



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

April 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting by phone and PC
Due to COVID-19 Pandemic gathering restrictions

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

Present: Kaleb Winters, Jason Peterson, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Larry O'Connor, Rick Palmer, Randy Paquin and Chuck Lent,

Absent: Lucas Boyer, Brie Strom, Pat VanHaverbeke, Nick Lehman and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The March 2021 BOD meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Paquin and seconded by Chuck Lent. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that the May and August meeting minutes had been updated to remove the name of the member in the Ethics investigation.
- Dwayne also reported that the Proprietor list had been updated based on the edits that Kaleb provided. Kaleb suggested checking the member list to verify proper COA's. Chuck and Randy agreed to look into it.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Jim also reported that the check for \$100 which was in memorial to Rich Bennett to the Cancer Society has gone uncashed. He wrote out a new check for \$100 to the Charles Wood Cancer Foundation in memorial of Rich Bennett.

Minimum Technical Standards

- Jim reported that there was a meeting held on March 24th and that there was very little response from members. Genesee Valley indicated they may hold a meeting in the fall with the committee to update its members.

ENYSLS newsletter

- Nothing to report

Mapping the Mountains- a program with Maureen Jones being offered by the Warren County Historical Society.

- Jim reported that it was a very basic program, not at all what he expected.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- enysls.org domain auto renewed on March 7 for \$14.95 for one year (expires 20220316)
- enysls.org hosting expires November 24 when we will switch over to Pixelheap. It was agreed upon that we would remain with Pixelheap for 2022 per Eric's request and then explore our options going forward.
- National Surveyors Week March 17 - 27, 2021 (Global Surveyor's Day March 23, 2021). Kaleb reported that two DEC employees explained how a traverse works.
- Ashley Metz featured on [Channel 13 \(WNYT\)](#) and [Spectrum News](#). All agreed that the segments were very good.
- NYSAPLS 3/19 meeting
 - Proposed budget (vote 5/21). Kaleb said that members need to be notified of the proposed Regular Member dues increase prior to NYSAPS voting on it. The dues increase goes to cover the cost of advertising campaign and Public Relations associated with trying to get new members and also covers the costs associated with the "Find a Surveyor" on the NYSAPLS website. NYSAPLS Budget Committee is proposing a \$60 increase but in reality a \$75 increase is needed to break even. Jason asked if there was the ability to provide input as to what the PR campaign targets. He suggested a program that explains the costs associated with performing a survey. Jim agreed with Jason and suggested maybe targeting the Realtor Association and similar entities. Jim wondered if it might be possible to reduce the Annual Conference dues to offset the cost of the membership increase. It was also noted that as a whole the profession is aging and when the Retired Member category takes effect, there will be a percentage of Regular Members that will change categories further increasing the income gap for NYSAPLS. Kaleb said he would put together a draft letter and send it to the BOD for feedback before sending it out to the membership. Jason suggested sending information on the Tax Code about writing off dues to help soften the blow. Chuck offered we should pose to NYSAPLS that they give a few free webinar courses as a way to mitigate the dues increase.
 - Retired Member category (vote 5/21). NYSAPLS is asking Regionals to reduce their dues rate for the Retired Member category. The proposed fee is still being looked at by NYSAPLS. Jim asked if we knew how ENYSLS's fee compared to the other Regionals. Kaleb said that he believes that we are on the low end.
 - 2025 NYSAPLS Conference Sponsor? Randy said he thinks we should do it. The Annual Conference is locked in at Turning Stone through 2023 and up in the air where it goes from there.
 - proposed NYSED regulations. There is supposed to be language out for public comments this summer as far as how the new bill will work and what will count for education, experience, etc.
 - NYLTA letter. A draft letter was to be sent out the day of the March NYSAPLS meeting. Kaleb said he didn't know the status of it.
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Executive Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

- No report.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report.

Past President's Report: Randy Paquin

- No report.

Standing Committee Reports

Calibration Base Line (ad hoc): Randy Paquin, Rick Palmer

Pattersonville updates

- Randy said that he will follow up with the attorneys at the Parks Department for guidance. He will also look into the costs of getting monuments in the ground.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

ENYSLS Constitution and By-Laws updates

- Kaleb reviewed Larry's revisions. A motion was made by Randy Paquin to accept Larry's revisions and seconded by Larry O'Connor. At this point the proposed revisions will need to go out to the membership for review before being voted on at the Annual Election.

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent, and Eric Crampton

- Nothing to report.

Ethics Practice: Larry O'Connor, Chuck Lent and Jeff Ostertag

A member suspects company is offering land surveying practices illegally

- Larry reported that the company in question acknowledged the letter Larry sent them. Larry read the letter he received to the BOD. He noted the changes that were made to the company's website. While he feels they are walking a fine line, at this point he feels the matter is closed.

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, and Chris Czerw

- Nothing to report.

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

- Nothing to report.

Program: Randy Paquin and Gary Mitchell

- Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton, and Brie Strom

- Nothing to report.

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristin Darrah

- Brie reported that she began a rough draft of revisions and would send out the existing language with her suggested changes.

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

- Nothing to report.

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

- Nothing to report.

Website: Brie Strom, Chuck Lent and Dwayne Cooper

- Proprietors list has been updated as previously reported.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Upcoming Events

- ENYSLS BOD & General Membership Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday May 13th at 5:30 pm.
- NYSAPLS BOD Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, May 21st from 2pm - 4pm.
- ENYSLS BOD Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday August 12th at 5:30 pm.
- ENYSLS BOD Meeting & General Membership Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday September 9th at 5:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Vianna and seconded by Randy Paquin. A vote was held, and the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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