



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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MINUTES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Beff's Restaurant, Colonie, NY

President Whimple called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 P.M.

President's Report: Bill Whimple

- NYSAPLS will be destroying the remaining stocks of the Ken Ayers "Highway Law" books due to royalty/copyright issues. NYSAPLS is looking for members to serve on the Scholarship and Awards Committees.
- No CEU credits will be given for the recent NYSAPLS 10-hour OSHA courses. All in attendance said the Albany course went well.
- President Whimple received a lot of positive feedback regarding the Past Presidents Night Cruise – a good time was had by all!
- 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 and information on each Regional to be included in this year's Conference Journal. Kurt Heiss has compiled the information for ENYSLS and will be submitting the information this week.
- President Whimple solicited suggestions for both the nominating committee and members possibly willing to run for office for the BOD in November.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah:

Don contacted the unlicensed person offering surveying services as discussed at last month's BOD meeting. The person in question was not aware they were doing anything wrong. Don directed them to the rules and regulations regarding Land Surveying and Professional Corporations, and after reviewing the information, the person informed Don that they agreed they were not in compliance with the law and would be restructuring their business and no longer offering Land Surveying services.

Scholastic Development:

The Charles Hartnett Scholarship Fund accepted a donation from Charlie Hartnett. Charlie said a few words to the members and again thanked them for endowing a scholarship in his name.

Public Relations:

President Whimple discussed that he is looking for new members for the Public Relations Committee to handle the Home Show and other such things in the future.

Presentation:

Bill Darling gave an excellent and enjoyable presentation and slide show about his recent trip to Kenya as a construction volunteer, helping to rebuild an orphanage. The presentation showed many different construction techniques, some of the current hardships in Kenya, and the resilience of some of the Kenyan and American Volunteers. The presentation was well received by the members in attendance.

Old Business:

Ray Smith discussed the proposed Land Surveying Certificate Program at Hudson Valley (see attached proposed course schedule). Plans are to have the program online by the Fall 2009 semester. Ray still needs funding for the program through the college, and to that end he is requesting ENYSLS Members contact the department chair and mention the need for Surveying Technicians in the area. He provided a form letter (attached) and is encouraging members to sign and send it or something similar to HVCC to show regional support for the new program.

New Business:

Jim Vianna discussed recent happenings with the Colvin Crew, including a recount of the two-day trip to Saranac Lake, an upcoming October trip to Ruby Mountain, and a request for volunteers to help out with a Colvin Crew booth at the conference in January.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.

The ENYSLS Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th, 2008 at a time and place to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Dear Colleague:

I once told you of Hudson Valley Community College's ambition to offer a certificate in Land Surveying. It appears that the program might soon be a reality. As with all letters that tout great news, there is the catch.

I am asking for your help. The US Department of Labor anticipates

"Overall employment of surveyors, cartographers, photogrammetrists, and surveying technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2016." – Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition*, Surveyors, Cartographers and Photogrammetrists, and Surveying and Mapping Technicians, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos040.htm> (visited September 02, 2008).

You can help make the program a reality by writing a letter to the Civil Department Chair, stating the need for surveying technicians, the need for a program in this area, and your willingness to support the program through internship possibilities and employment of the graduates. Address the letter to Dr. Christine LaPlante, Hudson Hall Rm. 129, HVCC, Troy, NY 12180.

I have enclosed the course sequence for the Certificate. It is a one year certificate program that will prepare the student for entry into the workforce, or transfer to another college for further education. We will be contacting NSPS to offer the Certified Survey Technician Level 1 Examination at the end of the program.

Our department anticipates the program start in the Fall of 2009. I know I can count on you to support the program. Please take the time to send a letter to Dr. LaPlante as soon as you can.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Smith".

Ray Smith
Adjunct Faculty

Certificate in Land Surveying

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDY

Fall Term

CRN	Course Name	Credits
CIVL 101	Surveying I	3-3-4
NEW	Surveying Calculations	3-0-3
NEW	Survey Mapping and Design	3-3-4
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3-0-3
MATH 150	College Algebra and Trigonometry	4-0-4
	Semester Credits	18

NEW	Summer Internship	4
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Spring Term

CIVL 201	Surveying II	3-3-4	combines Site & Route
NEW	Fundamentals of GPS	2-3-3	
PHYS 210	Fundamentals of GIS	3-2-4	
MATH 165	Basic Calculus with Analytic Geometry	4-0-4	
NEW	Legal Aspects of Land Surveying	3-0-3	
	Semester Credits	18	

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Course Work
Math I and II or 2 units of equivalent (70 or above in each course) and/or Permission of Department Chair