



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ravenswood Restaurant, Clifton Park, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:39pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, Kristin Demers, Don Darrah, Lee Lurie, William Whimple, Carl Rigdon, Eric Crampton, Bill Darling, Lawrence O'Connor and Michael Gaines.

Absent was: Gordy Matson.

Guests: Bill Schraa (Constitution & By-Laws Committee Member), Brian Magee (Conference Committee Chair), Jody Lounsbury (Public Relations and Continuing Education Committees Chair), James Vianna (Colvin Crew Camp Superintendent), William Shover, Rachel Samuels.

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

- The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Bill Darling, Seconded by Carl Rigdon, to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg (Attached)

- Verbal and written report submitted. A motion was made by Kurt Heiss, Seconded by Carl Rigdon, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen:

- The NYSAPLS Board meeting is next Friday (May 21st) – President Johannessen made a last call for input on the Machine Control and Electronic Data File Position Statements, and the Definition of Surveying.
- President Johannessen gave a review of the situation regarding the request by Regionals that NYSAPLS produce reasonably-priced one-hour Continuing Education courses.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Eric Crampton: Nothing to Report

Vice-President's Report: Don Darrah –

- The issue of members not making reservations for the dinner meetings until the last minute was discussed. The Board discussed a number of possible ways to fix this situation, and the general consensus was to establish a firm cutoff date for reservations.

Committee Reports:

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

Constitution & By-Laws: Kurt Heiss –

- A Conceptual Draft of changes to the Constitution & By-Laws (CBL) was drafted, discussed by the committee, and a revised Conceptual Draft was presented to the Board for their comments. The committee is on target for the established timelines for implementing the changes. The Conceptual Draft will be discussed with the members at the meeting tonight for their input. The next step will be to incorporate comments and submit an Official First Draft to the Board for approval in June.

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

- There will be a raffle tonight.
- The committee received a thank-you letter from a scholarship recipient at the Ranger School.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah – Nothing to Report

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury –

- The committee met and reviewed possible options for ENYSLS to provide one-hour Continuing Education Courses. The committee recommended that if ENYSLS developed courses, it would be more beneficial to our members if they were local/regional in nature. There are several options to have courses approved by providers for less than \$100 per course. The Board discussed the various options, and the general consensus was to wait to see what NYSAPLS would report (at the May 21 meeting) regarding progress on offering such courses for a reasonable price to the Regionals, then decide how ENYSLS will proceed.

Finance: Bill Darling – Nothing to Report.

Membership: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor – Nothing to Report

Program: Bill Whimple – Nothing to Report

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury –

- ENYSLS received a check from MHVLSA for their portion of the Hospitality Suite costs. The same room used this year has been booked for the 2011 conference. ENYSLS/MHVLSA will be approaching other Regionals to see if they would like to contribute to the costs of the Hospitality Suite, since the suite is much more popular at Turningstone due to the alcoholic beverage restrictions at that venue. Brian Magee mentioned that Turningstone has come to an agreement with NY State regarding a liquor license for the facility and that alcohol may be available on-site by 2011.

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

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Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Conference Committee 2012: Brian Magee –

- Brian Magee gave an update about the recent activities of the NYSPLS Conference Committee (written report attached). It was mentioned that the Continuing Education requirement for Land Surveyors will "sunset" in 2014 if not renewed by the State Legislature.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

No New Business

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Whimple, seconded by Lee Lurie, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:49pm.

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, June 10th, 2010, at the Offices of CT Male in Latham.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kurt J. Heiss, L.S.
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8:45 AM Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors, Inc
05/10/10 Profit & Loss Detail
Accrual Basis March 1 through May 10, 2010

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Travel & Ent - Other						
Check	3/12/2010	165	Manna's Restaurant	DINNER 29@ ...	270.11	270.11
Check	3/30/2010	167	QUALITY INN ALBAN...	SHADOW DAY	683.50	953.61
Total Travel & Ent - Other					953.61	953.61
Total Travel & Ent					1,659.93	1,659.93
Total Expense					1,927.81	1,927.81
Net Ordinary Income					-1,097.81	-1,097.81

Uvest Account Valute 04/30/2010 \$39,816.71 (\$39,158.21)

NYSAPLS Conference Committee Meeting Report

Phone Conference of April 12, 2010

Of the 749 registered attendees of the 2010 conference there about 400 LS, NYSAPLS members.

It was reported by myself and others that the cost of the conference in relation to the number of credits earned was a concern of regional members. Chairman Stigner believes the pricing to be comparable with nearby states. The new conference model will be full day Wednesday and Thursday and half day Friday. This should be able to provide approximately 19 credit hours. It was suggested that perhaps the regionals suggest changes to the conference format. Among other things – the conference income has been able to allow the association to hold the line on any dues increase.

It was decided to offer an all-inclusive registration including full seminar attendance, Wednesday and Thursday Receptions, Wednesday and Thursday lunch and a comedy club ticket for Approx. \$435. Would cost \$455 ordered individually.

Lunch tickets will be \$25. Last year lunch cost about \$19 per person.

There was no hotel rebate last year and there will not be one this year.

Map Contest needs more entries. Talk it up in Region, possibly have a local contest and submit winners.

Committee will be looking to attract new exhibitors and sponsors. Want to get more local exhibitors.

Phone Conference of April 19, 2010

Draft budget was agreed upon by the committee to be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review.

A conference call with exhibitors to discuss feed back comments submitted at the 2010 conference was scheduled for April 21. All paying exhibitors were requested to participate.

Phone Conference of April 21, 2010

Conference call with exhibitors. Only 3 exhibitors called in.

Main concern was the amount of traffic in the hall.

Lunch will be held in the hall and will be expanded to 2 hours. There will be two lunches in the hall.

An attempt will be made to stagger seminar break times.

The main entry into the hall will be closer to meeting rooms.

There will be a second reception in the hall instead of the banquet.

Move in will be available Tuesday night.

The exhibitors that called in seemed pleased with the proposed changes.

We found out from newspapers this week that the facility has reached an agreement with the State regarding the sale of alcohol. A private vender will take charge of the sales in all of the facilities including the restaurants. It appears they have agreed to pay sales tax to the state. You will no longer have to BYOB to any of the restaurants if you want a cocktail with dinner. They have also agreed to collect a room tax from visitors to the hotel. Not sure how any of this will affect the costs.

The next Committee meeting is currently scheduled for May 21, 10 AM at headquarters in Albany.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian F. Magee
May 12, 2010