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EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 14, 2006 <u>Moscatiello's Restaurant</u> Troy, New York

The meeting was called to order at 5:40± by President Malinowski:

Present were: Bill Darling, Bill Whimple, Howie Johannessen, Kristin Frank, Joe Malinowski, Gordy Matson, Wayne Willson, Kurt Heiss, Bill LaPan, Charlie Hartnett

Absent: Brian Holbritter, Don Darrah, Ellen Nelson, Robert J. Ihlenburg

Guests: Jim Vianna, Lois Hartnett

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> The minutes of the August Board of Directors meeting were approved for posting on the Eastern website. The motion to accept the minutes was made by Bill Darling and seconded by Bill Whimple. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Written report attached, submitted for audit.

President's Report:

President Malinowski has assembled the annual Nominating Committee. It consists of Brian Magee, Jim Vianna and Jody Lounsbury, but may include additional members. The committee is looking for persons interested in running for the three full and one associate member seats on the Board of Directors.

President Malinowski said he would be attending the New York State Society of Professional Land Surveyors meeting tomorrow (9/15/2006) in Rochester. The main topic of discussion was to be NAFTA issues relating to licensure. There is some concern that NAFTA may allow Chartered/Licensed Surveyors in Canada and Mexico to gain reciprocity in New York without having to take at least the State Specific Exam, and that reciprocity for Surveyors in other countries should be on par with reciprocity for Surveyors in other states (e.g. certain testing requirements).

President Malinowski also mentioned that he and Jim Vianna had done some

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voice studio work for an upcoming NYSAPLS marketing video.

Information on the 2007 NYSAPLS Conference has been published in the most recent Empire State Surveyor, and the issue of rising Conference costs was raised by the Board. It may cost a full member as much as \$650.00 for a full course registration, room, and meals/banquets. It was discussed that this may be prohibitive for some practitioners, but at the same time, the conferences are offering some more content, are more organized and centralized. President Malinowski discussed the issues faced by the NYSAPLS Education and Conference Committees when choosing locations, programs, etc... The sheer size of the conference since Mandatory Continuing Education requires a larger venue, which excludes a number of areas of the state based on location and/or price. Some members suggested adapting the "pay-to-play" model of some other states (like New Jersey) where conference costs are directly related to the number of CEU's obtained, or programs/activities attended. Joe said he would bring these issues up at the next NYSAPLS meeting.

It was also mentioned that students were once again being offered a reasonable rate to attend the conference (\$50, or free if they are willing to work as in past years).

Executive Vice President's Report: Bill Darling reported that the early sign-up option for tonight's dinner meeting was a success, with many taking advantage of the cheaper price for an earlier reservation.

<u>Vice President's Report:</u> Bill Whimple brought in an article on the cost of buying a home in the area from a recent edition of the Schenectady Gazette that seemed to be quoting unrealistic average prices for a Land Survey in New York, and in the nation in general. In the discussion, it was mentioned that some design professionals and lawyers in the area were suggesting unreasonably low prices for Land Surveys to potential clients. President Malinowski suggested he bring the article to the next NYSPLS Board Meeting. Jennifer Mauer has experience dealing with the press on these issues, and possibly a follow-up article could be drafted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

----- STANDING COMMITTEES -----

Constitution & By-laws: Chuck Lent, Chair No Report.

<u>Continuing Education</u>: Chuck Lent, Chair / Jody Lounsbury – President Malinowski mentioned that he had circulated an e-mail for Board input.

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WAYPOINT TECHNOLOGY

GROUP 17 Computer Drive East Albany, NY 12205 518-438-6293 Contact: Jonathan Cobb Based on scheduling and current seminars being offered across the state, the Continuing Education Committee was recommending that ENYSLS not run a fall seminar as usual. It was agreed that we would not run a seminar this fall, but would still plan to run one in upcoming years, as the regional offering is always well attended, and ENYSLS has a long history of providing seminars to its members.

Continuing education in general was discussed, and it was mentioned that recent offerings by NYSAPLS consisted of better educational opportunities than in the past, and at a more reasonable, or at least stabilized cost, and this fit in with NYSAPLS' plan that the first few years offering Continuing Education courses would be a test period of sorts.

