

**ILLINOIS PILOTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Jacksonville Airport, IL, May 17, 2008**

President, Brian Borecky, opened the meeting at 1:06 pm in the hanger on Jacksonville Airport, Illinois. Officers and directors in attendance were Ken Hermach, Bob Frantz, Ruth Frantz, Neil Surman, John McConnochie, Dave Claxon, Brian Borecky, Rufus Hunt, James Long, Joe Snell, Mark Phillips, Bob Reynolds, Mary Surman, and Carol Borecky. Brian distributed a handout containing the Program for the day, the IPA Flyer of this event, Agenda, minutes of the May 19, 2007 Annual Membership Meeting, the President's Report, a letter to the IPA Scholarship winner, Press Release announcing the Scholarship winner, a listing of the IPA Board of Directors and IPA Committee Chairs and an Agenda for the Annual BOD Meeting, May 17, 2008

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The May 19, 2007 meeting minutes were approved by passed MOTION by Neil Surman with second by Dave Claxon

Presidents Message: Brian Borecky discussed his written report as follows:

Organization:

The Board of Directors, composed of directors elected from the chapters, sitting chapter presidents, and active past presidents is charged with carrying out programs and directives originating from the members. The Board of Directors scheduled monthly meetings at different locations around the state to conduct the business of the association. Eighteen directors are authorized. Currently there are some vacancies. The board submits a monthly newsletter to the magazine America's Flyways. Board meeting minutes and news of other activities can be seen on the IPA web site www.illinoispilots.org. The chapters represent the grassroots activities, hold monthly meetings, sponsor safety seminars and other activities, schedule fly-outs, publish newsletters and send directors to the board. IPA also offers an annual scholarship to students participating in an aeronautical program in the state of Illinois.

The greatest concerns of Illinois pilots during the last year were the possibility of both user fees being placed on some services provided by the FAA and the tax on aviation fuel being increased. Also of concern were the possible closures of General Aviation airports.

According to AOPA, the overall pilot population has declined twenty-five percent since 1980. Likewise, IPA membership has also declined. Many different organizations are experiencing declining membership. However, there is strength in numbers and IPA needs to take measures to reverse this trend. We have encouraged participation in the AOPA pilot mentoring program. As members of IPA we should encourage other pilots to join IPA. I joined Illinois Pilots Association in either 1977 or 1978. My intentions were to participate in activities related to General Aviation. Since joining, I have held the positions of Springfield Chapter President at two different times, the last time being for a period of six years ending in 2006. I have also been both a chapter and state treasurer at different times. Many of our members have also belonged to IPA many years and have been heavily involved in IPA activities. It is important that we encourage our younger members to be more involved as chapter officers and state board members.

Activities:

President attended eight out of eleven monthly Board of Directors meeting (September, December and February meetings were canceled due to bad weather or lack of a quorum).

Initiated printing and distribution of Illinois Pilots Association Membership Directories to members

Submitted articles to the newsletter magazine America's Flyways

Contacted vendors by phone and e-mail for 31st annual meeting and vendor expo

Contacted airports and FBOs by mail and e-mail to advertise annual meeting.

Contacted Tim Sokol, FAASTeam FAA representative, to prepare the SPANS seminar announcement

Called Gary Stevens of State of IL. Dept of Aeronautics with information for the Illinois Aviation Newsletter and Jim Hartley of America's Flyways with information about the IPA Annual Meeting (which did not get into the magazine) \par

Sent an invitation to Director of Aeronautics Dr. Susan Shea to be luncheon speaker at our IPA Annual Meeting and received a positive response from Director Shea's office.

In Appreciation:

To Bob Frantz: Thank you for the continuous work as treasurer.

To Ruth Frantz: Thank you for the work on scholarship applications

To Ken Hermach: Thank you for the meeting minutes taken at the monthly board meetings.

To Dave Claxon: Thank you for maintaining the membership records.

To Paul Zerkel: Thank you for maintaining the IPA web site.

To John Salz: Thank you for printing and supplying directories for the membership.

To the officers and directors of IPA: Thank you for all the help and taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the board meetings.

To Dr. Melchore Antonano, Dr. Susan Shea and Rick Siegfried: Thank you for presenting interesting and informative seminars.

To Shastin Sacer and his staff: Thank you for the help and use of Jacksonville Municipal Airport facilities.

To the Springfield Chapter members and other volunteers: Thank you for the help to make this meeting a success.

Signed, Brian Borecky, President.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer, Bob Frantz, discussed his January and February, 2008 reports. In February, IPA received a donation from the Springfield Chapter for its October, 2007 aviation event at Jacksonville Airport. The bank that IPA uses has been purchased and its name changed to National City Bank. Brian Borecky gave Bob a check for one membership renewal. MOTION by Bob Frantz with second by Dave Claxon was passed to invest approximately \$5000 into a Certificate of Deposit in order to increase the rate of return on that unused portion of the IPA Treasury. MOTION by Ken Hermach second by Bob Reynolds was passed to file the Treasurer's reports for audit.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership – Dave Claxon reported that IPA had 158 members, 154 of which were paid memberships. The breakdown by chapter was as follows:

Gateway	28
Springfield	42
Southeast Sub	36
Illini	34
NEPA	4
At Large	10
2. Scholarship – Chairman, Ruth Frantz, thanked the Springfield Chapter for its \$500 donation to the Scholarship Fund. She indicated that this year's recipient of the scholarship went to Elizabeth Tosaw, who also won the award last year. The winner was selected by a committee of the whole from the IPA Board of Directors.
3. Awards – Ken Hermach announced that there were no flying activities awards this year due to the insurance requirement from the Jacksonville Airport at this event. Bob Frantz presented an appreciation plaque to Ken Hermach for Ken's three year term as Secretary ending at this meeting. Ken Hermach thanked the IPA for this nice award.
4. Chapter Presidents:

NEPA – The new President, Bob Frantz, described the recent monthly outings and meetings programs.

Elections

Brian Borecky indicated the list of expiring term board members in the meeting agenda. He asked those present if they would renew for another term and the answers were yes. Therefore, the membership elected the list for another term. The elected board of directors were Thurman Carver, David Claxon, Ruth Frantz, Ken Hermach, Rufus Hunt, Bob Reynolds, Neil Surman and Paul Zerkel.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm by passed MOTION.

Minutes submitted by Ken Hermach