



AMFGLEO Annual Conference Meeting
Conference Meeting Minutes
June 8-11, 2014
Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees:

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| 1. Duane Arp, Nebraska | 2. Kevin Buerfiend, Canadian Wildlife Service |
| 3. Ken Fitz, Ohio | 4. Robert Fleenor, Oklahoma |
| 5. Robert Garrison, Iowa | 6. Rafael Gutierrez, Illinois |
| 7. Gary Hagler, Michigan | 8. Bill Hale, Oklahoma |
| 9. Dean Molnar, Michigan | 10. Joe Morelock, Illinois |
| 11. Mark Rankin, Kansas | 12. Tom Rowan, Ohio |
| 13. Todd Schaller, Wisconsin | 14. Ken Soring, Minnesota |
| 15. Craig Stover, Nebraska | 16. Gary Teeler, Texas |
| 17. Bob Thompson, Colorado | 18. Larry Yamnitz, Missouri |

Presiding: Robert Garrison, President-Iowa

The 2014 meeting and conference was hosted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources-Law Enforcement at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel from June 8-11, 2014.

June 8, 2014, Sunday

On June 8, 2014 there was a short AMFGLEO Executive Board Meeting which those minutes along with the business meeting minutes will be separate from these conference minutes.

ALBERTA, CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE, COLORADO, , ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, MANITOBA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, ONTARIO ,SASKATCHEWAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, TEXAS, WISCONSIN, US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE

June 9, 2014, Monday

Iowa DNR Law Enforcement Chief Robert Garrison gave opening remarks and introductions to start the annual conference. Opening ceremonies were conducted by the Iowa DNR Honor Guard in the presentation of the colors followed by a greeting and welcome to Iowa by Iowa DNR Director Chuck Gipp.

Assistant Commander Gary Teeler with Texas gave a presentation on the use of social media by law enforcement and the positive results they have experienced in Texas as well as a few bumps they had to work through.

Missouri Investigator Darin Pettit gave an update on the "Operation Roadhouse" paddlefish roe case. Missouri wrapped-up a major special investigation involving paddlefish poaching centered on the Warsaw, MO area. Over the course of March 13 and 14, 2013, approximately 85 Missouri conservation agents, 40 special agents with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and wildlife officers from Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina contacted more than 100 subjects in Missouri and eight other states to issue citations, execute arrest warrants, conduct interviews and gather additional information regarding paddlefish poaching in Missouri. The effort included eight individuals indicted for federal crimes involving the illegal trafficking of paddlefish and their eggs used as caviar. The undercover operation ran during the spring 2011 and spring 2012 paddlefish seasons, March 15 through April 30. Federal crimes involved the illegal purchase, resale and transportation of paddlefish and their eggs in violation of the Lacey Act. MDC and the USFWS worked with the Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Benton County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Department of Justice on the investigation.

The morning presentations were wrapped up by Iowa DNR Fisheries Biologist Mike Hawkins who gave a presentation on the Asian Carp and Fish Barriers. An electrical barrier was installed to protect the Iowa Great Lakes after the flooding in 2011 brought the threat of Asian carp. An electric barrier site was selected on public property on a low-head dam where flood events can be controlled and utilities can be well placed for the project. The project was started in April of 2012 and the electric barrier was operational on February 5, 2013.

The afternoon session started with a presentation on state/federal partnership by USFWS Special Agent Justin Mays which also led to a case review by the Iowa Special Operations Unit by Iowa Investigator Matt Rush and S.A. Justin Mays. This was followed by a case review on a Des Moines boating fatality by Iowa DNR Conservation Officers Allen Crouse, Nate Anderson and Aron Arthur. This was followed by the AMFGLEO Business Meeting (separate minutes).

The evening banquet recognized the AMFGLEO Officer of the Year from the respective agencies that had submission which was followed by the banquet speaker, Ty Smedes on "The Return of Iowa's Bald Eagles".

