

# EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS

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# **MINUTES**

# EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS ANNUAL ELECTIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 10, 2020

Virtual Meeting by phone and PC
Due to COVID-19 Pandemic gathering restrictions

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

Present: Kaleb Winters, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Larry O'Connor, Rick Palmer, Randy Paquin, Chuck Lent, Lucas Boyer and Brie Strom

Absent: Jason Peterson, Pat VanHaverbeke, Nick Lehman, and Kristin Darrah

## **Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper**

• The November 2020 BOD meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Brie and seconded by Lucas. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Jim said that he would review and update the member list for our full page ad and get it to Amber by the December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Jim reported that the John Gay scholarship will not be awarded this year due to Paul Smiths College no longer offering an A.A.S. in Land Surveying. NYSAPLS President Dan Marvin reached out to Jim to discuss its status. Jim contacted Dave Bogardus of Northeast Land Surveyors to find out status. At this point the future of the scholarship is up in the air.

#### Minimum Technical Standards

• Jim reported that the committee continues to strategize and prioritize on how best to move forward. They have discussed starting an education campaign to help get the word out. They have a meeting scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### President's Report: Kaleb Winters

## NYSAPLS November meeting highlights

- Kaleb and Jim attended the meeting. They discussed with NYSAPLS about Jim's contact with the New York Land Title Association. NYSAPLS President Marvin agreed to draft a letter to the Association of County Clerks to assist in the effort to digitize records.
- The L.S. review course concluded with a profit this year.
- Conference registration is underway. NYSAPLS asked everyone to encourage peers to register.

• Some of the programs at the conference will be pre recorded and some will be live. All courses will have a live Q&A session.

### **Executive Vice President's Report: Randy Paquin**

• Randy reported that he has received some applications for scholarships but has not yet begun the review process. Brie and Lucas offered to help read and review the applications. Randy said that he generally gives preference to someone that is interested in the profession and wants to stay in the area. The applicants overall financial need also plays a part in his decision making process. Randy said that each person reviewing should rank each applicant based on the information on the application, their transcripts and letters of recommendation. Then everyone will compare their rankings and determine the recipients. Randy also stated that NYSAPLS felt that some applicants didn't qualify for various reasons, so the pool of applicants is smaller this year. A Ranger School student will receive the Hartnett Scholarship and other scholarships are open to students from any school. There were 6 applications received for the ENYSLS Scholarship, 1 application for the Shaw Scholarship and 2 applications for the Hartnett Scholarship (one isn't enrolled at Ranger School).

## Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

No report.

# **Standing Committee Reports**

#### Calibration Base Line (ad hoc): Randy Paquin, Rick Palmer

Randy reported that he plans to measure the Pattersonville site to make sure that it will work.

#### Website Redesign (ad hoc): Brie Strom, Chuck Lent and Dwayne Cooper

• Dwayne reported that the website is getting close to completion. A punch list was sent to Pixelheap of broken links and some other minor revisions.

#### Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

Nothing to report.

#### **Continuing Education:** Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent, and Eric Crampton

Nothing to report.

#### Ethics Practice: Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag, and Kevin Rounds

• Nothing to report.

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, and Chris Czerw

Nothing to report.

#### Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Nothing to report.

#### Program: Randy Paquin and Gary Mitchell

Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton, and Brie Strom

· Nothing to report.

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristin Darrah

Nothing to report.

#### **Business Practice and Technical Information:** Chris Czerw

Nothing to report.

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Nothing to report.

Website: Ralph Hill

· Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business:**

New York Land Title Association letter

Discussions were held during Treasures Report.

#### **New Business:**

None

#### **Upcoming Events**

- NYSAPLS BOD meetings will be held on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. virtually.
- NYSAPLS conference will be held Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>-Friday January 29<sup>th</sup> virtually.
- ENYSLS BOD will be held virtually on Thursday February 11th at 5:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy and seconded by Brie Strom. A vote was held, and the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper ENYSLS Secretary

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