



**CERT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
CONFERENCE CALL – February 23, 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:

Balla	Tonya	Mundelein Fire Department
Bergero	Lynne	Chicago CERT
Billings	Trish	Milton Township CERT
Black	Tony	Oak Park CERT
Briody	Timothy	Wauconda CERT
Browne	Theresa	Village of New Lenox
Bruno	Lou	
Carroll	Patrick	Carol Stream CERT
Cash	Scott	Huntley CERT
Chao	Virginia	Naperville CERT
Chapman	Sherrie	Plainfield CERT
Clifford	Kurt	McHenry County EMA
Colvin	Lawrence	Milton Township CERT
Devitt	James	Milton Township CERT
Du Charme	Patricia	Chicago CERT
Frizelis	Rich	Chicago Police Department - 12th District Community Policing Office
Giuseffi	Danato	Huntley CERT
Gomez	Francisco	West Chicago CERT
Gomez	Silviano	
Hamlett	Joshua	Chicago CERT
Hemrick	Dottie	Milton Township CERT
James	Randy	South Lake County Regional CERT
James	Yvette	South Lake County Regional CERT
Kelling	Raphael	
Lapcewich	Dean	Milton Township CERT
Lehrman	Dee	Milton Township CERT
Louis	Jeffrey	Wauconda CERT
Lynch	Michael	Milton Township CERT
Mills	Gary	Buffalo Grove CERT
Mintee	Carol	

Moos	Michael	CERT Association of Illinois
Moyer	Jeff	South Lake County Regional CERT
Muhammad	Qae-Dah	Chicago CERT
Murray	Molly	Chicago CERT
Nerenberg	David	South Lake County Regional CERT
Nicholson	Bryan	Round Lake Beach CERT
Nickerson	Dean	Chicago CERT
Oluwabamishe	Isaac	Chicago CERT
Powell	Bill	
Prasad	Emily	Milton Township CERT
Pugh	Warren	Buffalo Grove CERT
Samson	Edward	Northbrook CERT
Schlabach	Charles	Naperville CERT
Seidner	Christine	Fremont CERT
Sezonov	David	Milton Township CERT
Sklansky	Jordan	Buffalo Grove CERT
Sobanski	Malwina	Addison CERT
Tamraz	Joseph	
Thoss	Sue	South Lake County Regional CERT
Torres	Kelly Davern	
Treland	Kathy	
Van Bladel	Michael	Round Lake Beach CERT
Weaver	Gordon	Chicago CERT
Wilson	Richard	Buffalo Grove CERT
Woo	Jason	Chicago CERT
Wylie	Larry	Collinsville Emergency Management Agency
Zimmer	Paul	Chicago CERT

### **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2021 REGUALR MEMEBRSHIP MEETING**

Board Member Rich Wilson advised that the Minutes from the January 26, 2021 Regular Membership Meeting were previously distributed to members via email and will be posted on the CERT Association website.

Please send any feedback or observations on the Minutes to: [il.cert.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:il.cert.assoc@gmail.com)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Website**

Board Member Rich Wilson informed the attendees that the CERT Association website is about 95% complete. Board Member Mike Moos has been working with the Web Administrator in bringing the website to full production.

Attendees were informed to take a look and feel free to respond with any observations or feedback to the following email address.

- CERT Association [il.cert.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:il.cert.assoc@gmail.com)

### **Marketing Committee**

Rich Wilson informed the attendees that a Marketing Committee is been formed with two members volunteering to date.

- Gary Mills - Buffalo Grove CERT
  - Phillip Mason - Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security
- Gary and Phillip will work with Board Member Secretary Kurt Clifford in reaching out statewide to jurisdictions that might have CERT organizations interested in joining the CERT Association.

A full update on the Marketing Committee will be given in the March 2021 Regular Membership Meeting.

### **Membership**

Board Member Rich Wilson noted that the website email to use is [il.cert.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:il.cert.assoc@gmail.com) for any new members. Please include in the email the following information for the new member.

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email
- CERT/Jurisdiction Association
- Skills that might be beneficial to the CERT Association

### **Website Calendar**

Board Member Rich Wilson informed the attendees the Association website 2021 calendar is now active with upcoming dates for meetings and trainings. Note that the following standard meeting dates are rescheduled due to holidays and conflicting trainings.

- 6/29/2021 is now 6/22/2021
- 11/23/2021 is now 11/16/2021
- 12/28/2021 is now 12/14/2021
- No meeting in July due the National CERT Convention

### **NEXT REGULAR MEMEBRSHIP VIDEO CONFERNECE CALL/MEETING**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Training Topic**

Training Committee Chairperson Rich Frizelis introduced Michele Forjette and Matthew Patton from Chicago CERT. Michele and Matt presented the training topic "**Dealing with Stress in Today's World**".

Topics included:

- How to handle stress in various circumstances while navigating through the CERT Sizeup process.
- Relaxation techniques
- Keeping track of your "triggers" and responses in order to critique them at a later date.

Training Committee Chairperson Rich Frizelis added:

- A plan is necessary to avoid or any stress triggers.
- To take care of each other when on assignments.
- To use a debrief to allow members to talk through any events they find traumatic.

### **Serve Illinois Commission Survey of CERT Groups and CVOID Volunteer Work**

Michelle Hanneken of the **Serve Illinois Commission** is looking to report on CERT groups in the state that have helped with the COVID response work in their communities. Michele has put out a SurveyMonkey page so that CERT groups can fill out the survey and allow the state to recognize those CERT groups in the COVID response effort.

The survey link is here:

[Illinois CERT Program COVID-19 Volunteer Reporting Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/illinois-cert-program-covid-19-volunteer-reporting-survey)

Only one point of contact per CERT program should submit this survey (please work this out within your program-this should be the program manager). After the first submission which will collect all COVID-19 activities until current, please continue to submit surveys on a weekly basis as your aggregate data increases (only include new information each week so that the ongoing roll up of data continues).

Any questions can be submitted to Michelle Hanneken at [michelle.j.hanneken@illinois.gov](mailto:michelle.j.hanneken@illinois.gov)

### **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).