

**International Loran Association
151st Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2009
Portland, Maine USA**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Sally Basker at 5:00 PM. There was no printed agenda.

2. Attendance

Present were Board members: Sally Basker, Langhorne Bond, Paul Williams, Robert Lilley, Zachariah Conover, Erik Johannessen, Chris Bartone, Seung-Gi Gug, Charles Schue, Sherman Lo, David Last – and Observers James Doherty and Albert Frost.

3. Quorum

A quorum was declared.

4. ILA-38 Comment

President Sally Basker thanked Convention Chair Zachariah Conover and Technical Chair Chris Bartone for their efforts in support of ILA-38. The Board unanimously concurred.

5. Resolution / Press Release

A Drafting Group was appointed to prepare a resolution/press release which will be a formal convention product. David Last will collect information on content and timing of release from the Board. He will work with Langhorne Bond and Jim Doherty to draft the document; a possible target audience is the upcoming IAIN conference.

Discussion points included: Nations except the U.S. are moving out on eLoran; Technology is improving – cost of ownership is decreasing; The U.S. seems to be going in a different direction, and the reasons are unclear; One would think the U.S. would want to take advantage of its strong export market position.

6. The U.S. Loran/eLoran Situation

U.S. Organizations including the Radio Technical Commission for Marine Systems (RTCM), Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), National Boating Federation (NBF) and others should be encouraged to engage on the U.S. decision.

[Following the meeting, RTCM did write to the USCG and US-DHS; AOPA representatives met with Mr. Bond and Capt. Doherty and were briefed on the IAT report; The National Boating Federation was contacted, but said their board had elected to take a neutral stand on the Loran question. –secy.]

The Loran Industry Working Group has been contacting these and other groups.

7. Convention 2010 Date and Venue

Several venues and collaborations with other associations were discussed, including IALA, RIN and ION. It was pointed out that additional information will be known soon, once the U.S. position is more clear.

Discussion centered around a collaboration with the Institute of Navigation (ION) at the International Technical Meeting, held each January in San Diego, CA. Many ILA members attend this ION meeting in addition to the ILA's annual Convention and Technical Symposium.

The benefits of offering a meeting "track" with Loran emphasis vs. entering a technical partnership with the ION was discussed. Organizational discussions are to continue between the ILA's Sherman Lo and the ION's Lisa Beatty; financial considerations will be outlined by ILA's Erik Johannessen and ION's Carl Andren.

8. Social Networking and ILA: a forum

The Board was asked to note that Arthur Helwig has started an ILA Group in www.Linkedin.com. Members were encouraged to visit the site, contact Arthur, and help publicize the site. It may develop that such a site would provide the desired forum for interchanges and discoveries re: Loran that was suggested in last year's Board meeting in London.

9. Operations Center Contract

Ms. Basker said that the Operations Center contract should be revisited; the Center should operate under a current contract. At present, the Operations Center runs month-to-month, with an implicit Board direction that the terms of the most recent (1999) contract are still in force.

10. Member Information

Mr. Conover asked the question, "Members pay to belong to the ILA. What do they receive?" Discussion included a suggestion that an e-mail be written to the membership on the benefits of being a member.

[See <http://www.loran.org/ILAArchive/WGA%20Facts%20You%20Should%20Know.pdf> for the most recent such document, published by the Wild Goose Association in 1988. The annual membership renewal process offers a good opportunity for a cover letter or other form of communication which could emphasize the benefits of the ILA experience. -secy]

11. GAUSS

In response to a request by Dr. Gerard Offermans, GAUSS Chair, the Board briefly discussed the future of GAUSS. Discussion resulted in a recommendation to retire the GAUSS committee, but to reactivate the Technology and Applications Committee. A decision was not made, pending conversation with Dr. Offermans, who was not in attendance.

12. Quarterly Board Meetings

Ms. Basker announced that she would be reinstating the practice of quarterly Board meetings, by teleconference. She suggested the “GoToMeeting” software would be appropriate support for these sessions.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 17:42