

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 11, 2023

Brown's Brewing Company Trov. NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

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

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, Lucas Boyer, Luke Richardson, and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Jason Tommell

Jason was in attendance and presented the April proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the April
meeting minutes was made by James Vianna and seconded by Ashley Metz. 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 \$25 (NYSAPLS dues and a guest at the meeting).

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

The last meeting was held on April 17, 2023. The next meeting will be on June 13, 2023.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- Brie will be attending the NYSAPLS BOD meeting.
- Update on NC Bill 677. Brie was told the licensing language had been added by a powerful legislator who was unhappy with the availability and pricing of the professionals available. The proposed changes to licensure were removed from the bill and the Right of Entry wording passed.
- Discussed sending out a poll to gauge the level of interest for the calibration BL.
- Brie noted items to discuss at the General Membership meeting:
 - o Update and discuss the level of interest for the calibration baseline.
 - o Donation for the Erie Canal Project

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that he and Kurt Bedore, PE will be flying to Fort Drum. NYSAPLS provided information on member companies that are hiring.
- Jason also reported he plans to attend the FIG working week in Orlando, FL.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

• The venue for the June Board meeting was discussed.

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

• Kaleb reported there is a position open for a Senior Land Surveyor in NYSDEC, Albany office.

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:

- Discussion of donation with a match from NYSAPLS to the documentary film project, Engineering the Erie Canal.
- President Meisler received feedback from the NYSAPLS finance committee:
 - o The free webinar benefit is for all members.
 - Providing complimentary conference registration was suggested to ease the financial burden for officers who dedicate so much time to the association. Officers are expected to attend the conference to represent the association. With the exception of the NYSAPLS president, board members pay for their own individual registrations and overnight rooms, just as any member would. Most years require their attendance a day ahead to attend meetings (or stay late for meetings), which requires additional overnights. The thought is, if we can help out with the conference registration fees, it may be helpful overall. Additionally, this would be a nice thank you to the officers and an attractive benefit to future candidates.

New Business:

None

Upcoming Events:

- 6/1/2023-6/10/2023 Spring 2023 Workshop Dendrology presented by Gregory M. Vaverchak
- 6/2/2023 First Friday Webinar Best Practices of Field Data Collection presented by Kenneth J. Fronheiser.
- 6/16/2023 YP Professional Development Series Communication Skills

8/4/2023 First Friday Webinar Harassment in the Workplace presented by Lori E. Miller

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Petersen and seconded by Ashley Metz. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 06:03 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by President Meisler at 7:11 PM

- President Meisler restated the President's report to the General Membership, and also reviewed the input for the Finance Committee under OLD BUSINESS, and the response from Amber.
- President Meisler told the General Membership of the Engineering the Erie Canal documentary project that NYSAPLS is supporting and read the email from NYSAPLS President Garfinkel asking for support of the project NYSAPLS is suggesting a \$500 donation from Regionals which it will match. President Meisler reported that as of the last NYSAPLS BOD meeting, two Regionals have pledged donations of \$500 and one Regional has a pledge of \$1,000. President Meisler opened it up to the floor for discussion. Chuck Lent asked what the condition of ENYSLS's finances was. Jim Vianna stated that with the influx of membership dues that will be coming in over the summer, we would most likely not need to tap into the investment accounts to cover the cost of the donation. After a brief discussion, Chuck Lent made a motion to donate \$500 to the project, Randy Paquin seconded the motion. A vote was held among the members and the motion passed.
- President Meisler gave the General Membership a brief synopsis of the efforts to establish a new calibration baseline to replace the one no longer accessible on National Grid's property. She asked the membership what their thoughts were as far as needing a second calibration baseline. Chuck Lent stated that there is a second one at the Saratoga Airport, but access can be difficult at busy times since it is along the runway. More discussion was held but no definitive answer one way or the other was achieved.
- President Meisler reported to the membership that ENYSLS would be hosting the NYSAPLS Annual
 Conference. The venue has not been secured at this time, sites being considered at this time are Saratoga
 Springs and Syracuse. Randy Paquin will be ENYSLS's liaison to NYSAPLS.
- President Meisler opened to the floor any other questions or comments before commencing the evening's program. David Schmidt asked to be recognized and introduced himself to those who did not know him. Dave has taken over as NYSDOT Region 1 Land Surveyor since Brian Magee's retirement. He said that he plans to continue helping surveyors out with their requests the same as Brian had done. He asked for patience when requesting information since he is essentially filling two roles at the moment. He said his goal is to be able to respond within a week to any inquiries.
- President Meisler introduced the speaker for the evening, Martin Pickands. He will present on the Archeology
 of the Alplaus Substation and the Spier Falls Hydroelectric Project 1901-1903.
- After the presentation, President Meisler thanked Martin for the presentation.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Ashley Metz. A vote was held, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Tommell, PLS ENYSLS Secretary

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