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EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Thursday, September 14, 2006 Moscatiello's Restaurant Troy, New York

The meeting was called to order at 7:45± by President Malinowski:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May General Membership Meeting were not available online or at this meeting, so approval of the minutes was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Written report attached, submitted for audit.

President's Report:

President Malinowski has assembled the annual Nominating Committee. It consists of Brian Magee, Jim Vianna and Jody Lounsbury, but may include additional members. The committee is looking for persons interested in running for the three full and one associate member seats on the Board of Directors. Members who are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors should contact the Nominating Committee.

President Malinowski said he would be attending the New York State Society of Professional Land Surveyors meeting tomorrow (9/15/2006) in Rochester. The main topic of discussion was to be NAFTA issues relating to licensure.

President Malinowski also mentioned that he and Jim Vianna had done some voice studio work for an upcoming NYSAPLS marketing video.

Information on the 2007 NYSAPLS Conference has been published in the most recent Empire State Surveyor, and President Malinowski discussed the issues faced by the NYSAPLS Education and Conference Committees when choosing locations, programs, etc . . . The sheer size of the conference since Mandatory Continuing Education requires a larger venue, which excludes a number of areas of the state based on location and/or price. Joe said he would bring any member issues to the next NYSAPLS meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

----- STANDING COMMITTEES -----

Continuing Education: Chuck Lent, Chair / Jody Lounsbury – President Malinowski mentioned that, based on scheduling and current seminars being offered across the state, it was agreed that we would not run a seminar this fall, but would still plan to run one in upcoming years, as the regional offering is always well attended, and ENYSLS has a long history of providing seminars to its members.

Joe also mentioned that NYSAPLS was looking for more in-state presenters to present some state-specific style seminars (along the lines of Rich Bennett's Riparian Rights seminar), and that if anyone had any ideas, or was willing to create a program and present it, to contact Joe Malinowski or any other member of the NYSAPLS Education Committee. Also, anyone willing to present a program at an ENYSLS dinner meeting should contact Program Chair Bill Whimple.

Ethics & Business Practice: Richard Bennett, Chair, Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen, Jim Vianna:

No Report from committee. President Malinowski mentioned he had received a call from a logger who had found our contact information on the internet, and had some questions about problems on subdivision maps. The logger was doing work in an area, and was planning to clear some lots, but had some issues with the subdivision map, and was worried about his potential liability if he cleared on a lot where he wasn't allowed. His attorney had told him to just go ahead and log the area, and if there were any problems to just sue the Surveyor. This brought up the issue of the depth of liability a Surveyor incurs. The concern was that the attorney was suggesting that the surveyor was liable for ANY use of his map by any party, at any time in the future. Joe said he would bring this issue up at the NYSAPLS Board Meeting as well.

Program: Bill Whimple, Chair, Charlie Hartnett - Bill Whimple reported that he has continued working on arranging speakers in advance for upcoming meetings so the information can be posted on the calendar on the ENYSLS website. Presenters have been secured for all upcoming member meetings into May of 2007, and this info will be posted online.

Scholastic Development, Scholarship: Brian Holibritter, Chair, Kurt Heiss, Ellen Nelson, Kristin Frank---

Kristin Frank mentioned that she had been able to make contact with Professor Kraatz at Paul Smith's College. It seems an April date for "Shadow Day" would work much better for Paul Smith's. It was decided to

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hold a shadow day with willing companies in the regional, after which the students and their sponsors would attend the April ENYSLS Board of Directors Meeting, followed by a roundtable discussion of the day's activities and the Surveying Profession. It was suggested that the meeting be held at a location where the students were staying for the night, possibly over a light dinner. The committees will continue to work to arrange this for April.

Technical information: This committee needs a chair and general members.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss, Chair, Ellen Nelson - The ENYSLS archival project has been completed. All available pictures have been scanned and posted online. Members are encouraged to send in any pictures they have to be posted on the website.

There are still a number of minutes from the society's past meetings that are missing from the archive. All members are encouraged to visit the website to see what minutes are still needed, and to get copies to Kurt Heiss for scanning and posting.

A calendar page has been posted, and any information about upcoming speakers and activities will be posted there to allow ENYSLS members to have more notice of upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned temporarily so that our guest speaker for the evening, motivational speaker Dr. John Pelizza, could give an energetic presentation on Positive Change. Thank you to Dr. Pelizza for joining us for dinner and presenting to our organization.

OLD Business: None

New Business:

It was mentioned that Bill Whimple brought in an article on the cost of buying a home in the area from a recent edition of the Schenectady Gazette that seemed to be quoting unrealistic average prices for a Land Survey in New York, and in the nation in general. President Malinowski suggested he bring the article to the next NYSPLS Board Meeting. Jennifer Mauer has experience dealing with the press on these issues, and possibly a follow-up article could be drafted.

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It was noted that Kerm Remele had recently passed away. Kerm had attended and was a speaker at the August Colvin Marker dedication. Charlie Hartnett mentioned that Kerm's memorial ceremony at the Ranger School was very well attended, and included a fly-by. Kerm was a longtime member and trustee of NYSAPLS, Professor, Pilot, creator of the Colvin Crew, and was a well-known and well-liked member of the Profession who will be missed.

Charlie Hartnett and several other members informed the membership that the situation at the Rensselaer County Clerk's office has been getting steadily worse, and the permanent loss of record maps and other information was imminent. After discussion, it was decided that the members from Rensselaer County and other interested parties should draft a list of their complaints and submit it to the Board so that ENYSLS (or even NYSPLS) could take action to correct the situation.

Motion to Adjourn: _was made by Dave Niedbalski and seconded by Jeff Ostertag.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30±PM:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kurt Heiss, Secretary *Pro Tem* for:

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