## EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS OCTOBER 11, 2007

APPROVED 8 NOVEMBER 2007

President, William Whimple, called the October 11, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:40 at the office of Clough Harbour Engineering.

Present were William Whimple, Gordon Matson, William Darling, Kevin Waldruff, Charlie Hartnett, Robert Ihlenburg, Howard Johannessen, Kristen Demers, Eric Crampton and Joe Malinowski. Absent were Matthew Bowe, Wayne Wilson, Don Darrah, and William LaPan.

The Secretary's report for September was not available for approval.

# THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REPORTS SUBMITTED:

Treasurer's Report: Account balances as of October 10, 2007 were submitted and accepted.

Bill reported that he has not received any requests for changes to the 2008 budget. A budget form was submitted and reviewed by the Board. A change was made to the Home Show line item and increased to \$1100. A motion was made by H. Johannssen and seconded by C. Hartnett to approve the proposed budget for 2008. The motion carried.

## **President's Report:** William Whimple reported:

- <u>1-</u> There is a brand new NYSAPLS Website and he encourages members to check it out. It should allow for on-line registration for the 2008 conference and the selection of the workshops available.
- 2- NYSAPLS is taking a survey on member's interest in their need for a payroll service. Members should respond to the survey to see if this is an area where NYSAPLS can help supply additional value to it's membership
- <u>3-</u> A similar survey will be conducted to find out the interest in a Group Health Insurance package.
- 4- The conference magazine is to arrive in the mail soon
- <u>5-</u> Strategic plan meeting will be held November 17 in the Albany area. Eastern is requested to send an additional representative along with Bill.

**Executive Vice President's Report:** G. Matson reported the November meeting would be held at the Crossgates Restaurant with Jennifer from the NYSAPLS office as speaker. January's meeting will be in Ballston Spa at The Factory.

<u>Vice President's Report</u>: C. Hartnett reported on the recent Colvin Crew outing. 15 people took the hike to recover blaze lines and a corner stump along the Saratoga County line. It was a "good day!" The Board expressed thanks to Jim Vienna and Don Carpenter for their work in organizing and leading this expedition.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### ----- <u>STANDING COMMITTEES</u> -----

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

<u>Continuing Education</u>: J. Malinowski highlighted the courses being offered at the conference. There is also being planned continuing education seminars for Eastern in April with Ken Ayres, in May with Knued Hammerson and October with a GPS seminar. In the early stages of planning is a new program being modeled

after a program in Oklahoma and the existing Boy Scouts merit program that will introduce surveying to middle school and high school aged children.

<u>Ethics & Business Practice</u>: Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen – The committee is waiting for a report from the State Society about the wetland mapping issue (is it surveying?) forwarded to them in August.

<u>Finance:</u> Bill Darling – No Report. <u>Legislative Committee</u>: Howie- Nothing to report.

Membership: Gordon Matson - No Report

<u>Program</u>: The program is set for the coming year. Discussion was held on the meeting format and ideas were discussed to help make the meeting more dynamic.

Public Relations: Wayne Wilson- No report.

<u>Scholastic Development, Scholarship</u>: Kristen Demers- Kristen is preparing for a visit to Paul Smith's with the help of Brian Holbritter. K. Heiss has contacted Alfred State and plans to do the interviews for the scholarship during November.

## TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss- No Report.

#### **Old Business:**

• A flyer to gauge interest in using a bus to travel to the 08 NYSAPLS Conference will be included in the Ballot mailing. It will help determine what day people would like to leave.

#### New Business:

1-The nominating committee of Brian McGee and Bill Darling will be finalizing the 2008 slate. The ballot will be mailed to the membership by October 24 with elections taking place at the November general membership meeting.

2-A membership questionnaire will be included in the ballot mailing. It will include questions asking where the most convenient place is to hold a meeting, what would make you more likely to attend a meeting. This is to be mailed back with the Ballot.

Respectfully Submitted

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