June 10, 2014, Tuesday

The morning session started with Iowa DNR District Supervisor Captain Shawn Meier and Iowa Department of Transportation National Model Program Manager David Meyers giving a presentation on the National Model-TRACs/MACH. The National Model is for the statewide application of data collection and management technology to improve highway safety. There is a consortium of states that use the TRACS, MACH, and Incident Location software to enable local, state and federal public safety entities to share information. Shared use of common software allows for the establishment of best practices and best tools to ensure the accurate, timely and efficient capture of data and information. It promotes collaboration and collection of information to facilitate data-driven decision making. TRACS is a sophisticated data collection and reporting tool used by 14 states and 1 Canadian province (AK, AZ, AR, MB, FL, IA, NE, NM, NY, NC, ND, OK, PA, SD, WI). MACH, a communications and mapping application was added to the National Model.

This was followed by a presentation from Tivon Feeley, Iowa DNR Forest Health Program Leader on the emerald ash borer in Iowa. A CODY representative talked about the CODY COBRA.net product that would allow for the searching across disparate databases and would provide a unified view of all the information available from these disparate sources. Iowa DNR Conservation Officer Aron Arthur gave a presentation on "Operation Black Walnut" where an individual was illegally taking high dollar black walnut trees off of DNR wildlife areas.

In the afternoon the group went to the Banner Range and spent some time on firearms demonstrations and some range time. The group then traveled to Walnut Woods State Park for a barbeque dinner.

June 11, 2014, Wednesday

There was about an hour open discussion on emerging issues in conservation before the conference adjourned for 2014. Some of the emerging issues are keeping laws and regulations relevant with emerging technology while abiding by the ethics of fair chase and fair play; radio communication and changing technology; vehicle replacement with CNG vehicles and nowhere close by to refuel with CNG; hiring good quality people;...and the list goes on. There was also discussion about revamping the AMFGLEO website and to have a "member only" section to house information such as the annual reports which at times contain sensitive information. Gary Teeler from Texas and assigned to the Technology Committee agreed to head up this project.

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AMFGLEO
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2014
Des Moines, Iowa

Executive Board

President Robert Garrison, Iowa
Past President Gary Hagler, Michigan
First Vice President Ken Soring, Minnesota
Second Vice President Gary Teeler, Texas
Auditor Bill Hale, Oklahoma
Executive Secretary Bob Thompson, Colorado

Other Attendees: Rafael Gutierrez, Illinois; Joe Morelock, Illinois; Mark Rankin, Kansas; Larry Yamnitz, Missouri

I. Call to Order – President Robert Garrison – Iowa

President Robert Garrison called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Executive Board – Executive Secretary Bob Thompson – Colorado

Auditor Bill Hale was not in attendance for the executive meeting as he was still traveling.

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III. Addition to Agenda – President Robert Garrison

None

IV. Adoption of 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Bob Thompson

The 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes were presented for review with no corrections.

Motion to Accept: Ken Soring Second: Gary Teeler Discussion: None Passed

V. Last Minute Preparation Needs for Meeting – All

President Robert Garrison advised that there were no last minute preparation needs and the conference was ready to go.

VI. Auditor Report – Auditor Bill Hale – Oklahoma

Motion to Accept: Second: Discussion: Yes/No

The auditor report will be given at the business meeting and approved at that time

VII. Executive Secretary Contract

Motion to Accept: Second: Discussion: Yes/No

Decision to approve the executive secretary contract until after the business meeting since Executive Secretary Bob Thompson's three year appointment was up.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Gary Hagler Second: Rafael Gutierrez Discussion: None Passed

Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



**Association of Midwest Fish & Game Law Enforcement Officers
Annual Business Meeting Agenda
June 9, 2014
Des Moines, Iowa**

Presiding: Robert Garrison, President – Iowa

- I. Call to Order – Robert Garrison, President – Iowa
- II. Roll Call – Bob Thompson, Executive Secretary (Colorado)

Agencies Present:

Canadian Wildlife Service
Colorado
Illinois
Iowa
Kansas
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
Ohio
Oklahoma
Texas
Wisconsin

- III. Additions to Agenda – Robert Garrison, President – Iowa

None

- IV. Adoption of 2013 Business Meeting Minutes as Presented – Bob Thompson

Motion to Accept: Tom Rowan

Second: Robert Fleenor

Discussion: None

Passed

V. Committee Reports

- Executive Secretary Report – Bob Thompson

- Updated the AMFGLEO website
- Reprinted another run of the wildlife forensics manual
- AMFGLEO 2013 taxes done with no payment to IRS
- AMFGLEO Historic Records digitized

- Treasurer's Report – Bob Thompson

- Current balance is \$55,181.44 w/o any conference cost/income figured in

Motion to Accept: Robert Fleenor

Second: Ken Fitz

Discussion: None

Passed

- Audit Committee Report – Bill Hale (Oklahoma)

Bill Hale reported that the financial records were in order and everything reconciled.

