



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

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

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### **MINUTES**

#### **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 13, 2025**

The Mill  
Round Lake, NY

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

Present: Brie Meisler, Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Lawrence O'Connor, Dave Schmidt, Devin Larson, Rich Scott, Jason Tommell, Timothy Huggins and Rick Palmer.

Absent: Dwayne Cooper and Luke Richardson.

#### **Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper**

- In Dwayne's absence, President Peterson presented the December proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the December meeting minutes was made by Dave Schmidt, seconded by Ralph Hill. 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.
- Jim reported that we had income of \$210 from November dues and expense of \$239.00 for the new ENYSLS banners
- Jim reported that he notified the 3 scholarship winners that the funds were sent directly to their schools and that he had sent a check to the school's Bursar's office on behalf of the students.
- Jim reported that he had sent to the IRS the postcard for the annual tax filing.

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

- NYS GIS Association summit/GIS Roundtable.
- Filing survey maps at the County Clerk's Offices. Large disparity with filing regulations among various counties.
- Ethical Practices has 12 open cases and would be sending letters turning them over to the Office of Professions.
- Public Relations committee recommends sending "horror stories" of public problems caused by using the hunting mapping apps. They are hoping to demonstrate why surveyors are needed.
- Public Relations is working on a poster to be provided to municipalities with information on what to be looking for on Survey Maps.
- Albany County Clerk access to filed maps.
- Standing committees. There was a discussion on the work of the various committees.
- Jason reported that he will be going to Ft. Drum on May 8<sup>th</sup> and Jackie Dresser would be joining him.

## **Executive Vice President's Report: David Schmidt**

- Dave reported that he had spoke with Brian Magee about the Annual Conference. He reported that one of the proposed themes was "Battle of Saratoga" and that the Conference Committee is still seeking ideas for a theme and give-a-way.
- There was discussion on the program for the March Membership meeting. Jim made a motion for ENYSLS to show the second showing of the First Friday Webinar and that ENYSLS should cover the \$10 CE fee. Jason Tommell seconded the motion, a vote was held and the motion passed.

## **Vice President's Report: Ralph Hill**

- Ralph reported that he would contact Ravenswood and check on their availability for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Ethics complaint about stamped map with no field work completed. Brie reported that she had sent a letter to the NYSAPLS Ethical Practices Committee.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

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

- Rich Scott reported that he is looking into who ENYSLS need to get permission/approval from to install the calibration baseline. He reported that there is some push back on parking at the site. Dave offered to inquire within the Department of Transportation about parking at the site. The cost to install the baseline will be approximately \$750 for materials. Jim said he would look into who has the correct equipment to install and collect the data for the new baseline.
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### **Binding Arbitration (ad hoc):** Brie Meisler, Jim Vianna, Brian Magee, Jason Tommell, Kaleb Winters and Ralph Hill

- The committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup> and feel that by spring they will have a document to present to the NYSAPLS attorney for review.

### **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:**

- None

#### **New Business:**

- Annual audit. Dave said that he would perform the audit.
- Jim noted that he was very impressed with the students that applied for scholarships. He said that three of them have reached out to him looking for work.
- There was a discussion of inviting students to the May General Membership Meeting and the possibility of having a Shadow Day.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- BOD and General Membership meeting on March 13, 2025.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Schmidt, seconded by Rich Scott. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brie Meisler for Dwayne Cooper,  
ENYSLS Secretary

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