

ISARC Board Meeting
June 6, 2023, 0900
Zoom

I. Call to Order

The June 6, 2023, ISARC Board meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1911 by Chair Richard Bickel. Members present were Chair Richard Bickel, Secretary Dawn Watson, and Board Members Jim Hilgenberg, and Beth Drendel. Treasurer Carol Lussky and Board Member Mike Crews were absent. Also present was Ben Thompson from McDonough County and Michael Belmonte from IPEMA.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2023, Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Beth Drendel and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer Report - tabled until July meeting

- a. May 2023 Reconciliations and Treasurer's Report
- b. 2023 Member Agency Invoicing
- c. Year End Reports
- d. Taxes

IV. Public Comments - None

V. Old Business

- a. ILIMS Non-Member Affiliate Mutual Aid Agreement & Email from Greg Devries
Illinois Incident Management System was created similar to ILEAS and MABAS, through a mutual aid agreement.

A member would serve on the governing board for IPEMA – helps represent all hazards, whole community approach to emergency management. Non-government entities cannot vote. ISARC Board members associated with governmental agencies would have voting rights if ISARC joins the ILIMS. Advisory agencies include IEMA, IDOT, Illinois IEPA, and Illinois Department of Health. MABAS and ILEAS are their own entities.

ILIMS enables the agencies to shoot for funding and can work as a fiduciary to get grants through IEMA. Governing Boards would allot funds to ISARC. ILIMS is helping to bring funding to ISMATs. ILIMS would get ISARC better embedded in the emergency management arena so that ISARC is better equipped for callouts. Goal is to have IESMA be a part of IPEMA and to give everyone a level voice.

Insurance does not apply for ISARC as an agency.

Eight government units have already signed on to the ILIMS. IPEMA, a 501c3, signed an MOU with ILIMS and serves as the non-profit foundation arm of the ILIMS.

It was requested to have more information about IPEMA. Mike Belmonte will send a PowerPoint presentation to Mike Crews to send to the Board to review.

- b. Bank CDs – tabled until July meeting
- c. Email accounts
After spending hours on the chat line with GoDaddy and getting nowhere, Dawn Watson finally found GoDaddy's new administration page. New distribution groups can be made through the administration page and there is no additional cost. At this point in time, with all the other items in progress, investigating different email options will be put on hold.
- d. Proposed changes to bylaws
No updates.
- e. Membership Application Renewals
Membership application renewals are still trickling in. Dawn Watson will ask Outreach Committee to reach out to those member agencies that have not returned their application.
- f. IEMA Summit
According to their website, a Non-for-Profit booth would cost \$300. Beth Drendel will check with IEMA to confirm the cost.

VI. New Business

- a. IAmResponding administrators
Kim Gotte added Dawn Watson as an administrator to IAR, to replace Jason Buckley.
- b. ISARC Trainings and Participation by Non-ISARC Member Agency members
Jim Hilgenberg suggested adding a charge for non-members. Ben Thompson recommended giving voucher codes to the host agency. Voucher codes will be added to the next GSAR.

The Board agrees that members of non-member agencies should not be attending ISARC events without being paid members.
- c. Lead Instructor Evaluation of Instructors
Curriculum and Training Committee approved the use of this form. A motion to begin using the Lead Instructor Evaluation of Instructors was made by Beth Drendel and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg.
- d. Information requests
Jim Hilgenberg will respond to the Scott AFB info request.

ISARC has received information requests for mounted searchers training. Mercer County, Bureau County, and Jo Daviess have horse teams, but ISARC does not have any training available currently. Patrick Keen used to train mounted searchers.
- e. Search Requests and Results
There was a search for a missing person in Streator, on May 25 and 26, 2023. K9 and local ground search teams were involved.

There was an evidence search in Romeoville on Saturday, May27, 2023.

Champaign County requested Douglas County to assist the University of Illinois Police for a missing person. ISARC was not involved.

f. Approvals

1. Instructors
None this month.
2. Member Agencies
None this month.

VII. Committees

a. Conference Committee

Breakfast and lunch are \$10/meal, dinner is \$12/meal.
Self-Control Building costs \$500.
Lodging ranges from \$900 to \$1300 for two to three days.

A motion to increase the conference registration fee to \$100 was made by Beth Drendel and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg. Motion passes.

Beth contacted Deputy Chief Joe Gorski to present an Evidence Search on Saturday. This will be a 3-hour session.

b. Curriculum/Training – Kim Gotte, Chair

1. Training Requests and Scheduling – Tony Sondgeroth
 - a. GSARs need to be scheduled, but GSAR Lead Instructors are not available.
 1. Montgomery County has requested a GSAR. Tony will contact for new dates.
2. ISARC Regional Trainings – Tony Sondgeroth
The Board will review the proposal and discuss at next month's meeting.
3. 2022 Year End Report
Kim Gotte needs to send the report to Dawn Watson.
4. Curriculum Updates
 - a. GSAR
GSAR has gone through two Beta tests and there no additional changes at this time.
 - b. SARM
Another meeting is scheduled for June 14.
 - c. BNAV TTT
Future actions.
 - d. GSAR TTT
Future action.
 - e. Lead instructor training
Future actions.

c. Mutual Aid Resource Committee – Dick Bickel, Chair

Dick Bickel had a meeting with the ISP scheduled to discuss ISARC but that meeting had to be rescheduled.

MABAS has a rescue team in Charleston, IL. They were called down to the Robinson tornado, but, by the time they got there, all that was left to do was search and recovery. Unfortunately, they do not have training for that. Dick has talked to a few people on their team, who did not now ISARC and SarTopo existed. Dick offered ISARC to help them, but there are some things that need to be worked out. It was a positive conversation. Dick and Jim will continue to build those relationships.

1. Memorandum of Agreement

No progress.

2. ISARC Hot Line/Duty Officer Policy, Procedures, Guidelines

Dawn Watson will convert the pdf that Kim Gotte sent to the Board and send it to the Board to review.

3. ISARC Hot Line Responders

Unfortunately, there is now proof of a missed call to the Hotline.

The Board would like to ask Tony Sondgeroth to become a Hotline Responder and will continue to look for other Hot Line Responders.

d. Outreach Committee – Tom Foust, Chair

At the La Salle County ICS 300/400 course, members of the ISP were in attendance. Tony Sondgeroth and Dawn Watson joked with them about sending a search plan to the Streator search and they did!!

La Salle County would like to hold a modified GSAR for their agency and neighboring fire departments who want to learn how to do an initial search but want to call ISARC for anything beyond the initial search. These fire departments do not want to do what ISARC searchers do. Certificates would not be given to participants. Beth indicated that police departments already do initial searchers, but they haven't had training. Doing this will help build relationships with these departments, La Salle County, and ISARC. The Board agrees to this.

VIII. Board Workgroups

a. ISARC Newsletter - No updates.

IX. For the Good of the Organization

Dick Bickel thanked everyone for all the work they do for this organization.

A motion to adjourn at 2112 was made by Dawn Watson and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg. Motion passes.