

**EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS  
DIRECTOR MEETING**

Date: May 17, 2007 Mohawk Golf Club

Charles Hartnett called the May 2007 meeting of the Eastern New York State Society of Land Surveyors to order at 5:20. Present were Jim Vienna, William Darling, Don Darrah, Charlie Hartnett, Eric Crampton and Robert Ihlenburg and Gordon Matson (late arrival).

The secretary' report was not available.

The treasurer had nothing to report.

**President's Report:** (Gordon Matson/Charles Hartnett from an e-mail report by Bill Whimple (absent) )  
It was reported that the next NYSAPLS meeting will be held next Friday May 18th at the University Club in Albany.

The question was asked if we would like to have a summer social gathering on the Captain JP like previous years. If not are there other ideas for a get together? This will also be discussed further at the June meeting.

Bill Whimple reported that he caught something on the news regarding the construction trades having a student day. Students were introduced to the construction trade and given a chance to try heavy equipment. Bill wondered if any one saw this and would it be something that we could/should get involved in. Jim Vienna will call to see if we could participate the next time this program comes around.

**Executive Vice President's Report:** No Report

**Vice President's Report:** No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Constitution & By-laws:** Chuck Lent- Nothing to Report

**Continuing Education:** Chuck Lent- (via e-mail) The next ENYSLS Seminar -(tentative until contract signed) – is scheduled for Friday, September 28, 2007. It will be offered at the Albany Hilton Garden Inn (by the airport). The tentative speaker is Ken Ayers with a topic to be determined. The committee hopes to have everything in place by next BOD meeting and will be able to start advertising shortly thereafter.

**Ethics & Business Practice:** Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen –

There is an issue with the Shaw Fund and how it is administered. Eastern will try to get Amber to a meeting to discuss this issue.

There was a further discussion of the wetland mapping issue (Saratoga County). Jim Vienna reported that the discussion should continue at committee level and a letter should be sent to OPD to determine if what is being offered is surveying. A clarification letter was sent out on behalf of the involved business clarifying their intentions.

Jim also asked for clarification on the Warren County Real Property and their GPS location of the County Boundary. He wondered if there was more information available and if the County had produced a map. Charles Hartnett will contact the State Society Office to talk to them and see if they will offer assistance.

Finance: Bill Darling – A motion was made by Don Darrah and seconded by Jim Vienna to have Bill Darling do the annual audit of the Treasurers books. The motion carried. Bill will see that this is taken care of by the September meeting

Legislative Committee: Howie (absent via e-mail)-

It was reported that the Senate Higher Education committee, chaired by Senator Ken LaValle, unanimously passed the alteration of survey legislation. It is now forwarded to the entire Senate for a vote. NYSAPLS will keep us posted as to progress of the bill and if a grassroots outreach is needed by the membership.

Also received via e-mail: Recently, a firm obtained a judgment from the Bronx County Supreme Court determining that law suits against Land Surveyors fall under the 3-year statute of limitations for professional malpractice pursuant to CPLR section 214(6), as opposed to the 6-year statute.

Below is a listing of bills that are of interest to ENSPLS. Their status can be tracked on the Eastern Web-Site

Senate Standing Committee on Higher Education  
Senator Kenneth P. LaValle, Chair  
Room 806 LOB

Printed No.	Sponsor	Title
1443	Libous	An act to amend the education law, in relation to the practice of podiatry
3903	LaValle	An act to amend the education law, in relation to students in default on student loans; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto
3921	LaValle	An act to amend the education law, in relation to financial aid disclosure
3922	LaValle	An act to amend the education law, in relation to the disclosure of gifts made to institutions of higher education by foreign governments, persons and entities
4395	LaValle	An act to amend the education law, in relation to the alteration of surveys

Membership: Gordon Matson – No Report.

Program: Bill Whimple (via e-mail) - Bill reported on the upcoming programs for general membership meetings. He has arranged for a program on Mechanics Liens for the September meeting and is talking to Brad Beeler about doing a presentation on Data Collection.

Public Relations: Wayne Wilson- An idea about a photo contest, with photos to be put together for use at the home show in February was talked about by Bob Ihlenburg.

Scholastic Development, Scholarship: Nothing to report

Technical information: Eric Crampton-Nothing to report

## TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss- No Report.

### **Old Business:**

- Volunteers were asked to investigate the possibility of hiring a bus to talk a group to the 2008 NYSAPLS Conference in Niagara Falls. Charlie Hartnett volunteered to chair this temporary Committee and will look for other members to assist him.

### **New Business: None**

**The meeting was adjourned after a motion was made by Charles Hartnett and seconded by Bill Darling and members gathered at the Ver Plank Colvin Adirondack Museum for a tour.**