



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
INCORPORATED**

Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

P.O. Box 4399, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065-4399

Visit us on the web at www.enysls.org

MINUTES

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

April 8, 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, Pat VanHaverbeke, Randy Paquin, Chuck Lent, Lucas Boyer and Brie Strom

Absent: Jason Peterson, Larry O'Connor, Rick Palmer, Nick Lehman, and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The March 2020 BOD and General Membership meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. There were three minor revisions suggested. A motion to accept the minutes with revisions was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Brie Strom. A vote was held and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Post Card IRS filing was mailed out on March 13th.

Minimum Technical Standards

- Jim reported that the MTS committee held teleconferences on March 24th and April 6th. The committee has reviewed all the comments that were received from NYSAPLS membership and have made some minor revisions. The committee is very close to presenting its final version of the Minimum Technical Standards document. The committee's next teleconference is scheduled for April 23rd.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Both the Fee and Turner families have decided it is best to remove the endowments from Paul Smith's College and that the endowment funds be transferred to Northern as stated in the Letters of Agreement with Paul Smith's College because PSC won't offer a surveying technology degree.
- NYSAPLS BOD 3/13 meeting report:
 - NYSAPLS Strategic Planning Thursday afternoon 11/12 – Saturday morning 11/14 and will pay if we get one director and one new face. Lucas expressed an interest in attending.
 - NYSAPLS budget comments due by Friday 4/17, proposed 3% dues increase \$10 Regular, \$5 Associate, and Corresponding. The dues increase last year all went to NPS to cover their associated costs.

Executive Vice President's Report: Randy Paquin

Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

- Given the current events and the Governor's social distancing restrictions, next month's meeting will most likely be another virtual/teleconference meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Calibration Base Line (ad hoc): Randy Paquin, Rick Palmer and Richard Bennett

- Randy is going to contact Steve Rhoden to get all the specifications for setting the monuments and see what support he may be able to lend us in setting them.

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

- Kaleb reported that he had contact with the 2 companies we are soliciting bids from, and both reported that they were both very busy given the current events and would get us quotes as soon as possible.
- Dwayne will reach out to PixelHeap and inquire about a member's only login area, and if that would alter the price of the quote received.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor and Bill Schrae

- Larry is putting together a document to reflect the 2016 changes that were not put on the website.
- The BOD would also like to update the By-Laws to allow on-line voting and revise quorum numbers to reflect something similar to method NYSAPLS uses.

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

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

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin and Gary Mitchell

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

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristin Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Ralph Hill

Old Business:

- Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Hold virtual town hall May 14th as the General Membership Meeting. Have discussions with the membership to discuss the obstacles members have been encountering during COVID-19 pandemic. Discuss ways that ENYSLS can support our members.
- Should we pressure county clerks to digitize records and expand access to them, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jim suggested to write a letter to counties that do not have records online and urge them to make records available online. Possibly get title searches to join us in our efforts. Brie suggested making a generic letter that could be tailored to specific counties. Chuck volunteered to draft a letter to Schenectady County. Kaleb mentioned that the Church of Latter Day Saints has a good deal of old records on line. You can sign up free through LDS at familysearch.org.
- Is ENYSLS member violating [Subsection id of §12 of Part 29.1b of the Rules of the Board of Regents](#) with this advertisement? Firm X is one of the most respected Land Surveying Services companies providing honest and reliable services... Firm X provides customers with the best quality workmanship at competitive prices, while maintaining a consistently higher level of responsiveness and customer service that is second to none.”

After a discussion, the BOD decided that the advertisement was in violation, however with minor wording changes the advertisement would be in compliance. Since no BOD member personally knows the individual, it was agreed that Kaleb should send them a letter explaining the BOD concerns and suggest wording that would get them into compliance.

- NYSAPLS will host a virtual Board meeting on May 15th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dwayne Cooper, seconded by Pat VanHaverbeke. A vote was held and the motion passed.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper
ENYSLS Secretary

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS, INC.

President: Kaleb Winters	Lawrence O'Connor	2020	Chuck Lent	2021	Randal Paquin	2022
Exec. Vice-President: Randal Paquin	Pat VanHaverbeke	2020	Lucas Boyer	2021	Jason Peterson	2022
Vice-President: Brie Strom	Kaleb Winters	2020	Brie Strom	2021	James Vianna	2022
Secretary: Dwayne A. Cooper	Richard Palmer	2020	Nicholas Lehman	2021	Dwayne Cooper	2022
Treasurer: James Vianna	Past President - Kristin Darrah					

Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors - Kaleb Winters
Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors - Randal Paquin