

**ISARC Board Meeting  
December 4, 2021  
Peoria County Sheriff's Department**

The December 4, 2021, ISARC Annual Membership meeting was held at the Peoria County Sheriff's Department. The meeting was called to order at 1002 by Secretary Tom Foust. Present at the meeting were Secretary Tom Foust, Treasurer Carol Lussky, and Board Members Richard Bickel and Kim Gotte.

**I. Roll call**

Tom Foust conducted a roll call of the voting delegates of the 47 ISARC member agencies. Thirty-four members were present, but not all were voting delegates. With 47 member agencies, a quorum requires at least 24 voting delegates be present for the membership meeting. Unfortunately, even after texting some delegates, only 21 voting delegates were in attendance. A motion to adjourn the meeting with no action taken was made at 10:40 by Richard Bickel and seconded by Carol Lussky.

**II. Informational Meeting/Public Comment**

1. The members in attendance agreed that something needs to be done to achieve a quorum. The current ISARC Board members have reached out to almost all member agencies this fall, emphasizing the necessity of having voting delegates attend the membership meetings, as well as discussing training needs and other topics. Lowering the quorum requirements may offend more stakeholders since a decision impacting all agencies is being made by a minority of the member agencies. Suggestions included emailing all member agencies to see if 33% is acceptable for a quorum or instituting a lottery system. The newly elected Board will send out an electronic vote request. If 33% is acceptable, the ISARC bylaws will be amended and sent out for approval.
2. Another annual membership meeting will be held by Zoom on February 5, 2022.
3. Newly elected Board members, including Dawn Watson from La Salle County GSAR and Mike Crews from Hanover Township were introduced. Richard Bickel from Douglas County, re-elected to the Board, was also introduced. Members thanked Tom Foust and Kim Gotte for their dedication to ISARC. Kim Gotte was selected as the Executive Director of Training this fall. Tom Foust was appointed Outreach Committee Chair in November 2021.
4. Kim Gotte shared the searches ISARC conducted this past year.
5. Kim Gotte shared the classes taught this past year with the number of participants. BNAV attendance is higher since that course is required before GSAR. Kim Gotte mentioned that ISARC is now taking 2022 training requests. ISARC hopes to hold two trainings in each region, preferably one in spring and one in fall. Trainings will start in March, due to weather conditions in January and February. If you are interested in hosting, and you have dates and locations, please let Kim Gotte know. It was noted that a 496' circle is needed for BNAV. Members requested more advance notice of trainings.
6. The Board gave an update on all the accomplishments made in 2021, including new policies and reinstating the newsletter. If you have articles for the newsletter, send them to

[sarbuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:sarbuddy@yahoo.com). Articles can include highlights about your team, new equipment, anything that helps searchers search. You can sign up for the newsletter on the ISARC website.

7. Membership invoices will be sent out after January 1, 2022. Carol Lussy is testing to see if electronic payment will be an option.

8. It was requested that emails from @illinoissar.org not be ignored. It was mentioned that sometimes these go to spam or junk, so members should add the addresses to their contacts.

Email addresses include: [chair@illinoissar.org](mailto:chair@illinoissar.org), [vicechari@illinoissar.org](mailto:vicechari@illinoissar.org), [secretary@illinoissar.org](mailto:secretary@illinoissar.org), [treasurer@illinoissar.org](mailto:treasurer@illinoissar.org), [board@illinoissar.org](mailto:board@illinoissar.org) and [board-member@illinoissar.org](mailto:board-member@illinoissar.org)

9. The MOA was sent to all points of contact. The Board has received some feedback and will be updating the MOA. If you have additional feedback, please send an email to [board@illinoissar.org](mailto:board@illinoissar.org). The MOA was created as the next step to becoming a member of IEMA's mobile support teams. One of the major sticking points in the MOA is fingerprinting, due to the costs to the member agencies and/or their members. Kim Gotte is working with ILEAS to see if, as a foundation, they might be able to help ISARC agencies with this.

10. Tom Foust mentioned that input is requested from all agencies and members. Members indicated that more Zoom meetings would be appreciated. The Board indicated that Zoom meetings are planned for 2022, with teleconference equipment being purchased soon.

11. The year-end financial report was shared with the members.

The Board thanked everyone for attending and the informational meeting was ended at 1114.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Watson  
Board scribe