

**ISARC Board Meeting
March 2, 2024, 9:00 am**

I. Call to Order

The March 2, 2024, ISARC Board meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 0909 by Chair Richard Bickel. Members present were Chair Richard Bickel, Vice-Chair Jim Hilgenberg, Treasurer Carol Lussky, Secretary Dawn Watson, and Board Member Liz Brady. Board Members Beth Drendel and Scott Garrett were absent. Also present were Tom Foust, Outreach Committee Chair, and Tim Killeen from Boone County.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2024, Board Meeting

A motion to approve the February 6, 2024, ISARC Board minutes was made by Carol Lussky and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer Report

a. February 2024 Reconciliations and Treasurer's Report

Carol Lussky submitted the February Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$21913.97.

b. 2024 Member Agency Invoicing

Thirty-three agencies have renewed their membership as of 3/1/24.

Carol Lussky is sending Membership Certificates to each agency as fees are received.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted was made by Richard Bickel and seconded by Dawn Watson. Motion passes.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

a. Trademark

No progress

b. Amazon Business

No progress

c. Eventbrite Options

No progress

d. Proposed changes to the bylaws

No progress

e. Email options

No progress.

VI. New Business

a. IESMA Conference, April 25-26, 2024, setup on April 24

Tom Foust and Richard Bickel are going to attend.

b. Lost Person Behavior instructors

Ralph and Ellen Kuchenbrod contacted the ISARC Board indicating that sometime in the next three years, they will be moving out of Illinois. They suggested finding someone else to teach. Liz Brady, Dawn Watson, Tony Sondgeroth, and Tim Killeen are interested in becoming instructors.

Carol Lussky suggested sending a poll on Facebook. Liz Brady also suggested sending it to the SAR PoCs. This would be open to surrounding states, first dibs for ISARC members. Carol Lussky will contact Kim Gotte to post on Facebook. Dawn

c. Information requests

All have been answered.

d. Search Requests and Results

IAMResponding incidents should be sent to all Board members. Dawn Watson will double-check the settings in IAR, as Board members are indicating they are not receiving these alerts.

There were searches in Fayette County and Coles County.

Jim Hilgenberg indicated that the person calling IEMA for insurance may have more information on the insurance process than the IEMA person answering the phone. It was suggested to go through IEMA for an assignment if using ITECH for communications, so that communications aren't being broadcast throughout the state.

e. Approvals

1. Instructors

None at this time. The Training and Curriculum Committee is still working on resolving the issue with the paperwork regarding Linda Keen's completion of teaching GSAR sections.

2. Member Agencies

None at this time.

VII. Committees

a. Conference Committee

The committee met in February and has another meeting on Monday. Tom Foust is contacting a possible keynote speaker, with the possibility of using the MRC payments towards the speaker fee.

Kim Gotte and Linda Keen will do a moulage class. Tim Killeen has contacted someone to do a knots class.

The committee is still working through the list of possible topics.

Richard Bickel has contacted Libman Broom Company regarding sponsoring the whole conference for \$9,000-\$10,000 or sponsoring the keynote speaker. They suggested donating Libman T-shirts and products to use in the auction.

Richard Bickel contacted Rural King also. They indicated they would also make a donation of some sort.

Liz Brady suggested having pace cards available at the conference, with a pace count course set up somewhere nearby.

Tom Foust did an inventory of all the conference items in storage.

b. Curriculum/Training

1. Updates from Training Scheduler

Tom Foust has been reaching out to all the agencies regarding the upcoming BNAV Regional Trainings. Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 are scheduled. There are 13 registered for Region 1 in Flora, IL; 5 registered for Region 2 in Champaign, IL; 13 for Region 3 in McLean County; and 10 for Region 4 in Morris, IL. There are also 5 registered for Region 5, location is still pending.

2. Printing SARIO, BNAV, GSAR, SARM materials

Liz Brady is still working on getting quotes. She will also be meeting with Kim Gotte today to pick up all the course materials.

c. Mutual Aid Resource Committee

1. Memorandum of Agreement

No progress

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

No progress

3. Hotline Phone Number Options

Richard Bickel talked with Kim Gotte regarding the hotline. The committee is still investigating other options to Google Voice and having other people responsible for answering the calls.

d. Outreach Committee

ISARC will have a booth/table at the following events:

3/9 – Will County Health Fair

4/3 – New Lenox Safety Day

4/25-4/26 – IESMA Conference

Carol Lussky will look into attending the Police Expo in Tinley Park.

It was suggested to look into attending the ILEAS conference.

Richard Bickel has been in touch with Doug Foster, with MidPiatt. Tom Foust will reach out to him this week and get his email address so Carol Lussky can send a membership invoice and Dawn Watson can send the membership application and other correspondence.

VIII. Board Workgroups

a. ISARC Newsletter

Carol Lussky submitted a draft of the newsletter to the Board and is waiting for feedback.

Richard Bickel indicated that it was a very good newsletter.

Richard Bickel will start submitting a "Recipe of the Month" for homemade MREs, which are good to have during searches.

IX. For the Good of the Organization

A motion to adjourn at 10:37 was made by Dawn Watson and seconded by Jim Hilgenberg. Motion passes.