



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS  
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Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, August 8, 2008  
Clough Harbor & Associates, Albany, NY

President Whimple called the meeting to order at 5:50 P.M.

Present were: Bill Whimple, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, Don Darrah, Kristin Demers, Eric Crampton, Bill Darling, Carl Rigdon, and Wayne Willson (Guest).

Absent were: Gordy Matson, Kevin Waldruff, Joe Malinowski, Howie Johannessen, and Matthew Bowe.

**Secretary's Report:** Kurt Heiss

The minutes of the April 2008 BOD meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Eric Crampton, seconded by Bob Ihlenburg, motion approved.

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**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Ihlenburg

A written report was submitted. Bob will be handling the IRS filing status compliance issue. Bob passed around a thank you note that he received from the captain of the Spirit of the Hudson. Several reimbursements were made to members.

**President's Report:** Bill Whimple

- NYSAPLS will be destroying the remaining stocks of the Ken Ayers "Highway Law" books due to royalty/copyright issues. Discussion ensued amongst the ENYSLS board members regarding NYSAPLS' deteriorated relationship with Mr. Ayers. Several members felt more should have or should be done to keep up good relations with Ken Ayers as his seminars/books are an invaluable resource for study for the NYS Specific exam. It was suggested that the laws and principles collected in Ken Ayers' works were openly available and that there could be a way for people to compile the information on their own, or for an organization to compile books similar to Mr. Ayers' with similar content.
- NYSAPLS is looking for members to serve on the Scholarship and Awards Committees.
- NYSAPLS is looking into issues regarding GIS practice and Geologist Licensure for the next legislative session.
- No CEU credits will be given for the recent NYSAPLS 10-hour OSHA courses. All in attendance said the Albany course went well.
- NYSAPLS is looking into the possibility of a combined design/build conference with Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors.
- President Whimple received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Past Presidents Night Cruise – a good time was had by all!

- It was announced that this year the State Education Department will be actively looking into firms advertising Surveying services without an LS as company officer.
- NYSAPLS is now offering another member benefit – E-check services, a payroll service.
- President Whimple announced some updates to the planned NYSAPLS Conference in Albany – a tentative course schedule has been drafted. A barbed-wire collection will be displayed at the conference, and the map competition will be coming back.
- Kate Jonietz of the Conference Committee has sent around a Regional Questionnaire for historical data an information on each Regional to be included in this year's Conference Journal. Kurt Heiss will compile the information for ENYSLS and report back to the Board in September.
- A number of State Agencies will have booths set up at the conference and it is planned that members visiting a number of their booths will be able to accumulate some extra CEU's.

**Executive Vice-President's Report:** Gordy Matson: No Report

**Vice-President's Report:** Kevin Waldruff – No Report

**Committee Reports:**

-----Standing Committees-----

Constitution & By-Laws: Nothing to Report

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

The Charles Hartnett Scholarship Fund accepted a donation from Charlie Hartnett.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah – Nothing to Report

Bill Darling passed around a newspaper clipping for an unlicensed person offering site technician and surveying services. Don Darrah is familiar with the person and the Committee will look into it.

Kurt Heiss mentioned that the newest editions of many phone books did not have the standard note regarding licensure for Land Surveyors (although some of the books have the note for Engineers and/or Architects). The Board was generally unsure who coordinated this in the past (probably NYSED).

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent – No Report

Finance: Bill Darling - Nothing to Report

Membership: Gordy Matson – No Report

Legislative: Howie Johannessen – No Report

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Program: Bill Whimple

The programs and venues for the upcoming year were discussed. Bill Darling will be presenting on his work in Kenya in September. November will be election night as always and vendors will be invited to display. NYS Police Sergeant Daniel Bates will tentatively be presenting on NYSP accident scene surveying (possibly January). Barb Snyder from Aerometrics will tentatively be presenting about Aerial Photography (possibly March). Finola Bianco will tentatively be presenting regarding NYSAPLS Member insurance programs (possibly May). Other possible presenters/topics could be Tim Oleski (Contracts, Fees & Collections) and a possible safety course for CEU credits.

Public Relations: Wayne Willson

Wayne is officially passing the torch for the Home Show and the Public Relations Committee. There was discussion of the merits and drawbacks of getting involved with other venues (like the Great Outdoors Show, Etc . . ) and discussion about putting together a committee to run the Home Show so it doesn't land on one person's shoulders.

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

-----Temporary and Ad-hoc Committees-----

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

**Old Business:**

The issue of ENYSLS Sustaining Members was discussed. In the past letters were sent to Sustaining Members every year (possibly by the Membership Chair) and checks collected by the Treasurer. This hasn't happened in several years, and the list of Sustaining Members is quite out of date. It was suggested that NYSAPLS has state-wide sustaining members that pay for that membership class annually (many of which are ENYSLS Regional Sustaining Members as well), and that there may be no benefit or need for Regional Sustaining Members, and that possibly the small amount of money the program generates each year does not outweigh the headache of updating the website and letterhead and otherwise maintaining the list of Sustainers. It was mentioned that the reason for the Sustaining Member program in the old days was that, before e-mail and the internet, the best way for the local/regional vendors to advertise to our members was through their listing on our letterhead, but that these days most of the vendors have websites or mailings. If ENYSLS did do away with Regional Sustaining Members, we would still invite any regional vendors to attend meetings and display their wares at the Annual Meeting in November. As a regional, we would recognize NYSAPLS Sustaining Members. A motion was made by Kurt Heiss to do away with Regional Sustaining Members within ENYSLS, seconded by Carl Rigdon, and Passed.

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**New Business:**

Wayne Wilson and Bill Whimple mentioned that they had attended the State Museum Archives tour and that the "Friends of the Museum" committee may be interested in providing some information from the archives on a CD for Regional Members and that ENYSLS may want to consider a donation to the committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kristin Demers and seconded by Eric Crampton, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

**The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. in conjunction with the September Dinner Meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Kurt J. Heiss, LS**  
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