



# I.P.L.E.A. Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association

“Dedicated to the Advancement of the Park Law Enforcement Profession”



January 10, 2010  
MEETING SUMMARY

The January meeting of the Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association was held at the Comfort Suites, Aurora, IL. Patti Bowker called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Present were:

Patti Bowker	Kane County Forest Preserve District
Cliff Kretsinger	Decatur Park District
Dan Olszewski	Forest Preserve District of Will County
Steve Laskowski	Du Page County Forest Preserve District
Abe Martinez	Mc Henry County Conservation District
Tim Lenac	PDRMA
Jeff Diedrick	Mc Henry County Conservation District
Jerry Venable	Rockford Park District

**Introduction of Guests:** Patti Bowker started the meeting by introducing Jeff Diedrick from the Mc Henry County Conservation District and Jerry Venable from the Rockford Park District.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Board reviewed the Report. Abe Martinez stated five new memberships were received as a result of the 2010 Winter Retreat registration. Cliff Kretsinger made a motion to accept the Report. Steve Laskowski seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** The Board reviewed the Report. Dan Olszewski made a motion to accept the Report. Patti Bowker seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Website/Newsletter:** Steve Laskowski stated the job page on the website has been updated and that he has contacted PLEA regarding IPLEA contact information. Steve also stated the webmaster currently being used will continue to work on the IPLEA website. Steve also stated the newsletter is finished and copies will be handed out to Winter Retreat attendees and the rest will be mailed to the members.

**Membership:** Abe Martinez stated that he will handout 2010 membership applications to the Winter Retreat attendees who need an application. A discussion was also held regarding the Associations membership to the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association and the need to continue with the membership.

**Training:** Cliff Kretsinger suggested a survey should be sent to the membership regarding training ideas for future conferences. Patti Bowker also discussed the possibility of conducting gang training for the 2010 Spring Workshop.

**Old Business**

Annual Conference "Things to Do List" – Patti Bowker stated that she would like to meet with Jeff Diedrick, Carolyn Stark and Pete Stankiewicz regarding the list. Jeff Diedrick suggested Pete be the lead person and that they meet to discuss the list within the next few weeks.

Winter Retreat: The Board discussed the Agency/Officer of the Year Award presentation and agreed that all nominations will be recognized during Monday night's dinner. A plaque will be provided to each of the winners in recognition of their achievements. The final logistics for the Retreat were also discussed.

President's Vacancy: After a brief discussion the Board voted on the nominees to fill the vacant Board President position. As a result of the vote, Patti Bowker was elected the Board President. The vacancy created by the election of Patti as Board President will be filled at a later time. Patti asked Dan Olszewski about the debit card that was in John Waxweiler's possession. Dan stated that he has John's debit card and that John's name has been removed from the bank account. Patti also asked Abe Martinez whether or not membership cards are still being mailed out. Abe stated that membership cards are mailed out to all current members.

### **New Business**

Spring Workshop: Patti Bowker discussed the need for securing a host for the Spring Workshop. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge in Sugar Grove was discussed as a possible location. Patti also discussed training on gangs as a possible topic. More information to come.

Fall Conference: Patti Bowker discussed the need for securing a host for the 2010 Fall Conference. Patti will speak with the Lake County Forest Preserve District regarding the possibility of hosting the 2010 Fall Conference. A discussion was also held regarding the March 2010 Board meeting and tour of the NIPSTA facility as a possible location for the Fall Conference. Jeff Diedrick also discussed the possibility of his agency hosting a future Fall Conference.

Board Vacancy: A brief discussion was held regarding the Board Vacancy created by the election of Patti Bowker to Board President. Jeff Diedrick further discussed the options available to the Board in regards to the vacant position. More information to come.

By-Law Review: Patti Bowker asked all Board members to review the By-Laws for the February meeting.

Other Business: A discussion was held regarding the need to speak with a tax expert regarding the status of the Association and the possible need of filing the appropriate paperwork with the IRS. A discussion was also held regarding the maturity of the Death & Disability CD and the potential to increase the benefit. More information to come.

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

February 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	NIPSTA, Glenview, IL
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	TBD
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	TBD
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
July – No Meeting		
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
September	7:00 P.M.	Meeting Location & Dates TBD
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 A.M.	Starved Rock Lodge, Utica, IL

Abe Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dan Olszewski. Meeting adjourned.

