

# EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS

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# MINUTES GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2008 The Factory Eatery, Ballston Spa, New York

President Whimple called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. Approximately 40 members and guests were in attendance.

## **President's Report:** Bill Whimple

- 1. A letter of response to the 12/9/07 Times Union Home Section article on Land Surveyors was drafted and sent to Dan Howley at the Times Union.
- 2. It was announced that Lorman Educational Seminars is looking for a speaker or speakers for their upcoming seminars in New York.
- 3. Index cards were put on each table. Members were encouraged to write down Table Talk Topics on the cards. They'll be reviewed and used as possible Table Talk Topics for discussion at future meetings.
- 4. Membership Survey Results:

Fifty three responses were received with varying degrees of completeness and comments. Requested meeting locations were varied and indicated locations throughout the Capital District and Saratoga area.

What would make members attend meetings?:

CU Credits – 34 responses

Survey Practices – 24 Technical - 18 Social - 10 Bull Session - 6

Attendance at meetings – the results indicated that most of the members returning surveys seldom or never attended meetings:

 Seldom –
 26

 Often 10

 Very Often 8

 Never 5

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Importance of meeting topics (out of 10): NYS Boundary & Real Prop. Law -8.57

Professional Liability -6.39 Standards -6.08

**Business Practices -**5.90

Ethics -5.75 Technical -5.54

Title Insurance -4.98 Obtaining LS -4.42

Planning Board Information -4.36 Legislative Action -4.20

President Whimple noted that many associate level respondents noted a desire for information on obtaining an LS, and the BOD will take the results of the survey into account when planning future meetings and presentations.

## **Committee Reports:**

----Standing Committees----

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers

The Scholarship Committee chose winners for the ENYSLS Scholarships, and the Treasurer has cut the checks. President Whimple will present the awards at the awards banquet at the NYSAPLS conference in Niagara Falls this month.

Public Relations: Wayne Willson

Preparations for the Home Show are well underway. Instead of passing out copies of the Proprietor List as in past years, ENYSLS will instead be handing out a business card with our logo and a note, and a link to the ENYSLS website for more information and a list of proprietors. The signup sheet for slots to man the ENYSLS booth at the Home Show was passed around at tonight's meeting. Rich Bennett has volunteered to prepare a poster-sized map as a raffle prize as in past years.

#### **Old Business:**

The bus trip to the conference was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups. Everyone who had signed up has been notified.

**New Business:** None

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The business meeting was temporarily suspended for a presentation by Brad Beeler of Maine Technical Source and Gary Rosen of Carlson Software about Carlson field-to-finish software. A raffle followed the presentation with several members winning items. Thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffle the proceeds of which support our scholarship fund.

A motion to adjourn was made by Les Denison, seconded by Kristen Demers, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

The next general membership meeting of the Eastern New York Society of Professional Land Surveyors will be held on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Crossgates Restaurant in Albany, with a presentation by Bob Ihlenburg and Bill Darling about their missionary efforts doing construction work in Kenya and the Sudan. Visit the ENYSLS website at <a href="http://www.enysls.org">http://www.enysls.org</a> for more information

> Respectfully Submitted, Kurt J. Heiss, LS **ENYSLS Secretary** heisskj953@roadrunner.com

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