

EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS

William Whimple called the August 09, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:25 at the office of Clough Harbour Engineering.

Present were William Whimple, William Darling, Wayne Wilson, Kevin Waldruff, Charlie Hartnett, Don Darrah, Robert Ihlenburg, Howard Johannessen, Kristen Demers. Matthew Bowe and Gordon Matson were absent. Jim Vienna attends as a guest.

The Secretary's report for May and June 2007 were submitted and approved with modifications.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REPORTS SUBMITTED:

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to Report

A report will be prepared for the September Meeting to bring us up to date.

President's Report: William Whimple reported:

The Nominations Committee for NYSAPLS is seeking officer candidate nominations.

Robert Smith, LS was appointed as the committee chair for 2007. The Committee is seeking candidates who are interested in filling any of the officer positions of NYSAPLS. Members are encouraged to send in their letter of interest with a biography detailing their professional background and accomplishments to the NYSAPLS office. A biographical form is available by calling NYSAPLS office.

Bill reminded us all to send letters to Governor Spitzer in favor of the ALTERATION OF SURVEY legislation. The letters help and should come from individuals as well as the Board.

NYSAPLS is expanding the statewide awards program.

The Conference Committee is finalizing the criteria for new awards that will be given out at the 2008 annual conference. A draft of their proposal was distributed at the State meeting so that it can be reviewed with the regional officers. They should report any comments to NYSAPLS before the September 21 board meeting, at which time the board will be asked to official vote on the final proposal. The Conference Committee is meeting in the coming weeks to finalize their proposal, which will be sent to the regional presidents. C. Hartnett will get additional information to the Board.

The Education Committee is embarking on the development of unique and original seminar programs to offer in 2008 and 2009. They are asking all regionals to seek comment from their members about issues they are dealing with in their professional business on a day-to-day basis. This input will be analyzed by the committee in the hopes that seminars can be designed to address these current "hot topics". Please forward your input to Jennifer Mauer and she will compile a summary document for the education committee prior to their next meeting October 1.

In response to continued concerns expressed by members on the safety and copyright protection of electronic data files, Daren Morgan appointed Ken Stigner to chair a Task Force to investigate who is entitled to electronic files from the survey possession, what laws may govern electronic files, and how to respond to planning board requests for electronic CAD files. The Task Force is also charged with surveying the membership to determine members' current practices regarding the release of their electronic files. If Eastern wants to be represented on this Task Force, we must submit a BIO Form to for each candidate for consideration. The NYSAPLS Bylaws requires the President to approve all committee appointments, so any interested members should contact Jennifer Mauer, or simply send in their BIO Form to NYSAPLS to her attention.

Bill reported that following on the heels of the strategic planning discussions held during the May 18 and July 20 State Board meetings, a decision was reached to carry out a strategic planning meeting the day after the November 16 State Board meeting and open house (November 17th). The meeting will be held in Albany. Members should plan on attending, as your input and discussions will be critical to the success of this effort. An outside facilitator has been chosen to lead the discussions, which will become a regular agenda item at each subsequent Board meeting. Information that is more detailed will be sent to the Regionals in the coming weeks. If you have any further questions about the planning meeting, please contact Daren Morgan (dmorgan@lafavewhitemcgivern.com) or Jennifer Mauer.

NYSAPLS retention campaign is being initiated by staff to encourage those members who have renewed their dues to continue their support in 07-08 year. Jennifer Mauer is strongly encouraged by the number of members who renewed this week to date. They are extremely close to making their budget goals for the year.

It was reported that the current retention rate is 97% our licensed members, and 90% retention for associate members. The calls and personal outreach to the regional members in our area is critically important, and *it is working* to bring in the dues commitments. Jennifer is most interested in learning the various reasons why folks have chosen not to renew after receiving so many letters from us.

NYSAPLS staff has also helped call all of the members who have not renewed, and has reached more than half of them to date. This will continue until all have been personally contacted. Jennifer reports that she is inspired by the conversations she has had with many of these members who praised the association and the local regionals for all of their efforts in support of the profession, and they are planning to submit their dues in the coming weeks.

Finally, Bill stated the need to get the nominating committee going and will contact Brian Magee for his input. Please let Bill or Brian know of any suggested nominations.

Executive Vice President's Report: No Report

Vice President's Report: Bill Whimple was asked to let NYSAPLS try to hold their meeting at another place in Albany. With out the benefit of a hotel much is lost because members cannot easily spend additional time together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Constitution & By-laws: Chuck Lent- Nothing to report.

Continuing Education: Chuck Lent (via e-mail) let us know that he has been in touch with Ken Ayers about a half dozen times. Each time he talks to him directly. Ken says each time he will have something ready by "next week". This has taken longer expected. There for Chuck will look into a Spring seminar and the possibility of a different speaker.

