



## **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED**

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

**P.O. Box 4399, Clifton Park, NY 12065-4399**

Visit us on the web at [www.enysls.org](http://www.enysls.org)

### **MINUTES**

#### **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 7, 2023**

Ravenswood Pub  
Latham, NY

Executive Vice President Jason Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

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

Absent: Brie Meisler, Ashley Metz, Lucas Boyer, and Kristen Darrah

#### **Secretary's Report: Jason Tommell**

- Jason was in attendance and presented the May and August minutes for approval. A motion was made by Dwayne Cooper, seconded by Kaleb Winters to accept the May and August Minutes. 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.
- A net income in the amount of \$3213.47 dues for July has been received.
- Mr. Vianna recommended a review of outstanding membership dues at the October board meeting and a follow-up by directors with members.

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

- The last committee meeting was held on 8/29 via Zoom.
- NYSAPLS President Garfinkel and James Vianna attended the most recent meeting of the NYS Board for Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology (SBELS) for a discussion about Minimum Technical Standards.
- Other items noted from SBELS meeting:
  - The Office of Professions has started a campaign on its website ([op.nysed.gov](http://op.nysed.gov)) to promote licensure of NYS Professions
  - Mr. Vianna reported that additional discussions were had about how to better engage with high school students and how to promote the profession.

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

- President Meisler was not in attendance and provided advance notice that there is nothing new to report. Some items that NYSAPLS requested member input on are listed under old business.

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

- Program for service members being interns through the military. There is another program through the VA that doesn't require registration in the same way. This program has an initial fee and the VA supports that employee for a period of 6 months. Employee sponsor pays for the program. The candidate is still in the military with financial support from the military.
- Young Professionals: interested in inviting 5 service members to attend the conference for a day, possibly the real-world perspectives seminar(s) to provide a broad view of the profession. Jason will be looking for people who will interact with candidates to discuss the profession, etc.
- Young Professionals are also working on YouTube shorts. Summaries of webinars and discussions that have occurred.
- Discussion about the possibility of using QR scans for registration at events to easily obtain contact information.

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

- Vice President Boyer was not in attendance.

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

- NYSDOT Senior Land Surveyors put forth a proposal to change the title of LS in the state. There are lower barriers of entry for land surveyors in the state providing a trainee-ship to provide accessibility. Upgrades to the LS and Senior LS were dropped. LSs are moving to an assistant LS, where you don't need your license. State Surveyors are lobbying the civil service. There is a name change only. The entry-level starts at Grade 18 and goes to Grade 20, once the FS exam is passed. There is a 4-salary grade pay increase.
- DEC is hiring a Senior Land Surveyor in Albany as a Grade 24.

## **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

### **Old Business:**

- NYSAPLS Contract—no change to what we discussed last month.
  - Welcome reception door prize \$575 (signage near and around prize, etc.)
  - Full page journal ad with updated member list \$159 before 10/20
  - Total proposed expenditure: \$734.

A motion to approve funds for the welcome reception door prize and a full-page journal ad with an updated member list was made by Kaleb Winters and seconded by Luk Richardson. A vote was held and the motion passed.

- Hotel rooms are available to be the next for NYSAPLS conference.

<b>President:</b> Brie Meisler	<b>Lawrence O'Connor</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Lucas Boyer</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Dwayne Cooper</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Exec. Vice-President:</b> Jason Peterson	<b>Pat VanHaverbeke</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Brie Meisler</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Jason Peterson</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b> Lucas Boyer	<b>Kaleb Winters</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Jason Tommell</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>James Vianna</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Secretary:</b> Jason Tommell	<b>Richard Palmer</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Ashley Metz</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Luke Richardson</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> James Vianna						
<b>Past President – Kaleb Winters</b>						
<b>Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors – Brie Meisler</b>						
<b>Director N.Y. State Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors – Jason Peterson</b>						