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Board of Directors 9 December 1992 Days Inn Motel Glenmont, N.Y.

President Lucarelli called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

William Lucarelli Brian Magee William Nettleton Michael Cirillo

Thomas Nesbitt

William Schraa Bruce Wells Gerald O'Connor Ellen Nelson James Allen, Jr.

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A motion was made by Bill Schraa and seconded by Ellen Nell
1-800-225-1945
Contact Dave Donahue to accept the secretary's report as mailed. The motion passed.

Contact Dave Donahue to accept the secretary's reports was presented by Michael A motion was made by Bill Schraa and seconded by Ellen Nelson Our accountant is preparing a report for the Federal and Cirillo. 518-465-7136 Comact: William Krisher State tax departments.

William Lucarelli presented the following report:

Stephen Walrath was thanked for his service to ENYSLS and the BOD. During his term, Steve chaired the committee for the Great Northeast Home Show. New Board members, James Allen and Charles Lent were congratulated upon their being elected and were welcomed.

The November meeting of the NYSALPS BOD was held at the Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza, Rochester, the site of the 1993 NYSAPLS Annual Conference. ENYSLS was represented by Brian Magee, Executive Vice President. The conference will be held 20-23 January 1993. The next meeting of the NYSAPLS BOD will be held at the conference.

At the November meeting of ENYSLS sign-up sheets for our committees, including the Home Show and Engineers' Week Committees were circulated. Many people volunteered for some of the committees. Volunteers are still needed for the following committees: Constitution and By-Laws, Finance, Program, Public Relations, Technical Information, and If you are interested in participating on any Traverse Open. of these committees, please contact any member of the BOD. The names of those who signed up have been passed on to the respective committee chairman, who should contact their new members.

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The BOD is reviewing the results of the Goals Committee's questionnaire. A copy of the results and a letter from the President will be sent to each member.

The Home Show committee will be chaired by Jerry Signor. Additional help in staffing the booth will be necessary. If you have any interest in helping, contact Jerry at 765-2786.

A questionnaire was completed and returned to the Capitol District Business Review so that ENYSLS will appear in the "Meeting Place" section of that paper.

President Lucarelli reminded everyone that Bruce Wells is coordinating the program for the booth at Engineers' Week to be held in February 1993 at the Empire State Plaza. He is looking for help in staffing the booth.

Seasons Greetings and best wishes for a prosperous New Year were extended to all.

The Executive Vice President's report was presented by Brian Magee.

The minutes of the NYSAPLS BOD meeting held at the Holiday
Inn, Genesee Plaza, Rochester 20 November, will appear in the next
issue of the "Empire State Surveyor". Highlights of that meeting
are as follows:

The 1993 Budget was presented. Many committees were allotted only \$25. It is anticipated that \$6500 in donations will balance the budget, particularly if the regionals help and each member donates \$5.57 when he pays his dues.

Mona Glanzer, Esq. reported that a movement is under way to include design technicians under the Prevailing Wage Law. She also reported on the results of a Dutchess County court case where DEC initially determined that a wetland shown on a tentative wetland map was not included in a 68 acre subdivision, but 3 years later said it was now included on a final wetland map. Although the subdivision had been approved and improvements had been made to the subdivision, DEC won its case.

Nassau-Suffolk donated \$500 to each of the relief funds for the hurricane ravaged areas in Florida and Hawaii. NYSAPLS will donate \$250 to each relief fund.

A committee has been formed to investigate the potential for an Arbitration Panel. It is intended that this panel will attempt to mediate boundary disputes where two surveyors are not agreeable. Mid-Kudson regional has a panel, but its decision is not binding.

The Land Title Association is opposing any legislation addressing Survey Affidavits. They are preparing a position paper. NYSAPLS will have its committee prepare a report with recommendations after the LTA paper is received. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the report mailed to each regional so that it may be reviewed and prompt action can be taken.

The State Advisory Committee on Land Use Statutes for the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources is considering consolidation of land use laws. Round table meetings will be held around the state. Watch for announcements for place and time in the "Legal Notice" section of your newspaper. There will be one in Ballston Spa in January.

NYS Association of Architects has published a "notice" concerning illegal practices. It is similar to one the engineers have published in the yellow pages of some telephone books.

DEC has published new rules for discharging into open water. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is looking for suggestions from the membership on revisions to the constitution or by-laws that may need to be addressed.

Northern regional has been investigating having a message about land surveyors printed in every telephone book in NYS. Contact with NYNEX indicates this is possible. However some regionals have attempted something similar and hve been informed that they had to apply for each phone book individually.

The Code of Practice Committee is still waiting for comments

from some of the regionals.

The Continuing Education Committee report on a mandatory continuing education program will be finalized and sent to each regional for comment. Their goal is to have a final plan ready by mid 1993.

The Nassau-Suffolk regional has prepared a 30 second TV commercial. It includes an 800 number to call for a free brochure on why you need a land surveyor.

The current NYSAPLS officers were re-elected to a second term.

William Nettleton presented the Vice President's report.

The Board of Directors' meetings have been booked at the Days Inn
(formerly Schrafts) on Route 9W, Glenmont, for 1993.

## Committee reports:

Constitution and By-Laws, William Schraa, Chairman.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws are being printed. Discussion was held regarding the distribution of the revised copies to the membership. It was decided to initially distribute the revised copies to members in attendance at the General Membership meetings.

Scholastic Development, James Allen, Chairman.

Depending on the weather, the committee will visit Paul Smiths College 14 or 15 December.

Membership, William Nettleton, Chairman.

No check for Denise Connelly was received with her application.

