



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 10, 2000
Gilbert Van Guilder's Office
Clifton Park, NY

- Ellen Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

- Present were: Brian Magee Bruce Wells Gilbert Van Guilder
Ellen Nelson Ray Liuzzo Richard Bennett
Bill LaPan Tom Nesbitt Brian Holbritten
Don Carpenter Jody Lounsbury

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- One change was made to the January minutes. Tom Nesbitt would not be attending the DEC Flood Protection Bureau meeting. Motion to accept by Bill LaPan, second by Brian Holbritten, carried.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

- Submitted for audit. Copy enclosed.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

- The NYSAPLS 41st Conference was held in Syracuse on January 19-22, 2000. Eastern was well represented.
- The Continuing Education proposal was approved. Peter O'Connell to prepare as a bill to be presented to the Legislature.
- Insurance Coverage supported by NYSAPLS would like to make a presentation to our members.
- Lobby Day will be held sometime in May.
- State Technology Law authorizing use of electronic signatures on certain documents passed.
- Chapter 650, of the Laws of 1999 pertaining to the boundary line between the Towns of East Greenbush and North Greenbush also passed.

EXEC. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - no report

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: - no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Historian: no report
- Parliamentarian: no report
- Constitution & By-Laws: no report
- Scholastic Development: no report
- Ethics/Business Practice: no report

President: Ellen Nelson
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Continuing Education: NYSAPLS is sponsoring "Land Survey Review Course" on April 7 and 8, 2000, by David A. Wahlstrom at the Century House, Latham. Members \$190, non-members \$250 until April 1. Members \$210, non-members \$275 after April 1. Waypoint Tech would like to work with Eastern to put on a seminar on GPS.

Finance: no report

Membership: Registrations were received from three new associate members: Richard Palmer and Douglas Turck of Edward Boutelle and Associates, and Glen Durrin Jr. of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates.

Program: A discussion regarding future programs was held. Possibilities include How to Present Oneself, NYSAPLS Insurance Program, Estimating a Job, 3D Lazier Technology by Bryant Associates, and a GPS Presentation by Waypoint Tech.

Public Relations: Mike Cirillo would like us to target job fairs. If anyone knows of a job fair that is coming up, please let Mike know. A new surveying poster is being developed. Results of our elections and board of directors list was sent out to the local newspapers.

Home Show: Show was successful. Written report submitted. Thanks to Eric Behrens for chairing the committee, to Jerry Gray for preparing the posters, and to everyone who helped out. A discussion, led by Brian Holbriter, was held about what could be done to make the show better. We could use some equipment or something to attract the attention of more people, which would allow us the opportunity to talk to more people about surveying. Brian Holbriter volunteered to chair the committee in Eric's absence.

Technical Information: Results for the Saratoga and Rhinebeck Calibrated Baselines adjustments should be published soon. Check the NGS Web site at www.ngs.noaa.gov under Products/Services. The DEC and Waypoint are distributing GPS basestation data on the Internet. Their addresses are www.dec.state.ny.us/gps/ and www.waypointtech.com. Engineers' Week will be held next week, February 16-18 at the Albany Marriott. Chuck Lent did not have anything new to report on the re-observation of the HARN Network at this time.

Handbook Committee: There are about 10 handbooks left. We will need a new printing soon. If anyone has information that needs to be updated please let Jody Lounsbury know. There is a need to add a page listing important websites.

ENYSLS Web Site Committee: The site, www.landsurveyors.com, maintains a list of surveyors who have registered at that site. We may be able to link our site to them. First we need to check out the site ourselves. For all of the work Kurt Heiss has done on our behalf on the Eastern Web Site, the board wishes to do something to show their appreciation. Motion by Jody Lounsbury to award Kurt \$200 to help with his education, 2nd Bruce Wells, passed.

OBS: Gil Van Guilder led a discussion on the value of Quality Based Selection. This is an area where we need to be involved. A video may have been produced by NYSAPLS last year. If so, then it should be distributed to the local municipal boards. Tom Nesbitt volunteered to assist on the committee.

Old/Tabled Business: A discussion was held about people who have made reservations for dinner meetings and have not shown up. The policy is that the member is charged for the dinner if they make a reservation and don't show up or cancel.

New Business: On behalf of the Chuck Lent and the Board, Bruce Wells wished to recognize Mike Bourgeois for his help with the Scholarship awards for the past few years. Some members expressed concern about Eastern's policy for a board member who is not available to attend meetings. Presently the by-laws do not cover the situation. A discussion followed on if or how the by-laws should be amended. It was suggested that we consider provisions for an alternate board member or require that board members work in the region. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is in need of a chairperson. Attendance at General Membership Meetings has become a critical issue. Article 4, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-Laws requires a quorum of 30% of the membership to conduct business. Often there are not enough members present to conduct business. We need to review the Constitution and By-Laws. A discussion followed on what might be done to increase participation. The Board decided to try changing the format of the next meeting. At the next meeting we will try following dinner with the program, then have a short intermission followed by the business portion of the General Membership Meeting for those who wish to attend. The Board welcomes comments and suggestions from the members. It was also suggested that raffle tickets be purchased during the cocktail hour or at the same time members pay for dinner. The Board also wishes to remind the membership that they are welcome to Board Meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by Brian Magee, seconded by Brian Holbriter. Meeting adjourned @ 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard W. Bennett

Richard W. Bennett, L.S.

ENYSLS Secretary