

## EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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# MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 12, 2013 Moscatiello's Italian Restaurant 99 North Greenbush Rd. Troy, NY 12180

President Richard Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:45pm

Present were: Richard Bennett, Robert Wilklow, Lee Lurie, Kristin Demers, Daniel Peeters, Chris Czerw, Greg Kovach, Brie Strom and Howie Johannessen.

Absent: Larry O'Connor, Eric Crampton, Jason Peterson and Randy Paquin.

## Secretary's Report - Robert Wilklow

• Minutes from the August Board of Directors meeting were submitted by Robert Wilklow for review by the Board Members. A motion was made by Brie Strom to accept the minutes with revisions, seconded by Kristin Demers. The motion was passed.

## **Treasurer's Report – Eric Crampton**

• The Treasurer's report was submitted by Eric Crampton and accepted by The Board.

## **President's Report – Richard Bennett**

- The NYSAPLS BOD meeting will be held September 20.
- The Federal and State taxes for part of 2011 & 2012 have been filed.
- Lester Denison has agreed to be the Chairman for the Nominating Committee.
- Brie Strom agreed to attempt to contact unpaid Eastern and NYSAPLS members to remind them they must have their dues paid and be a member in order to vote in the November elections.
- The deadline for the early bird discount for a conference ad is October 4. The BOD agreed to place an ad similar to the one from last year.

## **Executive Vice President's Report – Kristin Demers**

No report

## **Vice President's Report – Randy Paquin**

No report.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Constitution & By-laws: Larry O'Connor, Bill Schraa, Randy Paquin:

- Fiscal year needs to be changed to end December 31.
- Budget due date should also be revised.

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent, Eric Crampton: nothing to report

Ethics: Jim Vianna, Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag, Kevin Rounds: nothing to report

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, Chris Czerw: nothing to report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor: nothing to report

**Program:** Randy Paquin, Charles Hartnett, Gary Michell:

• November annual membership meeting and elections to be held at Shaker Ridge Country Club. The program is to be determined.

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury: nothing to report

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers, Randy Paquin: nothing to report

Business Practice & Technical Information: Chris Czerw: nothing to report

Membership: Robert Wilklow, Steve Dickson: nothing to report.

Website: Richard Bennett:

• Minutes have been added to the web site.

## **TEMPORARY COMMITTEES**

## Old Business:

• Long Island Surveyors still have the tallest tree challenge.

## **New Business:**

- Jim Allen asked the Board if the Society might consider providing assistance to the New Netherlands Project in annotating the English translations upon digital copies of historic Dutch maps. Rich Bennett volunteered to go with Jim to meet with the "Project" personnel to discuss the scope of what may be needed. (Revised 1/18/14 Per Jim Allen's comments/request).
- Jim Vianna and Bob Ihlenburg discussed going to Philadelphia for a Surveyor Historical Society seminar and asked the BOD if they thought there might be interest in trying to have a seminar in Upstate New York. The Society has 2016 and 2017 dates open and would need a preliminary proposal by March of 2014.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be 5:30 pm on Thursday October 10th at a location to be determined.

Temporarily adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The second showing of the NYSAPLS webinar NYS prevailing wage and how it affects the practice of land surveying presented by Christopher Alund began at 7:00 pm.

President Richard Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

Rich announced that the Federal and State taxes have been submitted and that our tax exempt status has been reinstated. He also announced that Lester Denison agreed to be the chairman for the Nominating Committee and that an associate committee member is needed. Rich also told the members in attendance that we need to change our fiscal year and that it needs to be voted on by the members of Eastern at the next election. A separate ballot will be sent out to all paid members along with the annual election ballots.

Old Business - none

#### **New Business:**

- Jim Allen discussed what he had told the BOD earlier and that he is working with The New Netherlands Institute, a nonprofit organization and asked the Board about the possibility of translating some Old Dutch maps into a digital format. Rich Bennett volunteered to go with Jim and meet with the Institute to see what might be needed.
- Jim Vianna and Bob Ihlenburg discussed going to Philadelphia for a Surveyor Historical Society seminar and asked the BOD if they thought there might be interest in trying to have a seminar in Upstate New York. The Society has 2016 and 2017 dates open and would need a preliminary proposal by March of 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with a motion from Robert Wilklow, seconded by Brie Strom.

The next General Membership meeting will be Thursday November 14, 2013 at The Shaker Ridge Country Club and will be our annual elections. Jim Vianna has agreed to give a short presentation about the Surveyor Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert A. Wilklow, PLS ENYSLS Secretary bwilklow@gvglandsurveyors.com

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