Program, Ellen Nelson, Chairman.

Discussion ensued concerning Spouses Night. It was decided that it will be postponed until May. The January general membership meeting will be at the Days Inn on Route 9W, Glenmont. NYSAPLS lobbyist, Peter O'Connell will be contacted to be the speaker. The March general membership meeting will be the annual Paul Smiths Night (sponsors of students for that day are needed). Topics suggested for future meetings are a representative from UFPO, a specialist on Planning Boards, Professional Liability, and preparing to be an expert witness in court.

Education Committee, Gerald O'Connor, Chairman.

A mailing will be sent out to ENYSLS members enquiring about interest in attending a CAD course at Schenectasy County Community College. It would be jointly offered by ENYSLS & SCCC. Similar courses are being offered at Hudson Valley Community College and at a local high school.

The committee has been discussing the need for a CAD Users' Group in the region to help surveyors expand their knowledge and use of CAD.

Generic CAD has been contacted and version 6.0 is available at an initial cost of \$247.50 for educational institutions. A license agreement is available at a cost of \$742.50 for four machines. The Education Committee is looking into the possibility of NYSAPLS obtaining similar rates.

Bob Stapf is looking into naving Computer Vision (formerly Prime Company) present a spring seminar on GIS.

The BOD accepted this report and discussed at length the direction this committee should take with regard to continuing education. The BOD feels that this committee should continue planning seminars.

### Old Business:

Detailed discussion of the Goals Committee report was tabled until the next meeting.

After a brief discussion on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the allotment for the BOD meetings it was decided to keep it the same as it is now.

Engineers' Week - Bruce Wells, Chairman, has been notified that the registration fee will be \$425 if paid before 31 December. NYSAPLS had agreed to pay \$500 which was initially anticipated. Meg Shields is compiling several videos that have been produced about surveying and will have them put on one tape for viewing at such affairs as this.

Tom Nesbitt reported on the Builders' Association meeting. The Town of Queensbury has issued a new policy concerning building locations and occupancy permits. The town is now requiring a map showing the foundation location relative to property lines, signed and stamped by a licensed land surveyor on new construction only.

#### New Business:

The TV commercial prepared by Nassau-Suffolk was viewed. Discussion followed regarding its potential and whether or not ENYSLS ought to follow suit. Further action was tabled until the results of the ad may be learned from Nassau-Suffolk.

Discussion regarding the 1993 NYSAPLS budget and the request for donations from the regionals was held. A donation from ENYSLS to the hurricane relief fund in Florida and Hawaii was also discussed. Action on both issues was tabled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen Nelson and seconded by Bill Nettleton. The B.O.D. meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas & Assist

Thomas L. Nesbitt, Secretary



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TREASURER'S REPORT 11/ 1/92 Through 11/30/92

ENYSLS92-CHECKING 12/ 5/92

Checking Acct. Balance 10/31/92 INCOME/EXPENSE INCOME Bank Interest-Bank Interest	\$1,331.63	As of 11/30/92 ENYSLS92-All Accounts 12/ 5/92 Acct	Page 1 11/30/92 Balance
Din. Mtg Return-Dinner Mtg.Return Raffle Income-Scholmrsip Raffle Income	1.31 780.00 113.00	ASSETS Cash and Bank Accounts	
TOTAL INCOME	874.31	CHECKING Honey Market	1,314.08 10,700.30
EXPENSES  COMMITTEE-Committee Expenses:  Goals-Goals Expenses	79.00	PASSBOOK PLUS SCHOLARSHIP 1 SCHOLARSHIP 2	13,638.47 16,449.00 2,816.61
Total COMMITTEE-Committee Expenses Dinner Meeting-Gen. Membership Mtg. Miscellaneous-Misc. Expenses	99.00 694.67 5.19	Total Cash and Bank Accounts  Other Assets  MEMBERSHIP	44,918.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	798.86	Total Other Assets	0.00
- TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	95.45	TOTAL ASSETS	44,918.46
TRANSFERS TO SCHOLARSHIP 2	-113.00	LIABILITIES	0.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	-113.00	TOTAL NET WORTH	44,918.46
OVERALL TOTAL	-17.55 	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITE	ED.
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DEC. 14, 1992

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF E.N.Y.S.L.S.

FROM: BUSINESS PRACTICES COMMITTEE

### Dear Eastern member:

I wish to thank all the people who completed the questionaire distributed to those in attendance at our annual meeting of Nov. 11, 1992. We received questionaire responses from 25 hourly & salaried personnel and 10 from proprietors/managers.

The following is a summation of data received from hourly & salaried personnel that reflects the changes in business trends from 1991 to 1992.

- 1.) Hours worked by roughly one half of all employees have increased in the past year while the other half have worked the same number of hours. This is evident in all size firms.
- 2.) Salaries have generally stayed the same or increased for most size firms. Firms having over 20 employees show a larger percentage of employees receiving a salary increase.
- 3.) Company benefits have generally decreased or stayed the same in all size firms. There appears to be no increase in benefits at any level.
- 4.) More employees anticipate that business will increase in 1993 than those that expect it to remain the same. Only one respondent expects business to decrease in 1993.

The following is a summation of data received from proprietors/managers that reflects the changes in business trends from 1991 to 1992.

- 1.) Gross receipts have generally decreased in 1992. Some firms show no change and few show an increase.
- 2.) Profits have generally decreased or stayed the same. A small percentage of firms have seen an increase in profits.
- 3.) Professional fees have generally stayed the same. Some have decreased and only one firm increased their fees.
- 4.) Most firms anticipate business to increase in 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Darling, Chairman