

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1979
HELD AT PUNZA'S STAR LIGHT RESTAURANT
42 MEMBERS PRESENT

President Walsh called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m., after a delicious Italian Smorgasbord dinner.

Bob asked the membership for a moment of silence for Jo Glickman who recently passed away. Jo was very active in the State level and had done an outstanding job assisting Committees in their preparation for State Conventions. Sympathy cards were sent out to the family.

Secretary's report by D. F. Springston was accepted as mailed.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Christian P. Momrow, Chairman, distributed new copies of our revised Constitution and By-Laws to the general membership. Others can be obtained upon request.

Chris announced that no amendments are currently being considered by this Committee. They will continue to study the entire Constitution and By-Laws, as they compare to the current practices of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Rodney Michael, Chairman. Since the General Membership Meeting March 14, 1979, no new applications have been received.

SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

James P. Allen, Jr., Chairman, reported that the scholarship award presentation was held on April 11th at Hudson Valley Community College with Jeff Denison and James P. Allen, Jr., representing the Society and Dr. Spiegel of HVCC in attendance.

The award certificate and check in the amount of \$150.00 were presented to this year's recipient, Michael J. Bianchino of 23 Donna Drive, Albany, and press release photos were taken of the occasion. The college plans for a press release to the student's hometown newspaper.

A photo of the presentation along with an appropriate press release was forwarded to public relations Chairman, Jake Thibault, on May 3rd for future publication in the "Empire State Surveyor".

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SCHOLASTIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT cont'd

This year the Society's scholarship awards were increased to \$150.00 each. As a reminder, we plan to hold a raffle in the fall in order to generate additional revenue to support this increase. At that time, each member will be requested to sell ten (10) tickets in benefit of the fund.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Walsh asked the General Membership if there were any questions pertaining to the last Board of Directors Meeting - no questions were received from the floor.

Roster for State Association should be filled out so that the State can up-date their mailing list.

President Walsh read to the General Membership the Continuing Education Report pertaining to our 1979 Spring Seminar:

[65 people registered for the 1979 Spring Seminar sponsored by the Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors. 57 attended the program entitled "Operating A Consulting Firm" presented by Dr. Mark Tenney. Of the 65 registering, 30 were from ASCE and not members of New York Society of Land Surveyors. Of the remaining 35 registered people belonging to the State Association, only 17 were members of Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors.

The seminar was excellent, addressing most of the questions commonly arising in business management. All who attended profited from the seminar. The seminar committee members contributing many hours to the program included: Robert Allen, Paul Male, James Allen, Robert Walsh and John Gay.

A few months ago the Continuing Education Committee prepared and distributed a questionnaire to determine the topics most desired for Continuing Education programs. Business management was number two on the list as desired programs. It was apparent that the Committee was sensitive to the desires of the membership in presenting seminars, however, it would appear that the membership has not been responsive in supporting the Continuing Education Program. Our Committee does not have the time or desire to be the Continuing Education Committee for the NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors for the American Society of Civil Engineers. Consequently, plans for future programs will be tabled until the members of ENYSSLS demonstrate that they can support a Continuing Education Program.

For those individuals who are interested in Continuing Education, many seminars are being developed and presented by professionals in the larger cities. The cost of these programs range between \$150 and \$250 per seminar.

Let's get together and help support our Continuing Education Committee rather then let the State start a mandatory program.

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50-50 raffel was won by David J. Butler.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Any member interested in additional information pertaining to the 1979 Spring Seminar in "Operating a Consulting Firm" approximately 100 page report, contact one of your Committee members. Cost will be approximately \$10.

Our Speaker, Mr. Herbert B. Sunshine, Esq., a familiar face to our group, discussed the impact studies made by Luther Forest.

Robert MacFarlane talked to the general membership briefly on "how much did you leave on the table last year". Bob expressed his concern over surveyors not charging adequate cost for jobs, how to possibly improve our professional image, etc.

The Board of Directors will look into possibly forming a temporary Committee to study Business Practices and possible ways to upgrade the profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Springston,

Secretary