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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: August 9, 2018

Place: The Mill on Round Lake

Address: 2121 US Rt. 9, Round Lake, NY

President Kaleb Winters called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

Present were: Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Rick Palmer, Randy Paquin, Larry O'Connor, Eric Crampton, Brie Strom

Absent: Pat VanHaverbeke, Kristin Darrah, Jason Peterson, Nick Lehman

Secretary's Report – Ralph Hill:

- Minutes from the May 10, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with changes by the B.O.D.. A motion was made by Kaleb to accept the minutes, seconded by Brie. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report – Eric Crampton:

- Eric submitted the Treasurer's report and was accepted by the B.O.D.

President's Report – Kaleb Winters:

- Please review the ENYSLS Constitution, Bylaws, and Officer Duties on ENYSLS website
- Email vote to sponsor the NYSAPLS Conference Welcome Reception Door Prize for \$500
- Highlights from NYSAPLS BOD July meeting
 - Education Committee will contact employers to understand the education trail of new hires and their strengths and weaknesses to aid NYS college survey programs
 - '17-'18 FY numbers are not yet finalized, but as expected, will show a loss mostly due to not meeting projections for the last 2018 conference. However the 2018-2019 budget is in line with projected dues income as of now
 - The BOD voted unanimously to hire Gramercy Communications (a professional PR firm) and to transfer the required \$80,000 from the 3950 unrestricted fund account to the restricted funds – public relations 3960 account for the 1st phase of the initiative
 - Daren Morgan had stepped down from his long held position of Legislative Committee Chairman
 - President deBruin's Legislative Committee appointees were confirmed by the BOD, David Zacharias for Chairman, Brian Skalman and Lee Green for committee members

- David Zacharias stepped down from his seat on the Minimum Technical Standards Committee (MTS) and Jim Vianna was appointed to fill the seat in an effort to continue striving for regional diversity on the MTS Committee as requested by ENYSLS
- Heather Schultz (formerly Firetog) has been with NYSAPLS HQ for five years now
- 1208 dues renewal notices sent and about 850 members have paid their dues, 300 invoices sent to ex-members to encourage them to rejoin
- Conference Committee is working on finalizing the four year contract with the Turning Stone Casino due to the switch in venues for 2020 from Lake Placid to Turning Stone
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviewed the suggested amendments from the Membership and Ethical Practices Committees. The committee is asking the regionals to review the suggested changes at their local meetings for feedback. The amendments will be voted on at the Annual meeting in January by members. Stay tuned for more information.
- Task 5.3.3 of the Strategic Plan was reviewed, "NYSAPLS board recognizes that inactive regions have an adverse effect on decision-making of the board due to numbers required for meeting quorum. Review possible edits or amendments to bylaws that don't exclude inactive regions but resolve the issue as it pertains to the board" the committee identified three major issues they felt necessary to receive board feedback on before addressing this task: Inactive regions and their effect upon voting, Regions that have overlapping membership areas and the fairness in voting, and Regionals that do not currently accept new members
- The committee plans to review their second strategic task (5.4.3) during their next meeting, which involves exploring the possibility of appointing at large members to the Board of Directors (BOD) for representation.
- Ethical Practices Committee submitted a written report summarizing all of the cases it has reviewed since the committee's inception in 2016. The report to the BOD states the case numbers and the charges alleged in each case along with a brief description of the outcome or current state of the case. The committee has reviewed 16 cases in all, and 5 so far in 2018. The committee has written an article for the *Empire State Surveyor* (ESS) magazine regarding what it has discovered through reviewing these cases in the hopes of bettering our profession. The article will be in the September issue of ESS.
- Minimum Technical Standards Committee is focusing on researching other state standards as they craft the language for NY. The committee is also gathering all the existing laws and statutes pertaining to land surveying in New York to review and be in alignment with when drafting the standards. The committee suggests that NYSAPLS create a reference page on our website with links to the documents for NYSAPLS members to have access to.
- LSPAC has a current balance of \$3,454.23. they have received 20 donations totaling under \$1,000 since the dues invoices were mailed in June. The LSPAC paid out \$3,300 in contributions so far in 2018. The committee is meeting later in the fall to discuss fundraising efforts.
- Membership Committee has made its submission to the Bylaws committee for rewording of the student membership definition. The committee will be reviewing member benefits at its next meeting in August
- NSPS Committee reported NYSAPLS received a letter from NSPS stating that they are seeking support for a potential upcoming vote on a \$10 dues increase for NSPS members at either the Fall or the Spring meeting. The BOD voted to accept the upcoming dues increase.
- Nominations and Awards Committee urges members and regionals to submit nominations for the upcoming Pillars of Excellence Awards.
- Young Professionals Committee is ready to present a CE course at regional meetings. A handout advertising the course was distributed to the directors. The committee is also working on a letter of communication to students and possible associate members to explain the benefits of membership. In addition, the committee is discussing ideas on how to bridge the gap between young professionals and seasoned professionals.

