



**CERT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL – January 26, 2021/7:00PM
MEETING MINUTES**

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Rich Wilson called the meeting to order at 19:00 and the following were in attendance:

Ahlgrim	Doug	South Lake County Regional CERT
Balla	Tonya	Mundelein Fire Department
Baumgartner	Craig	Northbrook CERT
Biagi	Joseph Sr.	Buffalo Grove CERT
Biagi	Janessa	Buffalo Grove CERT
Billings	Trish	Milton Township CERT
Black	Tony	Oak Park CERT
Bown	Sally	Chicago CERT
Briody	Timothy	Wauconda CERT
Chandler	David	
Chapman	Sherrie	Plainfield CERT
Clifford	Kurt	McHenry County EMA
Colvin	Lawrence	Milton Township CERT
Davern Torres	Kelly	
Davis	Michael	Buffalo Grove CERT
Devitt	James	Milton Township CERT
Ditzler	Christine	Huntley CERT
Frizelis	Rich	Chicago Police Department - 12th District Community Policing Office
Frohn	Laura	Naperville Fire Department
Gomez	Silviano	
Haiges	Lori-Ann	
Hamlett	Joshua	Chicago CERT
Hemrick	Dottie	Milton Township CERT
Huddleston	John	Harlem Roscoe Fire Department (Illinois Stateline CERT)
James	Randy	South Lake County Regional CERT
James	Yvette	South Lake County Regional CERT
Johnston	Chris	
Johnston	Angela	

Kogen	Joel	Northbrook CERT
Konrad	Johanna	Community Emergency Response Team
Lapcewich	Dean	Milton Township CERT
Lasko	Phil	
Lehrman	Dee	Milton Township
Lentini	Mike	Milton Township
Lingner	Kirk	South Lake County Regional CERT
Louis	Jeffrey	Wauconda CERT
Lynch	Michael	Milton Township CERT
Mills	Gary	Buffalo Grove CERT
Moore	Jeanine	Milton Township CERT
Moos	Michael	Sherman Emergency Management Agency
Moran	Martin	
Morgan	Niel	
Moyer	Jeff	South Lake County Regional CERT
Muhammad	Qae-Dah	Chicago CERT
Nerenberg	David	South Lake County Regional CERT
Nicholson	Bryan	Round Lake Beach CERT
Nickerson	Dean	Chicago CERT
Nowinski	Lynn	
Ochs	Thomas	Highland Park CERT
Powell	Bill	
Prasad	Emily	Milton Township CERT
Pugh	Warren	Buffalo Grove CERT
Rylek	James	Carol Stream CERT
Samson	Edward	Northbrook CERT
Seidner	Christine	Fremont CERT
Sklansky	Jordan	Buffalo Grove CERT
Smith	Michelle	Leadership
Thoss	Sue	South Lake County Regional CERT
Ulaskas	Randy	Village of Monee
Van Bladel	Michael	Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency
Van Bladel	Terri	Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency
Velez	Darla	
Velez	Antonio	
Walker	Anne	
Wallace	Melissa	North Aurora CERT
Weaver	Gordon	Chicago CERT
Wilson	Richard	Buffalo Grove CERT
Winston	Sherrie	
Winter	Nancy	Buffalo Grove CERT
Woo	Jason	Chicago CERT
Giuseffi	Danato	Huntley CERT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2020 CONFERENCE CALL

Board Member Rich Wilson advised that since the Membership meeting is classified as a “Regular” meeting and not a “General” meeting, the minutes will be taken and posted but approval by vote is not needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Website

Board Member Rich Wilson informed the attendees that the CERT Association website will be streamlined by the Website Administrator. A list of recommendations and enhancements were sent to the Administrator and these changes are now in progress.

Rich Wilson also stated that the website’s email link is one of the changes needed but to still use any of the following email addresses for any correspondence such as new member requests.

- CERT Association il.cert.assoc@gmail.com
- Rich Wilson rrw1080@gmail.com
- Kurt Clifford kdclifford@yahoo.com

Rich Wilson instructed also instructed the attendees to ensure the following new member information be supplied.

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email
- CERT/Jurisdiction Association

Rich Wilson announced the addition of a “Skills” section is added to the Membership roster. If any members have a special skill or training that can benefit the Association please let the Board know and we can add this information to the member’s profile.

Rich Wilson also noted that Board Member Mike Moos has added a “Calendar of Events” section to the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Wilson informed the attendees of two programs hosted by the State that recognizes residents that have contributed to their community and a second program that instructs youths to nurture commitment in preparedness- related activities.

ServeIllinois.Gov - Governor’s Hometown Award

A description of the program is noted here.

“Since 1983, the Governor’s Hometown Awards (GHTA) program gives formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that improved their community’s quality of life. These projects are sponsored by local units of government that had strong volunteer support, met a need, and made a definitive impact, thereby generating a positive outcome in the community and by extension, the state. The program is administered by the Serve Illinois Commission, the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.”

For more information, please follow the link:

[Governor's Hometown Awards - Volunteerism \(illinois.gov\)](http://illinois.gov)

Redy.Gov - Youth Preparedness Council

A description of the program is noted here.

“The Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) was created in 2012 to bring together youth leaders interested in supporting disaster preparedness and making a difference in their communities by completing disaster preparedness projects nationally and locally. The YPC supports FEMA’s commitment to involve America’s youth in preparedness-related activities. It also provides young people an opportunity to present their perspectives, feedback, and opinions to FEMA staff. YPC members regularly meet with staff and attend the annual YPC Summit.”

For more information, please follow the link:

[Youth Preparedness Council | Ready.gov](#)

Board/Organization Chart

Board Member Rich Wilson stated that the Interim Board looking for members interested in volunteering for the “Marketing Committee” which is under the PIO position in the Organizations; Responsibilities Chart.

This Committee will research CERT organizations not on our current roster and market the Association so that we can increase the membership.

Association Training

Board Member Randy James presented training on **“CERT in Traffic Control and Management for COVID 19 Vaccine PODS”**.

NEXT VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL/MEETING

The next General Membership video conference/meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7PM.

Good of the Order

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Rich Wilson called the meeting at 20:15 with a motion. All attendees agreed with no dissensions.

Minutes respectively submitted by Board Member Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)