



**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
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, May 13, 2010
Ravenswood Restaurant, Clifton Park, NY

Following dinner, Joseph Brady, a Financial Advisor from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Saratoga Springs, gave a presentation on IRA Conversions and other financial matters.

President Johannessen started the Member Meeting after the evening's presentation.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg

- The latest balance sheet is attached to these minutes.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen

President Johannesen presented the following topics to the Membership:

- 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. James Vianna noted that the new definition of Land Surveying would institute a degree requirement, but did not include a grandfathering provision for those people "climbing the experience ladder" right now.
- President Johannessen gave a review of the situation regarding the request by Regionals that NYSAPLS produce reasonably-priced one-hour Continuing Education courses.

Constitution & By-Laws: Kurt Heiss –

- A Conceptual Draft of changes to the Constitution & By-Laws (CBL) was discussed with the members at the meeting tonight for their input, including information on the proposed time-frame for revisions. The next step will be to incorporate member and BOD comments and submit an Official First Draft to the Board for approval in June. Once approved by the BOD, this Official First Draft will be e-mailed to all Society Members for their review. Taking any member comments into account, the Committee will submit a Final Draft to the BOD for their approval at the September meeting. Once approved, the Final Draft will be submitted to members by ballot for their approval.

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 raffle to benefit the Scholarship Fund was held for prizes that were donated by Maine Technical Source and several of the Colleges. Several members won items.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jody Lounsbury, seconded by Carl Rigdon, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next ENYSLS General Membership will be held on Thursday, September 9th, 2010 at a location to be announced.

Respectfully Submitted,
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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