



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 9, 2023

The Mill
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Present: Kaleb Winters, Richard Palmer, Lucas Boyer, Brie Meisler, Dwayne Cooper, Jason Peterson, James Vianna and Luke Richardson

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, Patrick VanHaverbeke, Jason Tommell, Ashley Metz and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Jason Tommell

- Jason was absent, Dwayne Cooper presented the December proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the December meeting minutes was made by Lucas Boyer, seconded by Rick Palmer. 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 \$2,000 from 2 of the scholarship checks.
- Income in the amount of \$60 (NYSAPLS dues).
- Jim reported that he received a donation for the Hartnett Scholarship fund from the Watsons.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported that there was a meeting held on February 7, not much is going on with committee. Jim said that he will present the MTS program at the general membership meeting in March.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- NYSAPLS Meeting 1/17/2023 and 1/20/2023
- Membership committee noted that membership is up due to associate members, but membership revenue is down because associates pay so much less.
- Report from a representative of the organization handling investment accounts is hopeful that we will see a normalizing of the market soon.
- There has been continued effort to reinvigorate regional and representatives were in attendance from Alleghany, Central, and Southern Tier.
- Revenue from exhibitors was below budget. Several entities had combined such that what used to be 2 booth sales was only one.
- A virtual meeting was held 12/7 with Mark Casellini from DOT. They have agreed to give NYSAPLS records for one county with hope that if we can present the information back to them indexed they may provide more. Plans for developing a GIS database were discussed.

- SBELSG is seeking volunteers to serve.
- Tim Burch, Executive Director of NSPS attended the meeting. He spoke highly of the social media content that NYSAPLS produces and says they often share our posts. He also mentioned that NSPS is looking into a salary study, but that with a response rate of 13% on the last request for input from membership, they are reluctant to launch a study with such low participation
- Motion was made to disband The Ad Hoc Minimum Technical Standards committee. Roy countered that the committee had tasks set by the approved Strategic Plan Report and therefore business of the committee was not complete.
- In person conference was a success. There were 742 registrants, including walk-ins.
- Two of our own were map contest winners. Congratulations to Jason Peterson and Jim Vianna!

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that the Fort Drum Career Fair was last week. He reported that there was a lot of interest in drone operation after separation from the service by attendees. Overall, he said the feedback from attendees was very positive. He noted that there were 50-70 vendors presents.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- Lucas reported that the March meeting will be held at Ravenswood. They have a \$23 one entrée option and a \$27 two entrée option.
- A discussion was held on raising the fee for dinner meetings to \$30. Due to the rising costs, it is getting difficult to find venues that are under \$25 for meals. A motion to raise the General Membership Meeting fee to \$30 was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Jason Peterson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- There was a discussion was held on bringing back the 50/50 raffle. A motion to have a trial run 50/50 raffle at the March Membership Meeting was made by Lucas Boyer, seconded by Luke Richardson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that he had a nice time at the NYSAPLS Annual Conference. He noted that it seemed like there was a lot of positive energy.

Standing Committee Reports

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

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

- Dwayne reported that the website has been updated with the new slate of officers and BOD members.

Old Business:

- Scholarship winners: Charles E. Hartnett Scholarship was awarded to Brandon Wilbur. Eastern Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Keegan Bauer and Justin Kachurak

New Business:

- Annual audit. Dwayne reported that he conducted the annual audit, and everything looked good.
- Resignation of Pat VanHaverbeke. Brie announced that Pat has been appointed to the State Board and as a result he decided to resign his position on the ENYSLS BOD due to time constraints. His BOD position will remain vacant until the next annual election per the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Programs for future meetings. Jim volunteered to give the MTS presentation at the March Membership Meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- 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).
- 3/3/2023 8:30-9:30 am Friday Webinar – Preparing FEMA Flood Elevation Certificates Presented by John Lynch, PLS
- 3/10/2023-3/11/2023 NYS-Specific LS Exam Spring Review Workshop, Embassy Suites Saratoga Springs, presented by Joseph V.R Paiva PE, LS & Richard C. Brooks, LS
- 3/3/2023 – MALSCE Annual Convention in Massachusetts.
- 5/28/2023-6/1/2023 The International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) 2023 conference will be held in Orlando, Florida.
- 6/1/2023-6/10/2023 Spring 2023 Workshop – Dendrology presented by Gregory M. Vaverchak.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kaleb Winters, seconded by Lucas Boyer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Tommell, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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