



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

Thursday, August 12, 2010

CT Male, Latham, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:49pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, Kristin Demers, Don Darrah, Carl Rigdon, Eric Crampton, Gordy Matson, and Michael Gaines.

Absent were: Lee Lurie, Bill Darling, William Whimple, and Lawrence O'Connor.

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

- The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Bob Ihlenburg, Seconded by Carl Rigdon, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg (Attached)

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

President's Report: Howie Johannessen:

- The NYSAPLS Board met on Friday, July 16, 2010.
- It was mentioned that Creighton Fee was given a Life Membership.
- There are new revisions coming to the ALTA/ACSM Survey Requirements for 2011.
- NYSAPLS empanelled a task force to determine the state of business within the state, and to send out a survey to members across the state to gather information. The Task Force had a teleconference at which they decided not to conduct a survey, but instead to focus on other initiatives to help out the Land Surveying Community.
- The NYSAPLS Membership Committee has forwarded suggested changes to the NYSAPLS Membership classifications. These will be voted on at the September NYSAPLS Board Meeting.
- The World Canals Conference is located in Rochester in September. There is a traveling history exhibit of the Erie Canal that will be in three locations in the State: Rochester, Troy and NYC. NYSAPLS has offered to coordinate the effort to get the funding needed to move the exhibit to the three locations in which it is to be exhibited. They are also looking to get re-enactors (Surveyors) to participate in the showings or someone who is knowledgeable and can speak about surveying the Erie Canal. <http://www.canal-reinspired.com> - They need to raise \$3,500, and NYSAPLS has approached the Regionals in which the exhibit will be displayed for contributions. NYSAPLS will be contributing as well. The ENYSLS Board held a lengthy discussion about donating some money to support the exhibit [which was a continuation of a lengthy e-mail discussion that took place during the week before the August BOD meeting]. A motion was made by Eric Crampton, Seconded by Kurt Heiss, to donate \$250 to support the exhibit. There was a roll-call vote with five members voting Yes, two members voting No, and two Abstentions. The motion was passed. An augmenting motion was made by Don Darrah, seconded by Kurt Heiss, to make the donation of the funds contingent on the exhibit actually raising the required funds, and actually taking place. Motion Passed.

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

Vice-President's Report: Don Darrah –

Vice-President Darrah is looking for venues for the September meeting. He will contact Beff's Restaurant to check on availability. A banquet house in Rensselaer was mentioned as an additional venue, if necessary.

Committee Reports:

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

Constitution & By-Laws: Kurt Heiss –

- An Official First Draft of changes to the Constitution & By-Laws (CBL) was e-mailed to the entire membership in June. The suggested changes were also posted to the ENYSLS Homepage. As of yet, no comments have been received from the general membership, but verbal comments have been received from some BOD and Committee members.
- If NYSAPLS approves the changes to the Membership Classifications in September, these changes will be incorporated into the suggested changes to the ENYSLS CBL.
- The Final Draft of the proposed changes will be forwarded to the membership by e-mail in September. Due to the advanced and broad nature of the proposed changes, a full copy of the CBL with proposed changes will be mailed with Director ballots and line item approval ballots for CBL changes. The committee informed the Board that this will add to the annual cost of printings and mailings for the Annual Meeting. The committee will report back to the Board in September with an estimate of the additional costs.

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

- The dinner meeting raffles were discussed. It was noted that raffle proceeds have been down because of the lack of donated raffle prizes, and that the prizes that were donated by Maine Technical Source were almost all gone. It was the general consensus of the board to push for a more active raffle, with more attractive prizes, as in the past, through the dinner meeting announcements.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah – Nothing to Report

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury – No Report

Finance: Bill Darling – No Report.

Membership: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor – No Report

Program: Bill Whimple – Written report via E-mail

- Chairman Whimple mentioned that he would attempt to have the curator of the roving canal exhibit attend the September ENYSLS meeting and make a presentation.

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Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury – NO Report

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

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

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Conference Committee 2012: Brian Magee – Written Report Submitted (Attached)

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

No New Business

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Darrah, seconded by Kristin Demers, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, September 9th, 2010, in conjunction with the September ENYSLS General Membership Meeting, at a location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kurt J. Heiss, L.S.
ENYSLS Secretary
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Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors, Inc
08/12/10 Profit & Loss Detail
June 1 through August 12, 2010

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

	Membership Dues			
Deposit	Deposit	7/29/2010	2413	New York State As...
	Checking Acc...			760.00
Deposit	Deposit	7/29/2010	2376	New York State As...
	Checking Acc...			210.00
	<u>Total Membership Dues</u>		970.00	
	<u>Total Income</u>		970.00	

Expense

	Travel & Ent			
	Meals			
	Directors Meeting			
June meeting...	Check	6/10/2010	176	NY Style Pizza
	Checking Acc...			63.75

Total Expense 63.75

Net Ordinary Income \$906.25

Total in checking account : \$3811.76

Total in uvest \$39,301.77 (\$1446.06 change)

NYSAPLS Conference Committee Meeting Report

Attached is info from the last two meetings of the NYSAPLS Conference Committee. The last meeting was held August 2 and included a joint meeting with the NYSAPLS Education Committee.

