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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2005

Parkwood Restaurant and Banquet House

Clifton Park, New York

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President Malinowski called the meeting to order at 8.55 P.M.

Present were thirty-one members and guests Christopher Alund and Jim Shannon.

Secretary's Report: Jim Vianna

The March minutes were sent out. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Charlie Hartnett, seconded by Wayne Willson: approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill La Pan

A written report was submitted, copies available upon request.

President's Report: Joe Malinowski

1. Two donations of \$1,000 each were made to NYSAPLS in support of the Political Action Committee and the Shaw Building fund.

2. Permission has been granted for the placement of the Colvin plaque by the 1st Lutheran Church (landowner) and the City of Albany. Unveiling is scheduled for September with a reception to follow, courtesy of the 1st Lutheran Church.

3. Joe meet with a representative of the Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks where he visited their offices at the Paul Schafer house. This organization has some of Colvin's maps and notes and would like to work with us in promoting Colvin's achievements. Their offices are open from 4-7 PM.

Committee Reports:

-----Standing Committees-----

Legislative Committee: Ellen Nelson

1. The Alteration of Surveys and LS. Bills are being worked on.

2. New legislation is being introduced concerning the removal/disturbance of survey monuments.

3. NYSAPLS is currently opposing an addition to the Real Property Law that will have a substantial negative impact on surveyors if approved. Members are encouraged to review this proposed legislation. (Secretary's Note: The proposed bill can be found on our Website at WWW.ENYSLS.ORG or at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A07115&sh=t>).

Public Relations: Jim Vianna

1. The Career Day held at BOCES in Saratoga was under attended. No students were present and therefore no Trig-Star exams were given. Jim thanked all those who helped out and provided equipment. Jim also noted that the effort put into the program by Eastern members was exceptional and a tribute to our organization.

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Unfinished Business:

1. Bylaws Revision -- The membership having received written notification 10 days in advance of the May General Membership meeting and upon a motion made from the floor by Bill Whimple and seconded by Jeff Denison have approved by voice vote the following changes to Eastern's bylaws:

Wording to be removed (strikethrough): Wording to be added (bold italics):

Article VI – Dues

Section 1 Dues for the various classes of Society membership shall be determined annually by a majority vote of the voting membership present at the annual meeting. ~~and which dues shall, in addition, include an amount equal to those assessed by the State Association.~~ In the event that no action is taken as prescribed herein, dues shall remain as last established until changed by action of the voting membership at a meeting duly called for that purpose. Changes in dues shall take effect ~~on February 1 following the change at the beginning of the following dues year established by the Board of Directors of the State Association as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association (NYSAPLS).~~ ***The amount of dues to be paid shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the State Association***

Section 2 Dues for all classes of membership shall be payable ~~on or before February 1 of each year.~~ ***to the Treasurer of the State Association in the amount they have been billed prior to the final due date as set by the Board of Directors of the State Association.*** A member of any class delinquent in dues on or after ~~April 1 said final due date~~ shall be considered not in good standing and if delinquent ~~after June 1~~ ***after two months of said final due*** date shall be dropped from the rolls of the Society and lose all privileges thereof.

2. A general discussion was held on spending initiatives for the monies received from NYSAPLS for hosting this years Conference with various suggestions coming from the floor.

New Business:

1. Bob Stewarts daughter, Traci St. Denis was recently promoted to the rank of Captain and received the Joint Service, Achievement Medal while serving our country in Iraq.
2. Volunteers will be needed in September for establishing a slate of candidates for November's elections along with individuals interested in running for the Board of Directors.
3. The Schenectady Gazette recently ran an article about a duplex in Waterford having to be raised for being over the setback lines.
4. Jim Shannon from the Warren, Washington, Essex, Hamilton and Saratoga County BOCES program spoke on his desire of implementing a shadowing program with our members for his students. Interested parties can contact him directly at 581-3600 or Jshannon@wswebooces.org.
5. Christopher D. Alund from the New York State Department of Work presented on the current status of prevailing wage as it relates to the surveying profession an the types of work that would fall under the prevailing wage statue.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gilbert Van Guilder, seconded by Jeff Denison; approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
James M. Vianna, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary