



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 14, 2022

Hybrid Meeting
The Mill, Round Lake, NY and virtual

President Strom called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

Present: Randel Paquin, Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Kaleb Winters, Richard Palmer, Lucas Boyer and Brie Strom

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, Pat VanHaverbeke, Kristen Darrah, Jason Tommell and Ashley Metz

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The March 2022 meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Lucas Boyer. 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.
- There were no credits/debits to account this past month.
- Kaleb, Brie and Jim met at Key bank and removed Kaleb from the accounts and added Brie. Brie was added electronically to the LPL account and Kaleb was removed.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported there is an upcoming online meeting, but there has been no change in status.

President's Report: Brie Strom

- Brie reported that the newsletter was sent out to the membership shortly after the last BOD meeting.
- March 18th NYSAPLS meeting
 - Scott presented the 2022-23 overall association budget and explained that a \$15 dues increase for regular members, a \$5 dues increase for associate and corresponding members, and a \$25 dues increase for sustaining members is being requested. Directors need to discuss the proposed budget with their members and be prepared to vote on the budget at the May 14th Board of Directors meeting. Part of this increase is to cover accommodations costs of the next strategic planning session which are currently covered by regionals. There was discussion among ENYSLS BOD as to how much of the increase was for promotion. The consensus was that the increase was going primarily to cover the cost of the PR campaign.

- Committee positions and chairs have been filled. Board of Directors Handbook that can be downloaded here https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nysapls.org/resource/resmgr/board-of-directors/2022_handbook/01_-_directories.pdf
- New Ad Hoc Committee for NYSDOT Relations to address the issues with obtaining records
- Conference fees are expected to rise due to increase in pricing at Turning Stone. The increase is going to be about 15% to cover the additional cost of food/drink etc. The fee for the facility has been locked in.
- Draft revisions to the policy for reviewing Ethics complaints. Jim and Randy noted that it seems like a general cleanup of existing policies.
- SBELSG has been focused on exams, promulgating regulations and guidance on the new revisions to Continuing Ed for engineers and land surveyors; preparing FAQ's, etc.. Rob Lopez is still acting board secretary, replacing the retired Jane Blair. To date the board has only received 2 resumes to fill the position. The board is also looking for LS members, but keep in mind that NYSAPLS officers/directors cannot serve.
- MTS - WP has prepared its own version of MTS on behalf of the minority of NYSAPLS members who voted in September 2020 against the moving the MTS draft forward to SBELSG. Rich said the WP version mirrors ALTA/NSPS standards. President Garfinkel stated that he has drafted a letter to WP that is being reviewed by NYSAPLS Executive Board. President Garfinkel reiterated that the Executive Board frowns upon regionals bypassing NYSAPLS and interfacing directly with SBELSG without full NYSAPLS support. The next step is for WP to review President Garfinkel's letter.
- Former NSPS Vice President Tim Burch recently replaced the retired Executive Director Curt Sumner, leaving a vacancy for the VP seat. NSPS will hold a special election during the March 29-April 2nd NSPS Annual Conference to fill the seat. The Shaw Fund agreed to donate up to \$5,000 to sponsor the New York student contestants at the NSPS Student Competition being held during the NSPS Annual Conference to cover their travel expenses.
- PR is currently involved in the Women in Surveying campaign, National Surveyors Week campaign, and Soldiers to Surveyors campaign. Heather asked for members to submit photos of interesting surveying projects. The committee is working with our PR firm to reach out to Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts (Scouts BSA) for discussion about the surveying merit badge and more. The Public Relations High Honor Roll was recently released, naming Ken Slaughenhoupt and Ashley Metz as 2021 winners for their exceptional contributions in promoting the land surveying profession.
- Our last Strategic Planning retreat was in 2017. Our latest retreat is scheduled for May 12-14, 2022 in Saratoga Springs. Requests have been sent to all regionals to send at least 2 representatives – with 1 hopefully be a new young member who has not attended before. The committee will be reaching out to regionals who have not yet responded. The committee is hoping for representation from 100% of our regionals. Brie noted that she would like to attend and said she would reach out to Ashley Metz to see if she would be interested in going. Jim said he was going to attend as part of the MTS committee. Brie also said she would like to stay there and have ENYSLS cover the cost of the hotel for ENYSLS attendees. A motion for ENYSLS to cover hotel costs for attendees was made by Jim and seconded by Jason Peterson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that NYSPALS sent him a draft copy of the flyer for the Ft. Drum event. He said it is looking good. Jason and Ashley are planning on attending and demonstrating some equipment.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that DEC celebrated National Surveyors Week. Check out Twitter and Facebook for their posts.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Randy reported that attorney notified him that no easement would be required. Just need to get a work permit for the installation of monuments. A suggestion was made to produce a flyer that give the location and directions to each monument. Rick suggested we should put up a nice sign stating that the Calibration Baseline was donated by ENYSLS.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Charles Lent and Eric Crampton

Ethical Practices: Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag and Charles Lent

Finance: Carl Rigdon and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton and Brie Strom

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristen Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Brie Strom, Dwayne Cooper and Charles Lent

Old Business:

- Certified Floodplain Surveyor for NYS. Brie stated that Patty Brooks said that it is a NSPS program. Brie said she would follow up with Patty and get more information.

New Business:

- The Strategic Planning retreat is in conflict with ENYSLS's May BOD meeting. A discussion was held on pushing the BOD meeting one week. Randy made a motion to move the ENYSLS May meeting to May 19th, Jim seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Need questions and comments from Regionals by May 22nd on budget increase.
- Will vote on Ethic Practices Committee procedures at next meeting.
- May meeting location. A suggestion was made to hold the May BOD and General Membership meeting at Moscatiello's. Have the format be similar to a roundtable and open it up to the membership and see where the topics lead. Brie suggested giving a brief synopsis of the newsletter to get the discussions started.

Upcoming Events:

- 4/20/2022 [Spring Workshop: Optimizing Workflow for both the Field into the Office with Carlson](#), Michael Hyman, Hyatt House – Fishkill
- 5/4/2022 [Spring Workshop: Optimizing Workflow for both the Field into the Office with Carlson](#), Michael Hyman, Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Rochester Webster
- 5/12/2022 [NYSAPLS Strategic Retreat 2022-2024](#)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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