Ethics & Business Practice: Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen –Nothing to Report -- Bill Darling suggested that this committee should formulate our response to the "Electronic Files" committee that NYSAPLS has just formed. The Board agreed.

Finance: Bill Darling –Arrangements are being made to review the treasurer's books in August and the report will be ready by the September General Membership Meeting.

Legislative Committee: Howie- Nothing to report.

Membership: Gordon Matson – (via e-mail) Gordon still needs to set up a group to work on the bus trip to the 2008 Conference

Need to discuss unpaid list from NYSAPLS

Gordon supplied the Board with the following list of Eastern members how have not renewed their membership. The Board divided the names between those attending and will call each to encourage them to send in the past due dues.

List as of 7/27/07

Mem Type	First	Last	Work	City	E-mail
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RE	Bryant	Bigelow		Johnstown	
RE	Mark	Blackstone	(518) 355-1791	Schenectady	
AS	Nathan	Burrows	(518) 436-6310	Rensselaer	
RE	C Donald	Carpenter Jr	(518) 882-9774	Galway	
RE	Stephen	Cleary	(518) 388-0105	Glenmont	
RE	Mark	DeLor	(518) 452-4358	Queensbury	
AS	Matthew	Delor	(518) 452-4358	Albany	
RE	Stephen	Dickson	(518) 439-4989	Troy	
AS	Donald	Doss	(518) 786-7400	Stillwater	
RE	Steven	Elsbree	(518) 857-1755	Albany	
RE	Gerald	Gray	(518) 453-2891	Latham	
RE	Michael	Hart		Old Chatham	
RE	William	Higgins	(518) 734-3758	Windham	
AS	Jody	Lounsbury	(518) 371-0799	Clifton Park	
RE	Joseph	Malinowski	(518) 371-0799	Niskayuna	
AS	William	Morse	(518) 452-4358	Clifton park	
AS	Jason	Peterson	(518) 783-1630	Delmar	
AS	Todd	Pethick	(518) 377-0315	Howes Cave	
RE	John	Petrucco		Schenectady	
RE	Herman	Pulcher	(518) 279-1803	Troy	
RE	David	Saxe	(518) 439-4955	Colonie	
AS	Donald	Schel	(518) 452-4358	Albany	
AS	Michael	Signorelli		Troy	
RE	Raymond	Smith	(518) 701-8059	Nassau	
AS	Mark	Spallone	(518) 446-0396	Saratoga Springs	
AS	Jason	Swett	(518) 452-4358	Albany	
RE	William	Thompson	(518) 587-5665	Saratoga Springs	
AS	Douglas	Turck	(518) 439-9981	Coxsackie	
RE	Kevin	Waldruff	(518) 469-1907	Ballston Spa	
RE	Denise	Warren	(518) 731-1047	Coxsackie	

Program: Bill Whimple-2007-2008 program details were finalized..

September 07/Mechanic Lien/ (Kurt Heiss)/ at the Parkwood.

November 07/Annual Meeting-Jennifer from NYSAPLS will attend to talk about the Shaw Fund and perhaps give additional information of ID cars. To be held at the Tuscan Grill.

January 2008/ Brad Beeler MTS Data Collector Workshop at Muskatellas. This will be for the Associate members.

March 20089 /GIS topic and helpful websites. Photo contest vote. Bill Darling may present pictures on his construction work in Kenya and Bob Ihlenburg on Sudan at Crossgates?

May 2008 /Social Meeting, Past Presidents night on the Captain JP Cruise (or other similar event)

Public Relations: Wayne Wilson- Deposit has been made for the home show in February.

Wayne will also work on the photo contest by getting an e-mail out.

Suggested prizes are 1st place a bookstore gift certificate at the Convention and a free Eastern Dinner for Crew and a picture of the photo.

Second place will be a Book Store Gift Certificate & Framed photo.

Third place will be a Framed Photo. The amount of the gift certificate will be decided later.

Scholastic Development, Scholarship: Kristen Demers-HVCC is expanding their program for land surveying (that is the rumor) The Board decided Eastern should get in on the ground floor of this program and offer assistance and input if possible.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss- No Report.

Old Business:

- Bus trip to 08 NYSAPLS Conference We will try an e-mail to the general membership to see if there is any interest.
- Photo Contest Ideas were talk about. AN email announcing the contest should be sent by September.

New Business:

- This years voting Ballot will have a questionnaire on the back (or enclosed in the mailing) to assess member's interests and ideas. We could also use this to find out why attendance at meetings continues to drop. Wayne stated that he though a phone call would be better.
- Jim Vienna gave a report on the planned Colvin Crew hike to be held in September. In order to enter certain areas of private property the owner needs an insurance policy from Eastern to cover liability. A motion was made by Don Darah and seconded by Charlie Hartnett to amend our annual budget to provide for the purchase of insurance to cover members while on the Colvin Hike. The motion passed.
- Motion by Howie and second by Charlie to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert J. Ihlenburg