



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 13, 2023

The Mill
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Present: Brie Meisler, Kaleb Winters, Richard Palmer, Dwayne Cooper, James Vianna, Lawrence O'Connor, Luke Richardson, and Jason Tommell

Absent: Lucas Boyer, Jason Peterson, Ashley Metz, and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Jason Tommell

- Jason presented the March proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by James Vianna and 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.
- Income in the amount of \$40 (NYSAPLS dues).
- Jim reported on the finances associated with the March general membership meeting.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Nothing to report from the committee.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- Brie attended the March 17 NYSAPLS BOD meeting. The meeting was in-person.
 - Presentation from Documentarian Tom Garber of Third Wave Films gave a presentation on his latest film in the work called, "Engineering the Erie Canal." He is fundraising and seeking sponsorship.
 - Finance committee is seeking input from regional. There is a recommendation for dues increases: \$10 for regular members, \$5 for corresponding, retired and associate members and \$25 for sustaining members.
 - discussion regarding the budget was had.
 - Brie will send out information to general members and get feedback from them.
 - Amber offered to help Directors communicate with their regional members
 - There are plans to simplify conference registration.
- DOT Relations committee has some new members or advisors with strong GIS backgrounds and they are pleased with the progress they are making on the GIS product. Information obtained from NYSDOT will be available once the application is complete.

- Eric Greppo, Executive Secretary of SBELSG is willing to meet with the Ethics committee to discuss fast-tracking violations, and to get clarification on what constitutes “direct supervision.”
- Ashley Metz has been invited by NSPS Ex. Director, Tim Burch, to attend FIG Working Week in Orlando, FL. The YP committee is seeking financial support to cover her expenses.
- There was a discussion of increasing the NSPS budget as current Patti Brooks has been covering her own travel expenses associated with her role as the NSPS representative.
- The strategic planning committee has been working on assigning tasks to committees and creating timelines for completion.
- There is some discussion of Paul Smiths restarting a surveying program and they are looking for data on interest. There is a plan for a survey monkey for the purpose of polling NYSAPLS on future demand for surveyors.
- The YP committee is offering a technical development series of free webinars.
- Don Schel will be doing a presentation on Land Surveying to Cobleskill High School Students.

Executive Vice President’s Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason was absent. No information was reported.

Vice President’s Report: Lucas Boyer

- Lucas was absent. A general discussion about the May membership meeting being at Browns was had. Inquiries to the Mill were also initiated.

Past President’s Report: Kaleb Winters

- Nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Remaining steps and procedures were discussed with 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

Old Business:

- Nothing to report/discuss

New Business:

- Martin Pickands will present at our May meeting on Archeaology of the Alplaus Substation and the Spier Falls Hydroelectric Project 1901-1903
- Discussion about a donation to support documentarian Tom Garber and his new project, “Engineering the Erie Canal.” A suggested donation of by the regionals \$500 was discussed at the NYSAPLS BOD meeting. The

movie trailer will be sent out and this will be added to the agenda for a discussion with the general membership at the May meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- 4/14/2023 Friday Webinar [Roadway Safety for Surveyors](#) presented by Joseph Carter
- 5/5/2023 First Friday Webinar [Best Practices in Drone Surveying](#) presented by Logan Campbell
- 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 and seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Tommell, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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