



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
ANNUAL ELECTIONS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 12, 2020**

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

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm

Present: Kaleb Winters, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Rick Palmer, Chuck Lent, Lucas Boyer and Brie Strom, Pat VanHaverbeke

Absent: Jason Peterson, Larry O'Connor, Randy Paquin, Nick Lehman, and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The October 2020 BOD meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kaleb and seconded by Chuck. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that there were 51 ballots received. Larry O'Connor, Pat VanHavebeke and Kaleb Winters were elected to the Board of Directors as Senior Members and Rick Palmer was elected to the Board of Directors as an Associate Member.
- ENYSLS received a thank you letter from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the donation made in memorial of Bill Schraa.
- Dwayne submitted receipts for election expenses totaling \$262.91. Kaleb made a motion for reimbursement and seconded by Brie. 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.
- There were no expenses in the past month.
- The account was credited \$40 from membership renewals.
- Full page NYSAPLS Conference Journal ad is full color and digital for \$149 by 11/29. Jim made a motion to purchase a full page add and seconded by Kaleb. After additional discussions it was decided to purchase a Platinum Level Sponsorship which includes a full page journal ad. A motion to rescind the full page ad was made by Kaleb and seconded by Brie. Kaleb then made a motion to purchase a Platinum Level Sponsorship and seconded by Chuck. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Minimum Technical Standards

- Jim reported there will be a meeting on November 17th to discuss the status of MTS and how to proceed with the State Education Department.

- The Westchester-Putnam Region submitted a letter stating their intent to hire a lobbying firm to try and defeat the MTS. Their main opposition is the requirement to set monumentation.
- Jim reported that it could take up to two years to get approval by the state and adopted. Ultimately it would get written into law if passed and approved.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

NYSAPLS September meeting highlights

- 90% of membership has renewed, with 43% for new members; this is significantly ahead of last year for new members.
- Fall workshop is a little behind at this time and is being changed from a physical meeting to a virtual meeting.
- The annual conference is being changed to a virtual conference as it is a significant source of income for the Association. A physical conference was anticipated to generate \$123k; as a virtual conference it is expected to generate \$86k.
- Many meetings have been held jointly with the Education Committee to discuss the planning of the virtual conference. They have received a contract from O'Design Consulting (currently under review by counsel) to assist in the management of the virtual conference platform.
- The Education Bill was signed into law and goes into effect April 2021, they are hoping to get the regulations ready for the bill soon. NYSAPLS counsel thinks that it may get pushed back a few months due to budget constraints.
- Regarding Continuing Education, the Geologists had submitted a bill to consolidate all design professionals under one umbrella and permanentize continuing education, which used to have to be renewed every 10 years; this allows for more flexibility so one can get more credits in a virtual learning environment, and also provides an opportunity to receive credits for courses that previously would not count toward one's CE. The bill passed both houses in July but has not been sent to the governor's office yet. The effective date for the bill is Jan. 2022.
- Membership Committee is looking into a new member classification/rate for retired members. It would probably not be in effect until next year.
- Lem Morrison was interviewed for a TV spot on the subject of "Get Kids into Surveying", along with the lesson plan that was developed by the YP Committee.
- The PR committee will be sending out a letter to NY middle schools to continue to promote the lesson plan and to try to encourage teachers to incorporate Land Surveying into their curriculum; the committee is also working on developing short lesson plans. This would be very similar to the Shadow Day from ENYSLS.
- Committee met virtually in September and offers the following slate of officers for 2021:
 - President: Daniel E. Marvin
 - Executive Vice President: Kenneth M. Slaughenhoupt
 - Vice President: Roy B. Garfinkel
 - Treasurer: Jeremy E. Thompson
 - Secretary: Steven J. Willard
- The slate of officers was unanimously accepted.
- Committee is working on lesson plans for students working at home and for home-schooled kids; they asked for a list of members from each regional that would be willing to go to schools to present the lesson plans to students. They are also developing a program to get high school students to intern at land surveying firms.
- In efforts to reach out to under-represented demographics, for the 2021 Virtual Conference the committee is looking into turning the Surveyors Social into an all women panel discussion.
- Committee is penning a new column for the ESS magazine, "Associate Spotlight", to highlight members of the association. It may be a backstory as to how they got to where they are. They are reaching out to the regionals for nominees, the first one being Keith Burley for his work on the lesson plans.

Executive Vice President's Report: Randy Paquin

- No report.

Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

- No report.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- No report.

Website Redesign (ad hoc): Brie Strom, Chuck Lent and Dwayne Cooper

- The progress has been a little slow on website due to PixelHeap's workload. It's generally down to a couple of items to get the site finalized.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

- Nothing to report.

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

- Nothing to report.

Ethics Practice: Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag, and Kevin Rounds

- 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: Ralph Hill

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Jim reported that he has not had further contact with the NY Land Title Association. He said that he would reach out again before the upcoming NYSAPLS meeting.

New Business:

- Kaleb proposed the new slate of officers for 2021:
Kaleb Winters President
Randy Paquin Past President
Brie Strom Executive Vice President
Lucas Boyer Vice President
James Vianna Treasurer
Dwayne Cooper Secretary
- Jim made a motion to accept the new slate of officers and seconded by Chuck. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Next NYSAPLS BOD Meeting will be held Friday, November 20th virtually at 2:00 pm.
- ENYSLS BOD Meeting will be held virtually on Thursday December 10th at 5:30 pm.
- Next ENYSLS BOD Meeting will be held on Thursday February 11th at 5:30 pm.
- The general membership meeting consisted of a general recap of the MTS status.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Schmidt and seconded by Brie Strom. A vote was held, and the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper
ENYSLS Secretary

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Exec. Vice-President: Randal Paquin	Pat VanHaverbeke	2020	Lucas Boyer	2021	Jason Peterson	2022
Vice-President: Brie Strom	Kaleb Winters	2020	Brie Strom	2021	James Vianna	2022
Secretary: Dwayne Cooper	Richard Palmer	2020	Nicholas Lehman	2021	Dwayne Cooper	2022
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