- o Daren Morgan was nominated for an Honorary NYSAPLS Membership

Executive Vice President’s Report –Randy Paquin:

- Colvin Crew Recovery on Limekiln Lake in Inlet on Saturday August 18th (Contact Jeff Storey at 607-835-6361 or jasadks@gmail.com for more information)
- Highlight from NYSAPLS BOD July meeting
 - o “Colvin Crew” requesting donations as their current reserve balance is only \$400. The “Colvin Crew” has an annual operating balance of approximately \$200 per year. NYSAPLS urged regionals to consider a donation. (NYSAPLS Executive Board voted to donate \$100 to the Colvin Crew). Regionals who wish to donate can contact camp clerk, Michael Webb
- Rick Palmer added that all 442 Colvin field books have been scanned and are being transferred to the State Archives

Vice President’s Report – Jim Vianna:

- Don Carpenter membership status
 - o to be a life member – he would need to make his license in-active, as he is currently licensed through 10/31/2020. But if he does not want to, we can nominate him for Honorary Membership – which is “An individual who by reason of outstanding devotion and contribution to the profession of Land Surveying is nominated by a regional association for consideration by the NYSAPLS Board of Directors. An Honorary Member shall have a special Presidential award presented at the annual conference.”
 - o An honorary membership would also allow him to be a member, without paying dues, and he would not have to give up his license.
- Jim Church, Director of Strategic Initiatives of Questar III BOCES will be presenting at our September meeting at The Factory Eatery & Spirits, 20 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
- SHS 2018 Rendezvous in New Orleans, Louisiana from September 9 – 12

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Constitution & By-laws: Larry O’Connor, Bill Schraa, Ralph Hill and Randy Paquin:

N/R

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent and Larry O’Connor:

N/R

Ethics: Jim Vianna, Jeff Ostertag and Kevin Rounds:

N/R

Finance: Bill Darling and Chris Czerw:

N/R

Legislative: Larry O’Connor:

N/R

Program: Randy Paquin, Larry O’Connor:

N/R

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Brie Strom:

N/R

Scholastic Development: Kristin Darrah and Randy Paquin:

Randy would like to interview the candidates this year

Business Practice & Technical Information: Chris Czerw:

N/R

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson:
N/R

Website: Ralph Hill, Kaleb Winters:
N/R

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES:

OLD BUSINESS:

N/R

NEW BUSINESS:

- Albany calibration base line status update from Rick Palmer – last time measured was in 1998. It is located on a transmission line owned in fee by Nation Grid. National Grid is worried about liability from the survey profession and is very reluctant to allow recalibration or use
- Saratoga calibration base line is in good condition and easy to get to
- ***The BOD suggests abandoning the current Albany baseline and keeping the Saratoga one and requesting DOT to create a new calibration baseline, preferably in Albany County on public land***
- Next NYSAPLS BOD Meeting to be held Friday September 21st at Hilton Garden Inn at 62 New Scotland Ave, Albany, NY 12208 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm and is open to all members. There will be a cocktail/networking hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm with a cash bar and a light dinner buffet from 6:00 – 7:00 pm preceding the meeting.

Next ENYSLS Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting to be held on September 13, 2018 at The Factory Eatery & Spirits at 20 Prospect St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Adjourn at : 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph Hill, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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