



## **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED**

Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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### **MINUTES**

#### **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 11, 2022**

Virtual Meeting

President Strom called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Present: Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Kaleb Winters, Lucas Boyer, Jason Tommell, Ashley Metz and Brie Meisler

Absent: Randel Paquin, Lawrence O'Connor, Pat VanHaverbeke and Richard Palmer

#### **Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper**

- The May meeting minutes were presented to the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kaleb Winters, seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that the historic records list was updated with records acquired by Darrah Land Surveying, PLLC.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna**

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- There were expenses of \$657.78 since the May meeting. (\$98.27 checks, \$47.37 ledger, \$314.14 hotel for NYSAPLS retreat and \$198.00, Post Office Box).
- Income in the amount of \$1,290.00 (NYSAPLS June dues). Jim reported that this was about 35% of projected dues.

#### **MTS Report: Jim Vianna**

- Jim reported that the committee has been busy. It attended a meeting with some of the downstate directors. The MTS Committee meeting was productive and there was a lot of good dialog. The MTS committee is putting on a push to attend Regional meetings to put on presentations, they are also planning on putting on a presentation at the upcoming Annual Conference. Jim offered an MTS presentation for an upcoming ENYSLS membership meeting. There will be an article in the upcoming Empire State Surveyor by the MTS committee. So far there have been no changes to the draft.

#### **President's Report: Brie Meisler**

- The bill that was introduced this spring regarding waiving the requirement for surveys of DOT right-of-ways relative to new high speed internet cable installations did not pass.
- A meet and greet has been scheduled for 8/11 with the new SBELSG Board Secretary Eric Greppo and the NYSAPLS Executive Board has been invited to attend.

- Some NYSAPLS members who are applying for licensure have expressed concerns about what SBELSG have been telling them regarding the new education requirements for licensure. Emily Whalen, NYSAPLS Legal Counsel, has made SBELSG Board Secretary aware of this issue and is seeking clarification on the matter.
- Brie received a list of unpaid members. NYSAPLS would like us to reach out to members and encourage them to renew, or to find out why they aren't planning to.
- Legal counsel has reached out to DOT requesting a meeting to discuss the records issue, but so far have not received a reply.
- A draft of the Education Grid for the 2023 Conference is ready. Questions were raised about the benefits of the NSPS membership included with NYSAPLS membership [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nspis.us.com/resource/resmgr/benefits/Member\\_Benefits\\_Flyer\\_March2.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.nspis.us.com/resource/resmgr/benefits/Member_Benefits_Flyer_March2.pdf) and go to <https://www.nspis.us.com/> to find out more about NSPS benefits. In addition to perks and discounts, Patti emphasized other NSPS programs that benefit the profession as a whole such as the Work Force Development program, Certified Surveying Technician accreditation, educational opportunities, Certified Floodplain Surveyor, etc..
- FIG (International Federation of Surveyors) conference is being held May 28 – June 2, 2023 in Orland Florida.
- Alfred State participated in the NSPS Student Competition this year. An Alfred State student was the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship awarded by NSPS. NSPS awarded about \$35,000 in scholarships.
- Stay tuned for a flyer on the upcoming Certified Flood Plain Surveyor Certification registration course to be held in Massachusetts.
- There has been a lot of traffic on the NYSAPLS LinkedIn site
- Public Relations committee is attending the Guidance Counselor Conference coming up in Albany.
- Young Professionals have been submitting Associate Spotlight to ESS and continues to promote webcasts.
- Greg de Bruin was awarded a Life Membership.

#### **Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson**

- No report

#### **Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer**

- No report

#### **Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters**

- Kaleb reported that the Real Estate Series Civil Service list just came out and it has Real Estate and Surveyors on it. He noted that it is usually at least four years between tests. Kaleb also noted that there is a proposal to raise the salaries of New York State Civil Service employees to compete with the private sector. He was unsure of if/when it would actually take place.
- Kaleb also reported that he would be attending the Surveyors Historical Society's 2022 Rendezvous in Harpers Ferry, WV September 21-23.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

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

- No report

**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 Meisler

**Scholastic Development:** Randy Paquin and Kristen Darrah

**Business Practice and Technical Information:** Chris Czerw

**Membership:** Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

**Website:** Brie Meisler, Dwayne Cooper and Charles Lent

**Old Business:**

- No old business

**New Business:**

- Need to start looking for candidates for upcoming elections.
- Terms that expire this year: Randy Paquin, Jason Peterson, Jim Vianna and Dwayne Cooper. Jason, Jim and Dwayne all said that they would run again. Need to find someone to run as an Associate Member. Dwayne noted that he may have a lead on someone.
- Discussion was held on having upcoming membership meetings be in person. Jim suggested an informal meet and greet for September and having a presentation by the MTS committee for November's meeting. After a brief discussion it was decided to proceed with Jim's suggestion.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/9/2022 Friday Webinar [We Will Cross that Bridge When We Come To It](#), 8:30-9:30 am
- 9/16/2022 NYSAPLS Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 pm Embassy Suites by Hilton, Saratoga Springs
- 10/4/2022 Fall Workshop Webinar [Rights-of-Way and Prescriptive Rights](#), Featuring Jeffery N. Lucas
- 10/5/2022 Fall Workshop Webinar, [What Went Wrong?](#), Featuring Jeffery N. Lucas
- 10/7/2022-10/8/2022 [NYS-Specific LS Exam Fall Review Workshop](#), Presenter Joseph Paiva, PE, LS and Richard Brooks, LS

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kaleb Winters, seconded by Jason Peterson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper, PLS  
ENYSLS Secretary

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Treasurer: James Vianna						

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