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**RECORD OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, February 12, 2009
CHA, Albany, NY

There were not enough Directors in attendance for Quorum. President Johannessen and the other Directors decided to discuss and review the planned Board meeting topics, however no votes were taken and no decisions were finalized.

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Gordy Matson, Kurt Heiss, Eric Crampton, Bill Darling, and Kristin Demers

Absent were: Kevin Waldruff, Bob Ihlenburg, Matt Bowe, William Whimple, Carl Rigdon, and Lawrence O'Connor.

Guest: Jody Lounsbury

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

The minutes from the January meetings are not yet available. Executive Vice-President Matson will type them up for the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg

A written report was submitted (attached), including a balance sheet for the year 2008. There were several questions regarding expenditures, and these questions will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Directors in attendance discussed the option of rejuvenating the raffles at Member meetings, and perhaps holding a 50/50 raffle to generate more income.

Treasurer Ihlenburg is currently recovering from Heart Surgery, and the good wishes of the Board go out to him.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen

President Johannessen discussed committees, chairs, and committee sign-ups. It is his intention to circulate a committee sign-up sheet at the March Member meeting.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Gordy Matson: Nothing to Report

Vice-President's Report: Kevin Waldruff – No Report

Committee Reports:

-----Standing Committees-----

Constitution & By-Laws: Bob Ihlenburg: No Report

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

Kristin thanked those members that assisted with the scholarship interviews. Most of the scholarship checks have been released, however several have not, and are pending Treasurer Ihlenburg's return to duty.

Kristin is starting the planning for a Paul Smith's night in April.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah: Written Report Submitted

The committee followed up on a previous issue and it is resolved. The issue involved an unlicensed person offering stake-out services, as well as "Surveying" services on their website. This person was contacted, informed of the regulations, and agreed to change their website and the services they are offering. Later, when their website was reviewed, the offer for "Surveying" services was again listed. The party was again contacted and stated the second listing was accidental (a website update revised an old page), and that they would change their website. The Committee considers this issue resolved.

Bill Darling brought to the Directors' attention a letter he received from a company in another state offering, amongst other things, what appear to be licensed services. The letter is being forwarded to the Committee for action.

The members in attendance discussed an issue that was tabled at the last meeting – a member of ENYSLS contacted the BOD with the following message: *"In reading the minutes, I see there is an 'Ethics issue' under review. Ever since I've been a member, every ethics question or situation that's come up has been treated in total silence & secrecy. I believe the general information should be shared with the membership and everyone be kept aware of all Society business in general. Openness has a tendency to prevent many problems."* – The members in attendance discussed the issue and the member's concerns. It was generally thought that there are some significant reasons not to reveal specifics regarding Ethics issues in the minutes. The minutes are publicly available, and revealing specifics could jeopardize amicable resolutions of current Ethics issues, and could create liability issues for the Board and Membership if accusations were made against members or non-members. However, it was thought that the Ethics Committee is approachable, and any members with concerns or looking for more information should feel free to contact the committee. Further, in the future, the Secretary will "flesh-out" the information presented in the Ethics Committee section of the minutes in order to give members as much information as possible without jeopardizing current "investigations."

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury:

Jody reported that the Home Show went well, with most people showing up for the times for which they volunteered, and that a number of people visited the booth. The Committee is reviewing ideas for future Home Shows, including a projector with pictures (like other booths), and displaying winning maps from the NYSAPLS Map Contest.

Jody is submitting invoices to be reimbursed for the assorted costs from the Home Show (\$90.60), the new banner (\$121.82), and ENYSLS' portion of the Hospitality Suite (\$542).

The Committee is continuing to develop a series of 1-hour CEU bearing courses for our dinner meetings. Members with ideas are encouraged to contact Jody.

Jody, Bill Whimple and Secretary Heiss are gauging interest in having ENYSLS run an OSHA 10-Hour Safety Course in the near future. This would be similar to the program run last year by NYSAPLS at the offices of CHA.

Finance: Bill Darling: Nothing to Report

Membership: Gordy Matson: Nothing to Report

Legislative: No Report

President Johannessen mentioned that this committee needs a chair, and also members.

Program: Bill Whimple: Written Report Submitted

The presentation by the NYS Police was discussed, and was felt to have been a success. Bill Whimple

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sent a letter to the speakers thanking them for their presentation.

The March Member meeting will be at Moscatiello's and the speaker will be Finola Bianco (Insurance).

Public Relations: No Report

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

-----Temporary and Ad-hoc Committees-----

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss:

Secretary Heiss met with Jim Vianna regarding the Colvin Crew Website – it is planned to have the website up and running by April/May 2009, in time for the announcement of the Crew's June outing.

Secretary Heiss discussed the current policy regarding messages sent to the society through the contact form on the website, and also the current Proprietor List Policy.

Old Business:

Thank you notes were passed around regarding the donation made in memory of Tom McCormack.

New Business:

Jody brought up the issue of technical assistance for the NYS Police Accident Investigation team. The officers at the January meeting indicated their willingness to "keep the door" open, and ENYSLS is considering the option of possibly offering a technical workshop to the NYSP and other local departments regarding instrument use, maintenance, repair and care. Jody mentioned that the "Crime Scene Mapping" courses these officers take in order to do their jobs at accident investigations are available nationally and one need not be a police officer to sign up and attend.

A previous discussion regarding the ENYSLS mailbox was continued at the meeting. The members in attendance felt the P.O. Box was in a good location in Clifton Park, and that there was no need to move the box. Joe Malinowski has been checking the box periodically for the society. The BOD will investigate getting a second key for the box so that several members can check it regularly.

It was mentioned that some members are still sending their NYSAPLS renewals to ENYSLS at the P.O. Box. While this was an option in the "old days" – under the current system, it is easier for all involved if renewals are sent directly to NYSAPLS. The next e-mail message to the general membership will include a notice to that effect.

Secretary Heiss passed around an article from the December 2008 issue of POB Magazine that featured NYSAPLS (the article was about "Your association dues working for you . . .").

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, March 12th, 2009 in conjunction with the March General Membership Meeting at Moscatiello's in Troy.

Respectfully Submitted,
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