

**INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting**  
**Friday, January 26, 2024**

The 70<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel, Indiana, on Friday, January 26, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Joe Stull at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made. Chris Smidler moved to have an open agenda. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: James Ramsey moved to accept the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting. John Hack II seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence: Nanci Gutwein stated that she had received a thank you note from Karli Miller, this year's scholarship winner and Keith Miller will read it at the banquet tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smidler presented the written treasurer's report. Total of all funds is \$234,753.11. Keith Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed. Nanci Gutwein presented the budget for the coming year. She noted that a few categories were increased. In order to save a significant amount of money, Nanci suggested that the state directory not be published as in the past. National puts out a yearly directory that would contain most of the information and the few items it would not contain are readily available. A file with the state directory information could be made available for each member to access or print themselves. James Ramsey moved to approve the 2024 budget. Keith Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President's Report: Joe Stull reported that he has had a busy year of work. He attended National convention and Con Expo in Las Vegas and is looking forward to the National conventions this year.

National Report: Tony Cain referred members to the report by Allison Hack and Caroline Krug made during lunch concerning the INLICA Water Management Forum. He encouraged members to reach out to local veteran's organizations and let them know about this program. All veterans can attend the Forum free of charge. High school students are also encouraged to attend. Tony also told about the membership drive to take place in March. Allison Hack reported that the Drainage Book should be out by the Forum in June.

Area Director's Reports: John Hack II reported that he serves on the Septic Review Panel for the State of Indiana. Contact him with any ideas or issues members would like to be reviewed.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report of her activities.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox reported that he and Scott Wagner gave an NRCS update during the afternoon sessions yesterday. He has printouts available. The pricing survey is available and members are urged to fill them out. The results will be available at the March board meeting.

Legislative Update: James Ramsey reported that there are several bills now in the Indiana General Assembly which concern contractors and farmers. He is also watching some federal issues coming out of the EPA.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership: At this time 103 INLICA memberships have been paid.

Scholarship: Karli Miller was the scholarship recipient for 2023.

Convention: The Renaissance Hotel in Carmel, IN, seems to be a good fit for the convention. Everyone is liking the venue.

Necrology: Those connected with INLICA who passed away this year are Troy Warweg, Bill Swain, and Steve Wilson.

Old Business:

The dues for ADMC are now payable. Chris Smidler moved to pay \$1500 again this year. Tony Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

Two businesses were nominated for membership: Sam Baker with Merrell Brothers Drainage of Kokomo, IN as a regular member and Steve Overmyer of West Lafayette, IN as an affiliate member. James Ramsey moved to accept these new members. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors:

The following slate of officers will continue for 2024: President - Joe Stull, Vice-President - Keith Miller, Treasurer - Chris Smidler.

At this time two NW director spots need to be filled. Tony Cain nominated Nate Miller as a NW director. John Hack II seconded the motion. The motion passed. Keith Miller nominated Sam Baker as a NW director. James Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed. James Ramsey moved to close the nominations. Tony Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed and the candidates were voted onto the board.

The following is the new slate of directors for the board:

	Term ending 1- 2025	Term ending 1 - 2026	Term ending 1 - 2027
NW Director	Sam Baker	John Hack II	Nate Miller
NE Director	Guil Wehr, Jr.	Kevin Hohman	Todd Gross
SW Director	Dean Neiswinger	Rob Wood	William Harriman
SE Director	Mike Koehne	James Ramsey	John Pickering
Associates	Brenden Noggle	Neal Hall	Steve Holtzleiter
At-Large	Tony Cain	Bryan Noggle	Chris Smidler

National Convention:

Joe Stull, Bryan Noggle and Bob Clark II will be attending National convention in Virginia Beach. James Ramsey moved for INLICA to pay for travel and hotel expenses for Nanci Gutwein and two voting delegates. Chris Smidler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Associates Report: The associates like the current venue and are okay with being involved with NACADE. They would like to participate in the INLICA committee for NACADE participation representing the interests of the associate members.

2025 NACADE: Bill Lehman presented for NACADE reporting that the 2023 event was beyond their expectations. They have received good feedback concerning the educational events and panel discussions. More than 500 attended from 15 states and 3 countries. The 2025 NACADE event will take place at the Grand Park facility in Westfield, IN. A website will soon be up and running. Nanci Gutwein commented that all INLICA members will receive a free pass to the trade show. A group of directors made the following proposal: INLICA members meet at the Renaissance Hotel on Tuesday morning, January 21, 2025 and hold their joint Fifth Regular Board Meeting and Annual Meeting. They would then travel to the NACADE event for the rest of the day, and be on their own for Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, January 22, 2025 INLICA members would attend the NACADE event during the day. In the evening, INLICA would hold their annual banquet, entertainment, and auction. This would be open to anyone attending NACADE but would require a paid reservation. Auction proceeds would be split 50% to charity and 50% to the INLICA scholarship fund. James Ramsey moved to accept this proposal and to form a committee to organize these events. Kevin Hohman seconded the motion. The motion passed. Those nominated for the committee include Steve Holtzleiter, Brenden Noggle, Joey Schlatter, James Ramsey, Keith Miller, Joe Stull, and Bryan Noggle. Chris Smidler moved to appoint these people for the committee. Kevin Hohman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Returning to the question about printing a directory this year, James Ramsey moved to not print the directory for 2024, to make it available to members in a digital file and on the website, and then to revisit the issue in 2025. Tony Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nanci Gutwein stated she needs some money for new INLICA signage and hand out materials. After a short discussion, Nanci was asked to research the cost. The issue will be decided at the March board meeting.

Chris Smidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Joe Stull
Vice-President -	Keith Miller
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
National Officer -	Tony Cain
Region III VP -	Adam Cook
Technical Advisor -	Mike Cox
NW Director -	John Hack II
NE Directors -	Todd Gross Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	William Harriman
SE Director -	John Pickering
At-Large -	James Ramsey Bryan Noggle
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
Associate Members -	Justin Brown
Members -	Darrell Birge Jacob Arthur Nate Miller Bob Clark II Sam Baker
Guests -	Allison Hack Caroline Krug Derrick Gotshall Jacob Goodman

Board Members not attending:

NE Director -	Guil Wehr, Jr.
SW Directors -	Dean Neiswinger Rob Wood
SE Director -	Mike Koehne