

**MINUTES LIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2011
RALPH AND KACOO'S RESTAURANT
BATON ROUGE, LA**

President, Wayne Orton called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M., welcomed everyone and asked them to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 34 voting Members, Officers and Board of Directors present at the meeting.

Wayne asked everyone to briefly review the minutes of the last Annual Meeting and if acceptable asked that they be approved. Drew Andrews moved, seconded by Bill Reece, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Wayne then thanked the lunch sponsors who included: Doug Campbell, Rain-Bird; John Pons, Hunter; Brad Waters, Netafim; Curt Bowman, Polydrip; Halco Lighting Technologies; Weathermatic and Corona Clipper, Inc.

Wayne then asked for a moment of silence for the families of deceased members and industry friends who passed away since the last Annual Meeting. They included; Dr. Gary Joye, Grand Coteau Gardens and Sigal Marie Burdine Bond Kavanaugh Ory, mother of John R. Kavanaugh, Kavanaugh Landscape and Irrigation.

Wayne asked Severn C. Doughty, Sr. to provide the financial report. Severn indicated that LIA created a 2011 budget and quarterly financial reports of which the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters were reflected in this statement. Revenues for the third quarter were \$9,136.61 and expenses were \$9,769.51 leaving \$632.90 in expenses over revenues. The savings account balance was \$6,076.68 and the ending checking account balance for the 3rd quarter (September 30, 2011) was \$15,479.34. The PayPal account balance was \$1,230.85 and deposits made on October 3, 2011 – mostly registrations and some dues were \$5,700.00 for a checking account balance as of October 3, 2011 of \$21,179.34. Total assets were \$21,179.34 (checking account balance) + \$1,230.85 (PayPal balance) + \$6,076.68 (savings account balance) = \$28,486.87. There being no questions, Julie Mouch Broussard moved, seconded by Harry Halleck to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

Wayne asked Severn to give the Membership report. Severn simply stated that LIA had 118 members before today and he expected more at the end of the day.

Wayne asked Allen Owings to provide the Newsletter report. Allen stated that he brought extra copies of the newsletter and if any new member would like a copy, he would be happy to provide them one. The Louisiana Irrigator newsletter has been upgraded to 15 pages on legal paper, comes out quarterly and was available to members only. It may be accessed on the website and it had been archived there as well.

Wayne included an add-on agenda item by stating that the LIA website will soon be upgraded. With this upgrade he asked the membership if they would like to have a classified section on there. Harry Halleck moved, seconded by Troy Vicceccio, to place a classified section on the website. Motion carried.

Wayne moved on to Old Business by indicating the number of IA courses purchased by LIA. Those included; Managing an Irrigation Service Company, Irrigation Systems Installation & Maintenance, Predicting and Estimating Landscape Water Use, Electrical Troubleshooting for Landscape Irrigation Systems, and Basic Electricity for Irrigation Systems. He then asked if there were any courses that the membership would like to see us purchase and Harry Halleck suggested purchasing Principles of Irrigation from IA.

Wayne then moved on to New Business by stating that the Board had discussed and voted favorably to reduce the officers terms from two years to one year and to stagger two of the four Board Members terms to alternate years but keeping them still two year terms. In order to do this it would require a favorable vote from the membership and a change in the Articles of Incorporation wording. The wording change would include: Article VII, 3rd sentence down, “The Board of Directors shall elect a President and a Vice-President from the Board’s Membership (not biennially) annually to serve until the next Board shall be duly elected as herein provided. The immediate Past President shall serve for a (not two (2) year term) one (1) year term following his/her Presidency.”

There being no questions, Harry Halleck moved, seconded by Jack Hopper to vote favorably for the change and accept the Articles of Incorporation wording change as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne then turned the Meeting over to Severn to present the Nominating Committees’ recommended slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming term. They included:

1. President, Wayne Orton, until October 2012
2. Vice-President, Julie Mouch Broussard, until October 2012
3. Past President, Danny Mobley, until October 2012
4. Director until October 2012, Marianne Joye
5. Director until October 2012, John Kavanaugh
6. Director until October 2012 and 2013, Jack Hopper
7. Director until October 2012 and 2013, Curt Bowman

Severn then asked for nominations from the floor and there being none, asked for a motion for the recommended slate of Officers and Board of Directors that they be accepted by acclamation. Bill Reese moved, seconded by John R. Kavanaugh, to accept the slate of Officers and Board of Directors by acclamation for the upcoming term. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne thanked the Membership for their confidence in him and the Board. He then asked Dr. Peter Gallagher to come to the podium. Wayne presented Dr. Gallagher with a plaque which stated: "Presented to Dr. Peter Gallagher, This Day, October 5, 2011 in Grateful Appreciation of Your Service To and Establishment Of the Louisiana Irrigation Association. We Hereby Honor You with Lifetime Honorary Membership In This Organization." Dr. Gallagher gratefully accepted the plaque and thanked everyone.

Wayne then asked outgoing Board Member, Mike Goree to come to the podium. He presented Mike with a framed Certificate which stated: "To Marshall 'Mike' Goree in Grateful Appreciation for his part in the Formation of the Louisiana Irrigation Association, serving as President and Board Member since 2005. His tireless efforts will be appreciated for years to come. Mike too gratefully accepted the certificate and thanked everyone.

Wayne asked the membership if there were any concerns they wanted to share. Several stated that they wished there was more effort to stop unlicensed contractors from doing work until they became licensed. In addition there were several questions about how to get the Back-flow prevention license. Ansel Rankins stated that he would send Severn a link to information as to training sources for the license. Severn stated he would put it on the LIA website under certification/training.

Wayne asked Ansel Rankins to provide a LDAF update. Ansel stated among other topics that in 2011, LDAF had 346 active licensed Landscape Irrigation Contractors and there were 62 new licensees as of October 1, 2011. Exams administered after the LIA's Irrigation Basics for Landscape Irrigation Contractors, March, May and September and of 37 exams administered, there was a 76% pass rate.

There being no more business, Thomas Mann moved, seconded by Harry Halleck, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried.