



## EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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

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### MINUTES

#### EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING December 8, 2022

The Mill  
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Randel Paquin, Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Kaleb Winters, Jason Tommell, Lawrence O'Connor and Brie Meisler

Absent: Richard Palmer, Ashley Metz, Lucas Boyer, Pat VanHaverbeke and Kristen Darrah

Guest: Luke Richardson

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

- The November meeting minutes were presented to the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Jason Peterson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna**

- Jim provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- There were expenses of \$746.00 to Moscatiello's for the November meeting, \$203.52 to Dwayne for annual election expenses and \$720.00 to Millington Design for the balance of the website design fee.
- Income in the amount of \$130 (NYSAPLS dues).
- Jim reported that he submitted the journal ad to NYSAPLS.
- Jim also suggested that we make a transfer from the cash account to cover the cost of the scholarships. A motion to transfer \$3,000 was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Kaleb Winters. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

#### **MTS Report: Jim Vianna**

- There will be a free webinar December 9<sup>th</sup> that Jim and the rest of the MTS Committee will be on to answer member questions.

#### **President's Report: Brie Meisler**

- NYSAPLS Meeting 11/18/2022
- Accountants forgot to bill NYSAPLS for our 2021 tax return and just recently submitted that bill, which was applied to last fiscal year's books, thereby reducing our net income for this past fiscal year to just under \$35,000 (previously reported as just under \$40,000).
- NYSAPLS revenue from First Friday's webinars is down slightly due to fewer people in general signing up, and many members used their two freebies (member benefit).

- Registration numbers for Annual Conference are slightly below our 2020 levels. 2020 was the last year we had an in-person conference. 2021 and 2022 were held on-line due to COVID 19.
- Roy has been meeting with NYSAPLS regionals to discuss the strategic plan, minimum technical standards, and the health of regionals. Roy recently met with Niagara Frontier and Genesee Valley.
- Membership renewals are at about 95% of this time last year. There are approximately 146 unpaid members at this time.
- NSPS announced the national map plat winners. New York placed in each category.
- Ken Stigner reported that registration levels are very similar to 2020 levels at this time. Ken encourages Directors to remind their regional members to register.
- Exhibitor registrations are down slightly from previous years. Some of our past exhibitors have merged.
- DOT Official Mark Casellini of DOT's External Affairs unit finally confirmed a meeting for December 7<sup>th</sup> with the DOT committee and other representatives of DOT.
- Bill Eggers says the education committee has been discussing certification programs. One is the Certified Surveying Technician program sponsored through the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). Committee has been discussing whether to offer the exams at conference.
- The other program is the Certified Floodplain Surveyor certification program. Massachusetts just sold out their training program. One is coming up in New Jersey. Committee continues to explore interest and administration. State Ed does not want to take it on. Bill asked Directors to discuss with their regionals to gauge interest.
- There was discussion about an issue before the Ethical Committee of a member whose license has been suspended. They want to recommend their membership be suspended too, but members must be given a chance to respond before that action is taken.
- Discussions began on merging Legislative Committee and DOT Ad hoc Committee into a new Government Relations Committee. This suggestion was referred to Constitution and Bylaws committee as this will eventually require an amendment of the Bylaws.
- New member benefit: National Purchasing Partners – they offer discounts to a variety of
- companies. Go to <https://mynpp.com/association/nysapls/> and create an account.
- The Membership Committee has been discussing creation of an Associate Member Appreciation Day.
- Roy asked about signing up new associates and discussed whether dues could be prorated based on the time of year the associate joins. Committee will discuss and report back to the Board.
- MTS Committee has resumed a monthly meeting schedule and continues outreach to regionals.
- The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) 2023 conference will be held in Orlando
- Florida May 28 – June 1. This conference hasn't been held in the US since 2002. Members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- The public relations committee will have a booth at the Annual Conference called Surveyor's Corner.
- Work continues on YouTube videos. See [www.youtube.com/@nysapls](http://www.youtube.com/@nysapls)
- Scott Gillis – In celebration of his recent 90th Birthday, Scott nominated Albert W. Tay, first licensed in 1959, past Nassau-Suffolk Regional President, for Life Membership.
- Lem Morrison and Jason Larson are instructors and CUNY NYC. They are seeking NYSAPLS support for a 15 credit hour program. It would be a minor in Geomatics within a Bachelor of Technology for Civil Engineering.
- Registration is open for the 2023 conference
- NYSAPLS is always looking for articles for the ESS.
- A membership poll has gone out and takes very little time to complete.
- Looking for map contest entries. Submissions are due 12/16

#### **Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson**

- Jason reported that the Fort Drum Career Fair is on for February. He registered himself and Soldiers to Surveyors for booths in hopes that one of them will be accepted.
- He is trying to contact the appropriate person at the base to possibly get some soldiers to come to conference and shadow some surveyors/companies.

#### **Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer**

- No report

#### **Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters**

- No report

## Standing Committee Reports

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

- No Report

**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:

- Received scholarship applicants. Deadline is December 16. Randy reported that he has reviewed them all. Brie said that she plans to in the coming days. Brie suggested that Randy, Ashley and herself review all the applications and submit to Brie a list of potential recipients. Then they can all three get together and discuss lists to make the final decision on winners.
- 2023 Officer Positions. Jason Tommell expressed interest in taking over as Secretary. Since the new slate of officers was voted on at the November meeting it was decided that Dwayne would need to resign his position before Jason could be appointed. A motion to accept Dwayne's resignation was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Randy Paquin. A vote was held, and the motion passed. A motion was made by Randy Paquin to appoint Jason Tommell as Secretary, seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

### New Business:

- Eastern is the sponsor for the 2026 conference. We need to appoint a regional representative who will attend committee meetings. A venue has not yet been booked. After discussion, Randy agreed to be our Regional Representative and will report back to the BOD as meetings take place. A motion to have Randy Paquin be our regional representative for the 2026 NYSAPLS Conference was made by Kaleb Winters, seconded by Jason Peterson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Severe understaffing at NYS Office of Professions is causing long delays for licensure applicants. An associate member submitted their paperwork in late May and are still in the que and have not been approved. As of late, it has been taking 6-12 months on average to process new applicant paperwork.
- Annual audit of accounts. Dwayne volunteered to perform the audit and will coordinate with Jim to get the bank statements.

- Brie thanked Dwayne for serving as Secretary.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 12/9/2022 Minimum Technical Standards (MTS) Webinar: Review of the Current Draft Standards, MTS Committee – free event.
- 1/18/2023 – 1/20/2023 – NYSAPLS 64th Annual Conference at Turning Stone Resort in Verona, NY Conference brochure is available online.
- 1/22/2023 – 1/25/2023 – PSLS 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).
- 5/28/2023-6/1/2023 The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) 2023 conference will be held in Orlando, Florida.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry O’Connor, seconded by Randy Paquin. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS  
ENYSLS Secretary

**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS, INC.**

President: Brie Meisler	Randel Paquin	2022	Lawrence O’Connor	2023	Lucas Boyer	2024
Exec. Vice-President: Jason Peterson	Jason Peterson	2022	Pat VanHaverbeke	2023	Brie Meisler	2024
Vice-President: Lucas Boyer	James Vianna	2022	Kaleb Winters	2023	Jason Tommell	2024
Secretary: Dwayne Cooper	Dwayne Cooper	2022	Richard Palmer	2023	Ashley Metz	2024
Treasurer: James Vianna						

Past President – Kaleb Winters

Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors – Brie Meisler  
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