

Illinois Historical Boiler Association

Newsletter

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Organizational Meeting

The formational meeting of the Illinois Historical Boiler Association was held on Saturday, December 30, 2006, at the Dollinger Family Farm in Minooka. A number of organizational tasks were accomplished at this meeting, including the adoption of the By-Laws of the Association and election of Directors for the Association. The Directors names can be found in the box to the left. According to the by-laws the Directors are elected for three-year terms, to be staggered so that continuity is established. Following the election of the first set of Directors, lots were drawn to determine the length of term. The number in parentheses represents the year through which each Director's term runs.

Following the meeting, the Directors met to elect the first slate of Officers for the Association as described in the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the Association Officers also appear to the left. Officers serve one-year terms.

The next general meeting of the Association will be **Saturday**, **March 24**, **2007**. The general meeting will begin at 2:30 PM, and will be held at the Smatterjax Restaurant, 309 S. Old Route 66, Dwight, Illinois 60420. Directions: exit Interstate 55 at Illinois Route 17 and go east. Turn right (south) at the NAPA store (Old Route 66) and go about 3 blocks. The restaurant is on the right side just before the redi-mix plant. We are not being charged to use the room for our meeting, so your patronage would be greatly appreciated.

A Directors meeting will begin at the same location at 1:00 PM.

On the agenda for the General Meeting will be the formation of committees, an update on the status of incorporation, and perhaps a special guest, among other items of general interest. You can also pay your dues for 2007 at the meeting. Enclosed with this mailing is are membership forms. Use one for your self to complete and update our mailing list. Use the other for anyone you know who might be interested in becoming part of the association. Copy as needed. Notice the back of the form has a couple other pieces of information. One is a listing of steam boilers and equipment that you own, whether or not the boilers are certified in Illinois, the status of the certificate, and the condition of the boiler (operational, needs repair, under repair, or retired). I am starting a database of boilers and engines in the state, which may be useful in the future as we begin our

discussions with State officials. If you cannot attend the March 24th meeting, send the completed form along with your 2007 dues to:

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Expanding our membership is vital to establishing our credentials and credibility. You are encouraged to be a part of the Association, and to urge others to become members as well. It will really be beneficial to have members from throughout the State, as well as those from neighboring states that hold Illinois certificates and demonstrate their equipment at our shows.

Potential goals:

- Work with State Officials to establish common and consistent guidelines and practices in jurisdictional inspections
- Establish a regional affiliation with Wisconsin and Michigan, possibly toward a common inspection regimen and establishing reciprocal agreements
- Encourage and assist in every way possible with the establishment and promotion of steam schools throughout the state.

Other goals will be established as the Association grows.

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