There is a big push to get the Map Contest back to where it was couple of years ago. It was suggested that a contest be held at the Regional level and those winners go into a category where the regional winners would face off against one another. There will also be a vote by attendees for the "Peoples' Choice".

All but one or two of the speakers have been finalized for the 2011 Conference.

It has been suggested that the Conference Eastern hosts in 2012 be a business themed conference with about half the seminars being about running a business. The State Board of Education believes that Continuing Ed. credits would be acceptable for some of these courses.

We should try and get together as a committee soon, maybe at the time of the Eastern meeting on Sept. 9.

If there are any questions please contact me.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian F. Magee
August 10, 2010

New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors
Conference Committee Meeting
August 2, 2010
Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, NY

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Chairman Ken Stigner, with the following members present:

Attendance: Ken Stigner, chair, presiding; Brian Magee, Alexandra Hurley

Staff Present: Amber Anderson

Absent: Hans Christopherson, Steve Sehnert, Michael Rozeski

I. General

Minutes of the July 16th meeting were accepted as submitted.

a. Attendance

Chairman Stigner stressed the importance of attending committee meetings. While some absences are unavoidable, it's essential to the committee's efficiency to have all in attendance at the majority of meetings. He suggested scheduling next year's meetings in advance and identifying the key meetings that should not be missed.

II 2011 Conference – Turning Stone (Niagara Frontier)

a. Regional Report

No report.

b. Map contest and awards

The committee discussed ways to generate more interest in the map contest and pillars of excellence awards. All agreed, getting regionals involved to assist in promoting both programs would be helpful. This will be brought up at the next board meeting.

i. Map Contest

- Some similar categories were condensed and a couple new ideas added
- Name of contest changed to "Surveyors Got Talent"
- Possibly a gift certificate or similar award could be given to the overall

ii. Pillars of Excellence Awards

- Promo should appear in conference brochure
- Links should be more visible on website – directly on conference homepage and navigation menu within the conference section
- Updates to historical notes should be made and highlighted in ESS and Journal
- Committee to come to next meeting with nomination suggestions

c. Exhibit Hall Layout

The committee made changes to the exhibit diagram from 2010 in an effort to promote better attendance during classroom breaks, assist in traffic flow and allow for visible presentations and entertainment when scheduled. Staff will take suggestions to the decorator to incorporate in the 2011 layout. Changes will be reviewed by committee again before publishing.

d. Presidents Celebration Reception

The format and schedule of the president's celebration reception were discussed. The reception is scheduled to begin at 6pm. The committee agreed to allow for an hour of reception time before beginning presentations. It was also decided to "flicker" the lights, dim slightly throughout the hall, use a spotlight on stage and utilize a projection screen to get attendee's attention and keep the background noise to a minimum. Presentations will include welcome, sponsor and president remarks, pillars of excellence awards, new licensee presentation, silent auction winner announcements and live auction. When the projection screen is not being used for presentations, it will rotate sponsor and exhibitor logos. Staff is working on a few entertainment ideas (musical acts) to present to the committee for review. The band chosen will follow the presentations on stage, from (roughly) 8:00pm – 10:00pm.

e. Sponsor Progress

Staff reported on sponsors to date. Although some have yet to confirm their commitment, a positive response has come from contacting former sponsors. Some sponsor budgets have changed, others want to change the type of sponsorship or negotiate pricing. Staff also noted progress reports will begin next month.

III 2012 Conference – Saratoga (Eastern NY)

a. Regional Report

Brian Magee reported the regional will meet again in September.

IV Joint Meeting with Education Committee

a. Meeting Summaries

The conference committee joined the education committee for lunch and an afternoon joint meeting. The education committee's chairman, Joe Malinowski summarized their committee's progress on the upcoming Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 workshops, NYS specific review course and the First Friday webinar series. He does not believe the number of workshops should greatly impact the expected attendance at the conference. Chairman Stigner also summarized the conference committee's morning meeting.

b. 2011 Education

The committees reviewed the progress of the education grid. Jennifer Mauer reported most of the programs have already been reviewed and approved for NY LS and PE continuing education hours. She is in the process of contacting vendors that have indicated they are interested in hosting floor demos. Floor demos will be held on the stage in the exhibit hall and seating will be curtained off for privacy. Sound will be localized to eliminate noise and distractions to other vendors.

c. 2012 Conference Theme

Jennifer brought up the subject of hosting a business-related conference, such as the "nuts and bolts of running a survey business". She reported of a positive meeting with Jane Blair, executive secretary of the State Board for Land Surveyors and Engineers. The meeting resulted in an encouraging discovery that business-oriented courses can be approved for CE, if the consumer bill of rights is used as a focus in the context. The committee further discussed possible theme directions and suggested that Brian bring these ideas back to the ENYSLS meeting as a starting discussion for his regional conference committee.

With nothing further to report, the meeting concluded at 1:25pm.