



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

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### **MINUTES**

#### **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 12, 2026**

The Mill  
Round Lake, NY

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Jordan Meizlik, Jason Peterson, Christine Valachovic, Luke Richardson, Ralph Hill, David Schmidt, Rick Palmer, Brie Meisler, Devin Larson, Richard Scott and Timothy Huggins.

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, and Jason Tommell.

#### **Secretary's Report: Devin Larson**

- Dwayne sent the proposed December meeting minutes before stepping down. A motion to accept the December meeting minutes was made by Jason Peterson, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Rich Scott**

- Rich provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance
- Rich reported he had received a thank you letter from "Friends in adoption" for our donation of 50 dollars
- Rich reported the Harnett account had \$750 and had no recent activity, it was discussed to roll this account into the regular checking account but a decision wasn't made, we will discuss again at the next meeting.
- Rich reported we will have an income of \$5,000.00 come in from hosting the Annual Conference but hasn't received the check yet.
- Rich suggested paying for the meals of the general membership meeting for the year of 2026. The hopes would be to increase membership attendance. A motion was made to pay for General Member's meals for the year 2026 by Dave Schmidt, seconded by Brie Meisler. A vote was held, and the motion passed. No objections were made.
- Rich reported the \$3,000 scholarship funds are waiting to be withdrawn but hadn't yet.
- David Schmidt informed the group that if scholarships are granted to the school then the school will deduct that amount from the student's financial aid. It was agreed by the group after some discussion to cut the check directly to the student and not the school.

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

- Jason Reported he had attended a job fair at Fort Drum that day and represented NYSAPLS, reported that he had a lot of interest
- Jason reported he had also attended the Arlington Career Fair and had a lot of interest there as well.
- Jason reported the conference has some complaints, Navigating to classes was difficult, and the exhibit hall closing early was a major inconvenience.

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

- David reported he had attended the board of directors meeting, membership for NYSAPLS is on par.
- David reported that the DOT had no time table for making records public.
- David reported there was no redistricting the regions. It was agreed quickly that there was no need.
- David reported the MTS are being reviewed by Eric Greppo and the education board.
- David reported, NSPS is looking for people to attend their conference.
- David reported, strategic planning is looking for two members from each region to go on the retreat. Specifically younger members if possible.
- David reported, NYSAPLS will host the next NSPS conference.
- David reported there were 17 Ranger School students in attendance at the conference. Good comments from everyone, they were pleased with their appearance.
- David reported, it is anticipated that there will be no increase in registration fee for the next NYSAPLS conference
- David reported it is up to the secretary to communicate with the general members, discussion was held about all officers trying to communicate more with the general members.

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

- Ralph reported that he has booked The Mill on Round Lake for all BOD meeting for 2026 and will work on securing venues for the General Membership meetings. Discussion was held about having board meetings at survey offices like Colliers, the group did not decide on a date but was looking to do this at the august meeting.
- Ralph reported we still needed to book presentations for the general membership meetings, a long discussion was held about the different possibilities and presenters. Each of the members were tasked with following up on leads. Included in the discussion was the possibility of paying a presenter to come and talk.

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

- Brie reported on the conference committee, noted that the storm was a factor but still went well, the committee is looking for feedback, suggestions, and comments to improve next year's conference.
- Brie reported there is a binding arbitration meeting next week.
- Brie reported that Luke Richardson and her judged a surveying competition for a local school gathering, let us know it went well and described the event.
- Brie reported again that the strategic planning board were looking for people to attend the summit.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

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

- Rick Scott and Devin Larson reported we are waiting for winter to end to finish it up. Devin is in possession of the caps.

### **Binding Arbitration (ad hoc): Brie Meisler, Jim Vianna, Brian Magee, Jason Tommell, Kaleb Winters and Ralph Hill**

- Brie reported there is a meeting next week.

### **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:**

- Luke Richardson commented that we should put emphases on trying to get more people to come to the meeting, a lengthy discussion was held about trying to entice more members to come. After the discussion a motion was made by Luke Richardson and seconded by Brie Meisler to by a 2 TB external hard drive and be loaded with the Rail Road Evaluation Maps. This drive would be given away as a “door Prize” at the next general membership meeting. A vote was held, and the motion passed, David Schmidt opposed the motion.
- Luke also suggested a summer outing with families. Discussion was held about this as well.

**Upcoming Events**

- General Membership meeting will be Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026, location still to be determined

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Peterson seconded by David Schmidt. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devin Larson, PLS  
ENYSLS Secretary

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