



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 13, 2022

The Mill at Round Lake
Round Lake, NY
and virtual

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Present: Randel Paquin, Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Kaleb Winters, Richard Palmer, Jason Tommell and Brie Meisler

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, Lucas Boyer, Pat VanHaverbeke, Ashley Metz and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The September meeting minutes were presented to the BOD. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Jason Peterson, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that most of the printed ballot material has been printed with the exception of the announcement letter, just waiting on venue confirmation before printing it out.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- There were expenses of \$691.45 to Moscatiello's for the September meeting.
- Income in the amount of \$270 (NYSAPLS August dues).

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported that there was a meeting on October 12th and another one to be held in November. Nothing new to report. Jim is still planning on presentation at the November Membership Meeting. Jim also reported that there will be a booth at the NYSAPLS Annual Conference as well as a Roundtable. There is also going to be an article in upcoming Empire State Surveyor.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- NYSAPLS officer candidates are uncontested, and Brie would like to return the ballot affirming each candidate.
- NYSAPLS Board meeting notes
 - Roy Garfinkel has been attending regionals and has been working to reinvigorate less active regionals.
 - Paperwork for the 10 year NYSAPLS trademark renewal has been submitted.
 - Personnel manual is being reviewed by an attorney.
 - NYSAPLS is forwarding the accounts for the accountant for preparation of tax returns.
 - Membership dues paid to date are at 88% of last year's level. Unpaid member report has been generated and they would like us to call our members with outstanding invoices.

- Jason Graf attended a meet and greet with SBELSG Board Secretary Eric Greppo.
- Jason Graf also reported that the ESOP bill has passed, which allows greater non-professional ownership.
- YP Committee has been discussing the NSPS Certified Surveying Technician program.
- Membership committee is partnering with National Purchasing Partners as an added benefit for members. They are also reviewing associate member dues and are looking for new ways to attract more associate members.
- There have been continuing discussions about the Certified Floodplain Surveyor certification program. Massachusetts is offering the program, but it is sold out. The education committee will explore further.
- The strategic plan report is in draft form and goal is to submit final report for approval at November 2022 BOD meeting.
- The nominations and awards committee are seeking nominations for the awards given at the next conference. Those should be submitted by mid November 3.
- Denny Mowers of Mohawk Valley was nominated for Life Membership in NYSAPLS.
- Scott Allen of Northern prepared a letter for NYSAPLS endorsement regarding a situation where a bank accepted a plot plan showing a foundation prepared by PE rather than a certified survey.
- John Abruzzo raised concerns about MTS, and a discussion about monumentation ensued.
- Don Stedge brought to the attention of the Board that the Rockland County Health Department requires a survey for geothermal well applications, but at the same time, the requirement seems to allow others to alter the survey map to show additional features. The Delaware Hudson regional sent a letter to Rockland CHD pointing out Section 7209 (2) of the State Education Law (unauthorized alterations).

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that he will be attending the November meeting at Fort Drum to promote Soldiers to Surveyors. Jim put forth the idea of maybe hosting a shadow day with interested soldiers similar to the what has been done with students in the past.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that he attended the Surveyors Historical Society's rendezvous in West Virginia and found it very interesting. There were discussions on how the U.S. Supreme Court settled boundary disputes between states. It was a very enjoyable time.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Randy reported that he still plans on pursuing the installation even though he will not be on the BOD. Jim asked if Randy could put together a budget so a line item could be added to next years budget to cover the installation of monuments.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Charles Lent and Eric Crampton

Ethical Practices: Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag and Charles Lent

Finance: Carl Rigdon and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton and Brie Meisler

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristen Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Brie Meisler, Dwayne Cooper and Charles Lent

Old Business:

- The candidates for the Senior Board positions: Dwayne Cooper, Jason Peterson and Jim Vianna. The candidates for the associate position: Luke Richardson and Tim Huggins

New Business:

- NYSAPLS conference sponsorship and journal ad. The early bird cutoff is October 21st. Historically prior to COVID-19, ENYSLS had budgeted \$750 (\$350 during COVID-19). This year's budget is back to \$750. Discussion was held and it was decided that we should purchase a full page journal ad as we have historically. There were also discussions as to what other options we could sponsor. Scholarship Awards Luncheon and Welcome Reception Door Prize were mentioned as options depending on availability. Randy made a motion for Jim to contact NYSAPLS and purchase a full page ad and one other sponsorship option with a combined total of no more than \$750. Kaleb seconded the motion; a vote was held, and the motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/2/2022-11/4/2022 NSPS Certified Floodplain Surveyor Northeast Training and Certification Program.
- 11/4/2022 Friday Webinar – Garnet Douglass Baltimore: A Son of Troy, 8:30-9:30am.
- 1/18/2023 – 1/20/2023 – NYSAPLS 64th Annual Conference at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY (course details not available yet).
- 1/22/2023 – 1/25/2023 – PLS Annual Conference in Hershey, PA (course details not available yet).
- 2/15/2023 – 2/18/2023 – PLSO Annual Conference in Easton, OH (course details not available yet).
- 3/1/2023 – 3/3/2023 – AOLS Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls, ON (courses and other details not available yet).
- 3/2023 – 3/2023 – MALSCE Annual Convention in Massachusetts (courses and other details not available yet).
- 4/2023 – 4/2023 – ACLS Annual General Meeting (courses and other details not available yet).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Jason Tommell. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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