Joe also mentioned that NYSAPLS was looking for more in-state presenters to present some state-specific style seminars (along the lines of Rich Bennett's Riparian Rights seminar), and that if anyone had any ideas, or was willing to create a program and present it, to contact Joe Malinowski or any other member of the NYSAPLS Education Committee.

Ethics & Business Practice: Richard Bennett, Chair, Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen, Jim Vianna:

No Report from committee. President Malinowski mentioned he had received a call from a logger who had found our contact information on the internet, and had some questions about problems on subdivision maps. The logger was doing work in an area, and was planning to clear some lots, but had some issues with the subdivision map, and was worried about his potential liability if he cleared on a lot where he wasn't allowed. His attorney had told him to just go ahead and log the area, and if there were any problems to just sue the Surveyor. This brought up the issue of the depth of liability a Surveyor incurs. The concern was that the attorney was suggesting that the surveyor was liable for ANY use of his map by any party, at any time in the future. Joe said he would bring this issue up at the NYSAPLS Board Meeting as well.

Finance: Bill Darling, Chair - No Report.

<u>Legislative Committee</u>: Ellen Nelson, Chair Howie Johannessen - No report. However, Kurt Heiss mentioned that he had updated the Committee page on the ENYSLS webite based on the list of bills passed out by Ellen Nelson at the last Board meeting. Also, it was noted that two bills related to streamlining the discipline process for Licensed Professionals had been signed by the governor on August 16, 2006.

<u>Membership</u>: Gordon Matson, Chair – No Report.

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<u>Program</u>: Bill Whimple, Chair, Charlie Hartnett - Bill Whimple reported that he has continued working on arranging speakers in advance for upcoming meetings so the information can be posted on the calendar on the ENYSLS website. Presenters have been secured for all upcoming member meetings into May of 2007, and this info will be posted online.

<u>Public Relations</u>: Jim Vianna, Chair, Wayne Willson – no report.

<u>Scholastic Development, Scholarship</u>: Brian Holibritter, Chair, Kurt Heiss, Ellen Nelson, Kristin Frank---

Kristin Frank mentioned that she had been able to make contact with Professor Kraatz at Paul Smith's College. It seems an April date for "Shadow Day" would work much better for Paul Smith's. It was decided to hold a shadow day with willing companies in the regional, after which the students and their sponsors would attend the April ENYSLS Board of Directors Meeting, followed by a roundtable discussion of the day's activities and the Surveying Profession. It was suggested that the meeting be held at a location where the students were staying for the night, possibly over a light dinner. The committees will continue to work to arrange this for April.

<u>Technical information:</u> This committee needs a chair and general members. No Report

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

<u>Website</u>: Kurt Heiss, Chair, Ellen Nelson - The ENYSLS archival project has been completed. All available pictures have been scanned and posted online. A number of photo negatives were found and were developed to add more pictures to the page. The Board voted to pay the \$40 invoice for the cost of the negative scanning and processing (Motion made by Charlie Hartnett, seconded by Howie Johannessen).

There are still a number of minutes from the society's past meetings that are missing from the archive. All members are encouraged to visit the website to see what minutes are still needed, and to get copies to Kurt Heiss for scanning and posting.

A calendar page has been posted, and any information about upcoming speakers and activities will be posted there to allow ENYSLS members to have more notice of upcoming events.

The Committees page has been updated to reflect changes to the end of this legislative session.

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OLD Business: None

Nominating: NO REPORT

New Business:

It was noted that Kerm Remele had recently passed away. Kerm had attended and was a speaker at the August Colvin Marker dedication. Charlie Hartnett mentioned that Kerm's memorial ceremony at the Ranger School was very well attended, and included a fly-by. Kerm was a longtime member and trustee of NYSAPLS, Professor, Pilot, creator of the Colvin Crew, and was a well-known and well-liked member of the Profession who will be missed.

Motion to Adjourn: was made by Howie Johannessen and seconded by Charlie Hartnett.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45±PM:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kurt Heiss, Secretary *Pro Tem* for:

ROBERT J. IHLENBURG, PLS

ENYSLS Secretary

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