



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS  
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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, June 11, 2009

CHA, Albany, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:44pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Eric Crampton, William Whimple, Lawrence O'Connor, Bill Darling, and Carl Rigdon.

Absent were: Bob Ihlenburg, Kevin Waldruff, Gordy Matson, Matt Bowe, and Kristin Demers.

**Secretary's Report:** Kurt Heiss

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Bill Darling, Seconded by Eric Crampton, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Ihlenburg – No Report – Bob will provide an updated report in August.

Bill Darling reported that he'd had chance to talk to Bill LaPan regarding the history of the Uvest Account. Apparently the Uvest account was initially set up to fund the scholarship through its annual dividends. This was at a time when the scholarship awards were much smaller, and the current Uvest dividends can't support the modern scholarship award amounts. Historically, the Uvest money was not tapped as there was always money in the general accounts to cover the scholarships.

**President's Report:** Howie Johannessen

President Johannessen reported on the following State Level issues from the May 15, 2009 NYSAPLS BOD Meeting:

- The NYSAPLS budget was not passed – income is significantly down. The budget has been significantly reduced, looking for ways to reduce expenditures, and the \$900 Home Show Fee Reimbursement was one of the items that was cut – this will no longer be available in the future.
- A list of individuals not renewing their membership is available.
- The 2010 and 2011 conferences will be at the Turning Stone; 2012 and 2013 in Saratoga.
- A report was given about a Utube clip that is available called "Watch Your Step" – about the proposed pedestrian walkway over the Hudson at Highland and how the old Railroad bridge is being surveyed with GPS: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HU6AYOUldMA>

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

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

**Committee Reports:**

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

Constitution & By-Laws: Bob Ihlenburg: No Report

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers: No Report

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah: No Report

Carl Rigdon sent around a pre-publication article from the American Surveyor regarding unlicensed practice - <http://www.amerisurv.com/content/view/6266/153/> – a discussion ensued regarding how the Ethics Committee has handled this issue in the past.

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury:

In response to items in the President's Report, an extended discussion ensued regarding the Home Show. A number of options regarding the Home Show were discussed, including continuing as in past years, but with ENYSLS footing the full bill, looking for other venues for Public Relations Efforts (e.g. Engineer's Week, Great Outdoors Show), and ways in which the format of participation at the Home Show could be changed. Any decisions regarding the Home Show were tabled for the time being, to be revisited when it is time to sign up for the 2010 Home Show.

Further discussion ensued regarding raising revenue for ENYSLS. The pros and cons of slightly raising regional dues were discussed. The topic of offering 1-hour CEU courses at dinner meetings, with an extra charge for those wishing to receive the credit, was discussed, as was the idea of rejuvenating the ENYSLS annual seminar series. A motion was made by Larry O'Connor, seconded by Kurt Heiss, for the Continuing Education Committee to look into our options for providing credits to our members while raising revenues. Motion passed.

Finance: Bill Darling – Nothing to Report

Membership: Gordy Matson – No Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor:

Larry is planning to coordinate with the NYSAPLS Legislative Committee in order to provide information to and input from the ENYSLS Legislative Committee.

Program: Bill Whimple:

Bill gave a short update on programs for the Fall. In the works are seminars on debt collection, and a presentation about the NY City Watershed.

Public Relations: No Report

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

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Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

**Old Business:**

No Old Business

**New Business:**

It was mentioned that Bill Schraa's daughter had passed away after a battle with Cancer. The secretary will send condolences for the Society.

The topic of Honorary/Life Members was discussed. It was noted that there have been no new Honorary or Life Members created in many years, and that there were potentially a number of current members that may qualify or be deserving of such honors. Secretary Heiss will review the ENYSLS Constitution and By-laws, and coordinate with NYSAPLS, regarding the policies and procedures for establishing Honorary and Life Members, and report back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7pm.

**The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, August 13th, 2009 at the offices of Fraser Associates.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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