



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 7, 2010
Moscatiello's Restaurant, Troy, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:42pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, William Whimple, Kristin Demers, Eric Crampton, Carl Rigdon, Don Darrah, Bill Darling, Michael Gaines, and Lee Lurie.

Absent were: Lawrence O'Connor, Gordy Matson.

Guests: James Vianna, Mike Johnson

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Eric Crampton, Seconded by Carl Rigdon, to approve the minutes with minor corrections and notations. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg

Treasurer Ihlenburg submitted a Year-End Report for 2009 (attached). A motion was made by Kurt Heiss, Seconded by Don Darrah, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen

President Johannessen presented the following topics to the Board:

- **Board Appointment:** Kaleb Winters, who was recently elected to a one-year term on the BOD, has resigned. Kaleb, who just received his license, was looking forward to attending and participating at the BOD meetings. However, after Christmas he accepted a position with the NYSDEC in Olean, NY (Allegheny Plateau Association of Professional Land Surveyors Regional). President Johannessen asked for the Boards unanimous consent to appoint Lee Lurie to the open one-year position. Lee was one of the Associate members running for the position in November. Hearing no objections, Lee Lurie was appointed to the BOD for the remainder of Kaleb's one-year term.
- **Conference Committee:** President Johannessen has asked Brian Magee to chair the 2012 Conference Committee. Brian is thinking about it and will respond to Howie soon.
- **Dues Increase:** In December the BOD voted to raise the regional portion of the member dues. After this meeting, it was discovered that, per the ENYSLS Constitution and By-Laws, the dues can only be raised by a majority vote of members at the Annual Meeting. Therefore the vote in December was rescinded, and a note will be made in the December Minutes to that effect. The BOD will approach the members at the 2010 Annual Meeting regarding a dues increase.
- **Committees:** The annual Committee Sign-up Sheet will be passed around at the Member Meeting tonight.

- Member Meeting: President Johannessen will be discussing the following at the Member Meeting tonight: One-hour courses; ENYSLS Scholarships; Conference Committee; Kaleb Winter's resignation and Lee Lurie's appointment; NYSAPLS late membership fees waived again; and Committee Sign-ups.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Eric Crampton: No Report

Vice-President's Report: Don Darrah –

- Vice-President Darrah will take over the restaurant/venue scheduling and reservation duties. We are currently using three main venues: Moscatiello's, The Crossgates, and The Factory. Members are encouraged to suggest other venues where we could possibly host our dinner meetings.

Committee Reports:

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

Constitution & By-Laws: Bob Ihlenburg –

- Kurt Heiss submitted a list of suggested changes to the ENYSLS Constitution and By-Laws to the committee. The committee will review them with the aim of submitting changes for the Membership's approval at the Annual Meeting in November.

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

- Scholarship selections have been made. Scholarship winners will receive checks and will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet at the NYSAPLS Conference next week. The names of the scholarship winners will be announced once the winners themselves have been notified.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah:

- Don is planning on drafting a letter that can be sent to foresters/loggers if/when it is discovered they are advertising their services and offering boundary location/marketing services.

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury – Verbal Report presented by Bill Whimple:

The committee is continuing to search for members to provide one-hour courses at the dinner meeting.

Finance: Bill Darling – Nothing Report.

Membership: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor – No Report

Program: Bill Whimple:

The Debt Collection presentation is scheduled for tonight as planned. Bill is trying to arrange for a presentation on aerial survey products for the March meeting.

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Public Relations: **Chair Needed** – No Report

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

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

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

- Kurt Heiss was contacted through the website by a person running a new website called Land Surveyors United. This website is apparently intended to be a replacement for the RPLS boards and other web-based Land Surveying communities and discussion forums. The website is <http://www.landsurveyorsunited.ning.com> – the new domain name (online soon) will be <http://www.landsurveyorsunited.com> – the website was visited and it seems that to access any pages on the site requires logging-in (e.g. creating a username and password, and providing an e-mail address). The owner of the website was traced, and the person works for Palmetto Equipment – a Land Surveying Equipment Vendor. ENYSLS Members are encouraged to get involved with the website and discussion if they so desire, but are warned that by signing-up, they may be providing their e-mail address to an equipment vendor.
- The Board discussed locations for upcoming BOD meetings. Eric Crampton suggested that the CT Male Conference Room may be available for BOD meetings. The BOD discussed possibly holding the BOD meetings at various places across the Regional during the year (including CT Male, Tommell & Associates, Fraser & Associates and CHA). Eric will see if CT Male is an option for the February BOD meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kristin Demers, seconded by Don Darrah, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:29pm.

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, February 11th, 2010, at a location to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kurt J. Heiss, L.S.
ENYSLS Secretary
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Trans #	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Debit
75	Check	9/10/2009	146	Howie Johannessen		Checking Account	63.00
76	Check	9/10/2009	145	Kurt Heiss		Checking Account	41.56
78	Check	11/12/2009	147	Howie Johannessen		Checking Account	60.00
79	Check	11/12/2009	148	Kurt Heiss		Checking Account	140.00
80	Check	11/12/2009	149	MOSCATIELLO'S		Checking Account	300.00
81	Deposit	11/18/2009			Deposit	Checking Account	1,075.00
					NOVEMBER DI...	Cash from dinner	325.00
						Checks for Dinner	\$750.00
					(total deposit \$1,075.00 for dinner)		
82	Deposit	1/7/2010			Deposit	Checking Account	390.00
				NYSAPLS	State Dues ...	Dues and Subscrip	
83	Deposit	1/7/2010			Deposit	Checking Account	2,150.00
				(NYSAPLS	July to Nov...	Dues and Subscrip...)	
84	Check	11/12/2009	150	CROSSGATES		Checking Account	1,161.00
85	Check	12/10/2009	153	Kurt Heiss		Checking Account	\$85.00
86	Check	12/10/2009	154	NYSAPLS		Checking Account	\$289.00
87	Check	12/10/2009	151	Kurt Heiss		Checking Account	\$89.49

CLOSING BALANCE CHECKING ACCOUNT January 07, 2009 **\$5866.73**
UVEST ACCOUNT BALANCE NOVEMBER 2009 **\$36,422.79**