

**EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2007**

President, William Whimple, called the December 20, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:30 at the offices of M J Engineering.

Present were William Whimple, Gordon Matson, William Darling, Kevin Waldruff, Charlie Hartnett, Robert Ihlenburg, Eric Crampton, Joe Malinowski, Jodi Lounsbury., William LaPan, Kurt Heiss and Carl Rigdon.

Absent were Matthew Bowe and Wayne Willson, Howard Johannessen, Kristen Demers and Don Darrah.

The Secretary's report for November was presented and amended. Motion by Charles Hartnett and seconded by Bill Darling to approve the minutes. The motion carried. They will be posted on the web site.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REPORTS SUBMITTED:**

**Treasurer Report:** William LaPan -Bill asked for any bills that need to be paid be given to him soon so he can close the books for 2007. Balances to December 20, 2007 were stated and the records submitted for audit.

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

- 1-President Whimple thanked William LaPan for his past years of service as treasurer and his efforts given to the Eastern Society.
- 2- NYSAPLS held their strategic planning meeting with mixed success. Four committees will be set up to a) assess general financial resources b) Understanding of Professions c) Scope of Practice and d) State of Regional Consensus
- 3- Bill led a discussion on the past hike by the Colvin Crew and the work Jim Vienna did in organizing the hike. A motion made by Kevin Waldruff and second by Robert Ihlenburg to pay for organizational expenses of \$250 to Jim Vienna. The motion carried.
- 4- A new e-mail list was passed around to be checked for correctness and completeness.
- 5- Committee assignments were talked about and committee heads will be reworked for the January meeting.
- 6- "Table Talk" topics will be generally talked about with the membership at the January meeting.
- 7- The number of sign-ups for the bus trip was under 20. We need 50 to break even on costs. The decision was made to cancel the bus.

**Executive Vice President's Report:** G. Matson reported Brad Beeler is ready for the January membership "Associates Night" meeting. He will have equipment ready for the associates and will field questions on field procedures.

**Vice President's Report:** Charles Harnett, **Nothing** to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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**Constitution & By-laws:** Chuck Lent- Nothing to report. Robert Ihlenburg will chair this committee for 2008.

**Continuing Education:** Jody Lounsbury will chair this committee for 2008 with assistance of Chuck Lent. The new focus will be on developing 1-hour profession development credits presentations by members to be given at general membership meetings.

Ethics & Business Practice: A Time Union Homes article (December 09, 2007) about Surveying was passed around. Generally, it was thought that the attention brought to the profession by this article was good. President Whimple will write to the author to encourage his readers to use the Eastern web site to gain more knowledge about the profession and for a list of member Proprietors.

Finance: Bill Darling – Thanks again to Bill LaPan for all of his efforts. A final audit of the books will take place prior to the transfer of the treasurer’s duties to Bob Ihlenburg.

Legislative Committee: Howie Johannessen- Nothing to report.

Membership: Gordon Matson – Please make an effort to keep your e-mail address current. Gordon asked that the web site be set up in a friendlier manor to allow for e-mail corrections.

Program: The program is set for January. The meeting will be held at the FACTORY in Ballston Spa.

Public Relations: Wayne Willson- Gordon Matson will assist Wayne in organizing the Home show set-up and exhibit.

Scholastic Development, Scholarship: Kristen Demers Brian Holbitter, and Kurt Heiss met with students at Paul Smith, the Ranger School, Mohawk Valley and Alfred State University. The recipients of the scholarships have been decided and the awards will be made at the annual conference. The State Society will assist the students in getting to the conference site (as in past years).

#### TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss- The Eastern domain name is up for registration renewal. A motion by Bill Darling and seconded by Kevin Waldruff to purchase the domain name for the next 9 years was made. The motion carried. (This is a savings of approximately the cost of 4 years)

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

1- Jody discussed the problems of hosting a hospitality room at the conference. It was decided that this year would not lend itself to having a Hospitality room. Many thanks to Jody for his past 10 years of organizing this.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 by motion and unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert J. Ihlenburg PLS

Posted as revised and approved by the BOD on 1/10/08