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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13 , 2026

Colliers Engineering & Design Office
18 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany NY

Executive Vice President David Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Christine Valachovic, Luke Richardson, Jordan Meizlik, David Schmidt, Richard Scott, Brie Meisler, Devin Larson, and Timothy Huggins.

Absent: Jason Peterson, Rick Palmer, Lawrence O'Connor, Ralph Hill, and Jason Tommell.

Secretary's Report: Devin Larson

- I posted the proposed May meeting minutes. A motion to accept the May meeting minutes was made by David, seconded by Rich. 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 the Harnett account had no recent activity.
- Rich reported receiving $10.00 dollars for membership dues in the month of June.
- Rich reported that Eastern had received a check from CT Male, it was made in error and Rich refunded them the money and sent them their check back.
- Rich posed a question about how quickly we receive dues from NYSAPLS, he needs to check the mailbox still but has noted that we are not receiving a lot of membership dues.
- Dave had agreed to do an audit of the finances.
- A second key was made for the mailbox. The spare key will go with the secretary for safe keeping.

President's Report: David Schmidt (Jason was not present)

Executive Vice President's Report: David Schmidt

- David had reported a NYSAPLS meeting update.
- David had reported that the binding arbitration case was not needed anymore.
- David had reported that NYSAPLS was to send a Binding Arbitration letter to the Land Title Association. Dave read the letter to the board. It was decided that we would mail a physical letter and the secretary will send a follow-up email. A motion was held by David to send a follow-up email 2 weeks after the letter was sent out. Brie accepted, and Christine seconded it, a vote was held and the motion passed.
- David shared the list of unpaid members with the board, there was some board members on the list. David had suggested we reach out to any member that we knew to make sure they paid before the deadline.

- David had reported that NYSAPLS was looking for two volunteers on the Sunday of the Conference for a Certified Floodplain Exam.
- David had started a lengthy discussion about upcoming speakers and is trying to book them for the next few general membership meetings.

Vice President's Report: Ralph Hill (Not Present)

Past President's Report: Brie Meisler

- Brie reported that NYSAPLS toured a facility in Monticello, NY for the upcoming 2029 conference. She reported that the venue was pretty nice and had a good exhibit hall that was carpeted. There was some concern about there being enough space. One nice feature was that the exhibit hall could be converted to classrooms.
- Brie reported that the hotels were nice as well.
- Brie had reported that Turning stone is expanding again, but we don't have anything booked with them at this point.
- Brie had proposed a few dates to finish the Calibration Baseline installation. September 29th and October 3rd was suggested.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- A few dates to finish the Calibration Baseline installation. September 29th and October 3rd was suggested.

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

- Amber had written a nice article for the ESS.

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:

New Business:

- Luke had brought up the fact that he had been receiving scam calls. He believes the scammers got his information from the NYSAPLS website. He reached out to NYSAPLS and was able to switch his contact information to private.
- It was reported that NYSAPLS will be coming out with a new TEXT message service.

Upcoming Events

- General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2026
- NYSAPLS Board of directors meeting September 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, NY
- Board of Directors meeting October 8, 2026
- General Membership meeting November 12

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Schmidt seconded by Luke Richardson and Tim. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devin Larson, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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