



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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MINUTES

**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 10, 2022**

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

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

Present: Randy Paquin, Jason Peterson, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Larry O'Connor, Pat VanHaverbeke, Kaleb Winters, Rick Palmer, Brie Strom, Jason Tommell and Ashley Metz

Absent: Lucas Boyer and Kristen Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The December 2021 BOD meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- ENYSLS received a check from NYSAPLS in the amount of \$110 for membership renewals.
- Jim reported that he filed with the IRS in January.
- Checks were cut for annual scholarship winners in the amount of \$1,000 each. This year's Eastern NY Society Memorial Scholarship recipients were Gavin L. Green (SUNY ESF Ranger School) and Kevin W. Hubbell (SUNY ESF Ranger School). The recipient of the C. Hartnett Scholarship was Kai Vebber (SUNY ESF Ranger School).
- No budget prepared for this year due to COVID's impact on in-person meetings. Brie stated that she felt we should have something put together for the record.
- Kaleb submitted receipt in the amount of \$26.85 for mailing out the scholarship certificates and checks. A motion to reimburse Kaleb was made by Randy Paquin and seconded by Ashley Metz. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

President's Report: Brie Strom

- Brie apologized for the spam email that went out in her name requesting gift cards. A discussion was held, and the general consensus was that not much could be done to stop it. Brie reminded everyone that any request for money expenditures would come from the BOD after a vote was held.
- NYSAPLS BOD 1/18/2022 Meeting, reconvened on 1/28/2022
 - The Strategic Planning retreat is planned for 5/12-5/14/2022. They are hoping to get a representative from each regional. They liked the format of having a new member and a director or someone with more experience. We need to start giving thought to who should attend and represent ENYSLS.
 - President Garfinkel asked for input on regionals experience with involvement, wants to

make an effort for NYSPLS to support the Regionals. He has a focus on how NYSAPLS can better support the Regionals. Randy stated that it has been an ongoing problem for several years. We have the largest membership but struggle to get attendance at meetings.

- Conference was held 1/19-1/20 and 1/27/28 using Pathable. There were 716 registrants, and early feedback was good.
- Director orientation in March

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that he is trying to revive the Soldiers to Surveyors program. NYSAPLS has heard about it and they held a meeting after the Conference to discuss it. Jason made contact with Ft. Drum and is working on a presentation with scanners and drones to be put on at Ft. Drum. He is looking for other professions to join in and present opportunities for soldiers to pursue after their military service concludes. Pat stated that Colliers Engineering & Design has hired 3 former Marines in recent months, and all are working out quite well.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that he mailed out the scholarships and that the recipients should receive them Friday the 11th.
- Kaleb reported that the domain renewal is due soon. He couldn't remember the exact amount but stated that it was a nominal amount. He said would go ahead and pay it and provide Jim with the receipt. A motion to reimburse Kaleb was made by Ashley Metz and seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Nothing new to report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor and Bill Schrae

- Kaleb submitted the revised Constitution and By-Laws to NYSAPLS. Dwayne updated the website with the updated versions.

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

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

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin and Gary Mitchell

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

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristin Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Brie Strom, Dwayne Cooper, and Charles Lent

- Dwayne corrected a couple broken links to meeting minutes and updated the Retired/Deceased surveyor records list with update from Bill Wiley.

Old Business:

- Annual Audit. Brie reported that she conducted a modified audit with no irregularities found. She checked Jim's spreadsheet against past meeting minutes and bank statements and said everything checked out. She stated that next year we should do a more in depth audit. She did the modified audit in order to get it completed before taking office as President to avoid any conflicts.
- NYSAPLS Young Professionals Committee Diversity in Land Surveying: A Panel Discussion for the 2022 NYSAPLS Conference. Jason and Ashley gave a report, stating that overall, the Panel Discussion was well received. It gave a good contrast about communication in companies and differences between small and large companies.

New Business:

- Concerns about NYSDOT policy of not providing right of way information. Brie shared a letter that Colliers Engineering & Design had recently received in regard to a FOIL request. The letter essentially stated that NYSDOT will no longer be providing mapping and anyone seeking it will have to get it at the local County Clerk's office. It seems that the main reason is that NYSDOT does not have the manpower to fulfill the requests. Kaleb suggested reaching out to the Governor's office to voice concerns. Jim suggested NYSAPLS request all records from NYSDOT and put them on a website and charge a small fee to access the records. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the first step is to bring it up to NYSAPLS at the next BOD meeting.
- Updating names on bank accounts. Kaleb said that he should be removed from the bank accounts and be replaced by Brie. Jim stated that he believed that all that would be required is for Kaleb and Brie take to the bank a copy of the approved meeting minutes showing that Brie will be taking over as President. Randy made a motion to have Kaleb replaced on the banking accounts, Jason T. seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Jim brought up when we should start having in person meetings again. It was discussed to possibly start having in person meetings starting with the April BOD meeting and try to have an in person meeting for the general membership at the May meeting depending on conditions at the time. Randy said that the pavilion at his fire house could be a possible location, weather permitting. This would allow us to have the meeting at an outdoor venue to help ease peoples minds in regard to COVID.
- Jim suggested sending out a letter to members updating them on things that the BOD have been working on the past few months. He also suggested sending out monthly emails to the membership to keep them updated on things.
- Jason T. asked if it might be possible for NYSAPLS to send out a poll to the membership to see what the interest level is in having an in person meeting. Brie said that she would reach out to NYSAPLS about it.

Upcoming Events

- 3/4/2022 Friday Webinar [Surveying and Description Methods: NYS Comparison w/ US Public Land](#), by Joseph Paiva, @ 8:30am
- 3/10/2022 ENYSLS BOD Meeting @ 5:30 pm.
- 3/10/2022 2nd Showing (Live Broadcast) "Surveying and Description Methods: New York State Comparison with US Public Land Survey System" @ 7pm
- 3/11/2022-3/12/2022 NYS-Specific LS Exam Spring Review workshop, By Joseph Paiva at Hyatt Place, Malta, NY
- 3/18/2022 NYSAPLS Board of Directors Meeting, Virtual 3/18/2022

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Ashley Metz. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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