

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 10, 2023

The Mill Round Lake, NY

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

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

Absent: Kaleb Winters, Ashley Metz, Jason Peterson, and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Jason Tommell

• Jason was in attendance and stated that the May meeting minutes would be presented for review, comment, and approval at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- A net income in the amount of \$124.50 from the May General Membership meeting received.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

• The last meeting was held on July 11. The next meeting will be on August 29, 2023. The committee is waiting on feedback from the State.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- President Meisler attended 2 NYSAPLS BOD meetings, 5/19 and 7/21.
 - The board voted to authorize President Garfinkel to appoint an ad Hoc Workforce Development committee at the May meeting, and his appointees were approved at the July meeting.
 - The Finance Committee is working on a draft policy for NYSAPLS unrestricted funds and would like input from the regionals.
- Ashley Metz attended FIG Working Week in Orlando, FL. The Board is looking forward to hearing from her how that went.
- President Garfinkel suggested that future budgets should include travel from NSPS representatives.
- NYSAPLS is donating \$5000 from unrestricted funds toward the Erie Canal documentary project.
- Past issues of the ESS and Conference Journals can be found at https://www.nysapls.org/page/NYSAPLS-Bookcase.
- NYSAPLS is drafting RFP for the 2026 conference, which Eastern is hosting.
- Progress is being made in crafting a GIS pilot project of DOT appropriation maps that NYSAPLS provided.
- The legislative committee is discussing how to best amend NY state plane coordinate legislation in light of the new 2022 datum. NGS has offered up templates to the states for legislating the new datum. They would like member input.

- President Garfinkel has had positive discussions with SBELSG Executive Secretary Eric Greppo regarding NYSAPLS being able to provide input to his SBELSG.
- There is continued interest in the Floodplain Surveyor certification, but not enough trainers, so NSPS is working to train trainers.
- There is a push to host CST testing. Foit-Albert will host in their Buffalo office and Fisher Associates has plans to in their Rochester office in the Spring.
- The strategic planning committee has reassigned some of the tasks to different committees.
- There was discussion about some regionals having barriers to membership, and NYSAPLS is considering having language requiring inclusivity. Amber is reinitiating a push to get each region's by-laws updated. President Meisler reviewed what Amber has for Eastern and sent our latest revisions.

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

• Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

• The venue for the September Board Meeting.

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

• Nothing to report.

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:
 - 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, that helping out with the conference registration fees can would be an overall benefit. Additionally, this would be a nice thank you to the officers and an attractive benefit to future candidates.

New Business:

- NYSAPLS requested that ENYSLS nominate a membership liaison. A discussion was held and no conclusion was obtained.
- NYSAPLS would like Regionals to ask delinquent members to renew and to find out why if they are choosing not to. A discussion was held about this. The Board concluded that the typical calls to delinquent members is sufficient.
- Occasionally the State board takes action on a licensee when no complaint has been made to the ethics board. Should the ethics board open a case against those individuals if they haven't specifically received a complaint? A discussion was held and no conclusion was obtained.
- Any input on language for Datum Law?
 - 1. Update existing bill language to include 2022 datum.
 - 2. Update existing bill language with more generic language to include future datum changes.
 - 3. Repeal the existing language and introduce cleaner simplified text to capture future datums and decisions of NGS.
 - None provided.
- Discussion of programs for the September meeting was had. Showing the first Friday webinar, "Best Practices for GNSS/GPS use for Network Rover and Base-Rover setup," By Michael Hyman,
- was decided. The next General Membership meeting would have to be held on September 7 instead of September 14. A motion to move the meeting date to September 7 was made by Dwayne Cooper and seconded by James Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- A discussion of ENYSLS covering the \$10 fee per attendee was held. A motion to provide this was made by Jason Tommell and seconded by Richard Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

- 9/1/2023 8:30 Friday Webinar Best Practices for GNSS/GPS use for Network Rover and Base-Rover setup. By Michael Hyman
- 9/15 NYSAPLS Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/22/2023-9/23/2023 NYS-Specific LS Exam Fall Review Workshop. By Joseph Paiva and Richard Brooks
- 9/22/2023 NJSPLS 2023 Annual Golf Outing

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Tommell, PLS ENYSLS Secretary

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