Motion to Accept: Tom Rowan

Second: Rafael Gutierrez

Discussion: None

Passed

- Legislative Committee Report – Kevin Jones (Kansas)

None

- Resolution Committee Report – Tom Rowan (Ohio)

None

- Awards Committee and Officer of Year Report – Gary Teeler (Texas)

Gary Teeler reported that all of the Officer of the Year plaques and pins were to be presented at the awards banquet

- Forensics/Research Committee Report – Gary Hagler (Michigan)

Gary reported that he was reviewing Michigan's efforts and will report next year

- Deceased Officers Committee Report – Gary Teeler (Texas)

Gary Teeler advised that the deceased officers would be honored at the banquet in a PowerPoint presentation

- Annual Newsletter Committee Report – Ken Soring (Minnesota)/ compiled by Colin Merritt (Manitoba)

Suggestion to redo the format similar to AWFA to include size of agency, number of officers, etc.

- Intelligence & Special Investigations Committee Report – vacant (Indiana)

None, needs to be filled

- Nominating Committee Report – Rafael Gutierrez (Illinois)

Rafael Gutierrez reported that Bob Thompson would be willing to continue as Executive Secretary for another three years as the bylaws allow. Larry Yamnitz agreed to host the 2017 meeting and will become the Second Vice President.

- Technology - Gary Teeler (Texas)

Gary Teeler presented the idea of expanding the Technology Committee and the membership was in agreement. Gary Teeler to follow-up with emails to the members as to the process.

VI. Old Business

- Reprinting of Forensic Field Manual (2nd printing of 4th edition) – Bob Thompson

A second printing was done as approved at last year's meeting for 1,500 for a cost of \$16,614.00. To date we have sold 2,957 copies

- Time of Death Manual – Bob Thompson

To date we have sold 1,185 TOD Manuals and 1,093 TOD CD's

- NACLEC Law Enforcement Leadership Academy Update – Larry Yamnitz (Missouri)

Larry Yamnitz reported that the first session of the NACLEC Law Enforcement Leadership Academy went really well and the second session will wrap up in September.

VII. New Business

- Approval of Executive Secretary contract for 2014-2015

Elected to 3 year term and Bob Thompson 3 yrs are up. Suggest doing election and then approving the contract. A motion made to nominate Bob Thompson as Executive Secretary for another three years and approve the contract presented to the Executive Board.

Motion to Accept: Rafael Gutierrez

Second: Larry Yamnitz

Discussion: None

Passed

- Future Meetings

- 2015 – Minnesota (Combined with MAFWA)
- 2016 – Texas (Combined with Investigators)
- 2017 – Missouri (Stand Alone)

Larry Yamnitz agreed to host the 2017 meeting which would make Larry the Second Vice President. A motion was made to have Missouri host the 2017 meeting which will be a stand-alone meeting.

Motion to Accept: Rafael Gutierrez

Second: Gary Hagler

Discussion: None

Passed

- Election of Officers 2014 – Robert Garrison (Iowa)
 - President will be Ken Soring-MN
 - First VP will be Gary Teeler-TX
 - Second VP will be Larry Yamnitz-MO
 - Auditor Elected for 3 yr. term – Bill Hale has one more year
 - Executive Secretary for 3 yr. term – Bob Thompson
- Appointment of Committee Chairs – by Ken Soring (2014/15 President)
 - Audit Committee – Bill Hale (Oklahoma)
 - Legislative Committee – Kevin Jones (Kansas)
 - Resolution Committee – Tom Rowan (Ohio)
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 - Nominating Committee – Rafael Gutierrez (Illinois)
 - Technology – Gary Teeler (Texas)

VIII. Other Business

- Adoption of Resolutions

None

- Plaque Presentation – Gary Hagler (Michigan)

Past President Gary Hagler (Michigan) presented a plaque to out-going (also retiring) President Robert Garrison

IX. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Rowan

Second: Larry Yamnitz

Discussion: None

Passed