



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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MINUTES

**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 12, 2021**

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

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Present: Kaleb Winters, Jason Peterson, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Rick Palmer, Pat VanHaverbeke, Randy Paquin, Lucas Boyer, and Brie Strom

Absent: Larry O'Connor, Chuck Lent, Nick Lehman and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The May 2021 BOD meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. Kaleb Winters had 1 minor revision. A motion to accept the revised minutes was made by Brie Strom and seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Jim reported that Richard Bennett's survey records are now with Russ Howard and he will make the records available to other surveyors.

Minimum Technical Standards

- Jim reported that there are no updates, things were quiet all summer. At this point there are no additional meetings scheduled.

Certificate of Authorization

- Jim reported that he had received a COA from NYS. He said he never applied for or paid for it. Jim contacted The State Department of Education and was told to keep it.

Surveyors Historical Society rendezvous 2022

- To be held in Perrysburg, Ohio September 22-25.
- Jim reported that he had stepped down from the BOD as of January 1st.
- Information is available on the SHS website.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- NYSAPLS dues by 7/31, add \$50 if late - includes 2 free webinars (\$98 value)
 - \$390 Regular (\$30 ENYSLS, \$360 NYSAPLS), 80 Associate (\$10 ENYSLS, \$70 NYSAPLS)
 - Other Regional dues are \$360-\$560 Regular and \$70-\$170 Associate
- Kaleb reported that currently ENYSLS membership renewals is approximately 50% less than this time last year. He will request a current unpaid members list from NYSAPLS.
- NYS Title Association Letter- Kaleb to follow up with NYAPLS to check on the status.
- Information regarding the Arthur D. Shaw Memorial Fund, Inc financial report can be found on the NYSAPLS website.
- As published in the July 28th issue of the New York State Register, the Board of Regents officially adopted a regulatory amendment to implement an amendment to Education Law §7206-a that updates the education and experience requirements for licensure as a land surveyor to conform with national standards. The NYS Education Department is in the process of updating their land surveying website to conform with the statutory and regulatory amendments to the education and experience [requirements for licensure as a land surveyor](#). In the meantime, feel free to visit their news page for the latest updates: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/news/home.html#lsreg>
- NYSAPLS 5/21 BOD meeting report
 - GPC allows 25-30% unlicensed shareholders for ESOPS (Employer Ownership in lieu of 401k), currently 75% have to be licensed design professionals, plus CEO and board
 - New NSPS Officers
 - Gary Kent was recognized for his work with NSPS.
 - 3 new Young Professional committee members.
 - There were 4 Ranger School grads this spring.
 - City Tech where Lem teaches is expanding its land surveying course offerings.
- NYSAPLS strategic retreat will be from noon on September 23rd thru noon on September 25th at Embassy Suites Saratoga Springs, 2 people will be required from each region. NYSAPLS is covering the cost of the event, but regionals must pay for overnight accommodations if required. It was originally set as an in-person event, Kaleb said he wasn't sure if that is still the case.
- There will be an in-person BOD meeting that Friday morning.
 - It was decided that ENYSLS would not send representatives due to the rising COVID cases, but we would like to participate virtually.

Executive Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

- NYSAPLS 7/16 Membership and BOD meeting report. Brie reported that she attended virtually.
- A Special Membership meeting was held to read the results of the by-laws amendment regarding a new membership category for retired members. The amendment passed. A membership fee of \$100 was set for the new membership category and Regionals were asked to consider a reduced fee for this category.
 - A discussion was held as to what ENYSLS fee structure should be for the new membership category. A motion for a \$10 fee was made by Randy Paquin and seconded by Pat VanHaverbeke, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- Kaleb Winters was nominated to the Nominations and Awards committee.
- There will be a second showing of their First Friday webinar on 9/9 at 7pm. Should eastern consider this for our program? The topic is FEMA Elevation Certificates, Flood Maps and Letters of Map Change.
- The conference committee reported that plans are on track for an in-person conference at Turning Stone, but they are keeping in mind that the pandemic situation may change and are trying to be nimble. There is discussion about vaccine or mask requirements for participants. Many things are still up in the air and the pandemic will dictate direction.
- The education grid for the conference is almost complete, but as always there is an on-going call for presenters.

- Martin is always looking for content for their social media marketing campaign and encourages members to share ideas, and they are considering offering incentives for sending in information or stories.
- NSPS has begun an effort to offer some type of certifications. NYSAPLS is not involved in this effort.
- There has been some discussion about a survey training camp. The idea is that employers could send a promising candidate to a camp for a couple weeks where they would learn the most basic surveying skills to get them up and running.
- 2025 NYSAPLS Conference host. Brie mentioned to the NYSAPLS BOD that ENYSLS was interested in hosting.
- Update Scholarship description, contact, and qualifications sent to NYSAPLS. Brie reported that she has not sent the updated version but will.

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 reported that he would look the site over and set pins at proposed monitoring locations before the September BOD meeting. He said that he would also get the permit process set in motion.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

- No report.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Chuck and Randy checked COAs and registrations of proprietor list/member list. Needs to be sent to Kaleb to notify members. Randy said they would provide the information to Kaleb ASAP.
- Young Professionals Panel Discussion: Road to Licensure! held virtually on Friday, May 14th from 12pm - 1pm. Jim noted that his employee attended and felt it was very good. Jason reported that they received a lot of positive feedback.
- Young Professionals Panel Discussion: How to Be a Successful New Surveyor: What Your Boss Wishes You Knew held on Friday 7/23 from 12-1. Kaleb stated that he attended and tried to prompt discussions on differences between private and government workforce. Kaleb commented that it would be nice option to have a podcast available of these types of meetings. Jim asked if it was recorded and could be viewed anytime. Jason said he would look into it.
- Albany County Clerk issues. Jason said the only feedback he has received is that Albany County doesn't offer online services for non-digitized files.

New Business:

- The Capital Region Home Show-February 11-13, 2022 at Albany Capital Center, early bird ended 7/30. Kaleb said the website was pretty poor, with little information. Virtually everything was "request information". We should send out something with September meeting notice to gauge interest from membership.

Upcoming Events

- ENYSLS BOD Meeting & General Membership Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday September 9th at 5:30 pm.
- NYSAPLS BOD Meeting will be held in person at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, September 25th from 9-noon (November virtual and January in person)
- ENYSLS BOD Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday October 14th at 5:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Paquin and seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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