete the exam. I do not believe cheating is a threat at all the way it is done." The cost of the Online test is \$75 for members instead of the 50 traditionally charged for written versions, but not having travel related expenses makes it far less costly and available to members all across the country.

The **conference committee** reported that overall attendance was down slightly, probably due to the fact that so many changes occurred this year that the brochure was not ready in time for most members to make arrangements with their institution. Nonetheless, those here reported that classes were excellent, and the overall financial effect is likely to be slightly positive, but not greatly so.

Once again, a motion from the floor was made to accept each report, and a second was followed by a vote resulting in unanimous approval of each report as given

The **Treasurer report** was given.

Election of officers was then held. Nomination committee chairman, Jim Swift had written ballots for each position, each with a write-in line as well. There were 2 candidates for President, 2 candidates for Secretary, and 3 candidates for Director positions. A fourth nomination for a Director position was also made, but the nominee, Jams (Jimmy) Butman of the DVC chapter, declined, stating he was already attending as a Chapter representative and liked that title for the time being.

Kevin Piper won the election for President not only by a landslide but by unanimous vote. It appears even his opponent voted for him.

John Rendle won the election for the Secretary position by a landslide.

Dan McGlynn, Lee Rink and Tom Ripp were elected to Director positions with unanimous approval.

Proposed By-laws changes were discussed. The proposals voted upon by the national Board could not be brought for a vote because the requirement for a thirty day prior membership notification had not been met. However, a petition from the floor, signed and written by non-Board members and verified by the Board as being current voting members, was made and each line item in the petition was voted upon. This conformed to the procedures required in Article XIII Section 2 paragraph A.

The following changes passed and will be added to the By-laws official version within thirty days:

Article 1 section 2 – widen the scope of members

Article V - Section 1B - Permits any member to recommend a qualified potential Life Member for the Board to consider.

Article VIII Section 1 paragraph B – permits the VP to call an unscheduled meeting and permits electronic meeting

Article VIII Section 2 paragraph B – permits the VP to call an unscheduled membership meeting (no electronic provision in this type)

Article IX Section 3-places limits on electronic submission of proxy-must be confirmed.

Article XII Section 1 Paragraph A – permits the executive board to decide if they wish to promote or sell a product or service; exempts and permits paid advertisements.

Article XII Section 1 paragraph B – defines ILA in this paragraph as meaning the ILA national Board.

There were 9 other changes in the petition that were rejected by vote of the membership following discussion.

The revised version of the By-Laws shall be circulated to members of the Executive Committee for review prior to its final and official publication, which must be done within 30 days. Changed verbiage will be precisely that of the petition, as approved in membership vote. No modifications are permitted.

The acting President then brought forth a number of **consensus opinion votes**. These are non-binding votes to allow the national Board to gain a feeling of the trend of opinion amongst the membership on important issues.

A **dues increase** was one topic of several votes. It was determined that the majority of the members present favored a rise in dues. No one in the voting membership present felt the \$50 raise favored by the Board was appropriate at this time. Instead, most favored a thirty dollar raise, spread out over a three year period in ten dollar raises per year.

Also voted upon in the consensus of opinion votes was the topic of **moving the date of the national membership meeting**. Generally, most members felt changing the date would be acceptable, but there was division between moving it to July or April. July got 9 votes and April got 8 votes with several abstaining. The membership present voted unanimously to recommend putting the question in the newsletter and ask for input from ALL members instead of merely those present for the national membership meeting.

A virtual Swearing in of officers was then done, with acting President OShall reading the oath and all inductees repeating it. (Official swearing in occurs at the dinner.)

A call for new business was made, and hearing none, the **meeting adjourned** at 8:37 pm