

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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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) to promote licensure of NYS Professions
 - o 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. Jsaon 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.)
 - o 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.

- 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.
 - 1. Update existing bill language to include 2022 datum.
 - 2. Update existing bill language with more generic language to include future datum changes.
 - Repeal the existing language and introduce cleaner simplified text to capture future datums and decisions of NGS.

A discussion of alternatives. No conclusion.

- Discussion to take a poll of the general membership to assess interest in a calibrated baseline. This has not been completed, but Mid-Hudson is also investigating establishing a calibrated baseline. Given where ENYSLS is with the project, in that we have a site identified, a recommendation was made to develop a realistic schedule to complete the initiative.
- NYSAPLS would like regionals to appoint a Membership Liaison. NYSAPLS believes developing personal
 connections will encourage members to participate. A discussion to see if any board members in attendance
 were interested and that anyone is interested let the board know.
- Occasionally the State board acts 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 of the current process was had.

New Business:

None

Upcoming Events:

- 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
- 10/6/23 First Friday Webinar Why Multi-Constellation GNSS Blows Your old GPS Out of the Water, by Raymond Hintz
- 10/11/2023 2023 Fall Workshop Webinar Series, GRAV-D and the New Vertical Datum by Daniel Martin
- 10/18/2023 2023 Fall Workshop Webinar Series, Specifications by Daniel Martin.
- 10/20/2023 YP Professional Development Series: Business Management and Other Skills

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Vianna and seconded by Richard Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Tommell, PLS ENYSLS Secretary

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