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Board of Directors
10 February 1993
Days Inn Motel
Glenmont, N.Y.

President Lucarelli called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM. Present were:

William Lucarelli
Brian Magee
William Nettleton
Bruce Wells
Thomas Nesbitt

William Schraa
Gerry O'Connor
James Allen, Jr.
Ellen Nelson
Charles Lent

A motion was made by Bill Schraa and seconded by Brian Magee to accept the secretary's report as mailed. The motion passed.

The monthly treasurer's report was presented by Bruce Wells. To date, .78 members have paid their dues.

President Lucarelli presented the following report:

NYSAPLS

The January BOD and Annual Meeting were held at the 34th Annual Conference 20-23 January in Rochester.

The Treasurer, Bob Green reported that because of scrutinized spending, NYSAPLS is in better condition than anticipated. NYSAPLS net worth is approximately \$36,000.

Membership for 1992 was down only 6 members or 1.2%. This is only 49 members below the all time high of 1,206 in 1989. Regional associations were commended for their individual recruitment efforts.

A letter of thanks for the donation made for hurricane relief was received from the Florida Society of Land Surveyors.

President Kreiling and others met with the NYS Education Dept. on 10 December to discuss the following: 1) Advertising - It was agreed that only Licensed Land Surveyors can offer land surveying services and that title companies advertising "full services" including land surveying are in violation of the Education Law. Letters were sent to those companies so advertising; 2) Alteration of survey maps by others and 3) Survey Affidavits - These issues were not as clear cut. NYSAPLS must introduce legislation. The exact wording

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is to be developed and voted on at the March NYSAPLS BOD meeting.

The Fernandez Memo regarding the responsibility for certification of plans and maps was challenged in court by a P.E. The court denied the petition but ruled that the memo has no standing. This is considered a victory.

Courts have ruled that a Land Surveyor is not responsible to show previously unmarked wetlands but should add a note stating the same.

The NYS Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors is not going to recommend mandatory continuing education to the State Education Department unless a problem arises. Most current problems relate to business practices, ethics, client relations, and law, based on reported cases.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is working on revisions which are to be presented for a vote in January 1994.

The Public Relations Committee is not going to produce a general NYSAPLS brochure because most regionals have their own. There was some discussion about rotation of this committee to other regionals. Northern is to continue handling this responsibility for 1993.

SBELS received the national exam scores from NCEES. Nationally, 50.8% passed. In NY, 82.9% passed.

The Ad-Hoc Committee for land surveyors' personalized license plates reported that NYDMV has approved plates. This committee is seeking suggestions for any logo design.

EDM Baselines in NYS will be published shortly. This information will likely be published in the Empire State Surveyor.

The Ad-Hoc Committee for Code of Practice Review hopes to present final recommendations to NYSAPLS BOD at the May meeting.

NYC surveyors reported that the practice of copying survey maps is becoming a serious problem. Some surveyors are photo copying maps prepared by others, adding a note saying that there are no changes, then signing the copy, leaving the original title block and signature. This practice is said to be spreading to Long Island and Westchester.

Bills to be introduced into the NYS Legislature in 1993 are as follows: 1) Scope of Practice (no changes from the 1992 bill); 2) State Plane Coordinate System (with a minor change from 1992); 3) G.I.S. Bill (requiring work to be done under the supervision of a Licensed Land Surveyor); 4) G.P.S. Bill (requiring work to be done under the supervision of a Licensed Land Surveyor); 5) Survey Affidavit Bill (NYSAPLS will take a hard line approach on this issue); 6) Alteration of Maps (NYSAPLS will take a hard line approach on this issue).

The alteration of survey maps developed into a long two day debate, resulting in an affirmative but not unanimous vote to prohibit any alteration if any kind to a survey map prepared by anyone other than the original surveyor. This action will become part of the NYSAPLS Code of Practice. Attached is a memo from NYSAPLS President Kreiling with the amendment's exact wording.

The 34th Annual Conference was a success with over 400 attending.

ENYSLS

Our booth at the Great Northeast Home Show held 5-7 February at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and the Knickerbocker Arena was a success. Thanks to Chairman Jerry Signer and all who helped staff the booth. Jerry has agreed to be chairman again next year if Eastern decides to participate at the Home Show.

NYSAPLS's booth for Engineers' Week to be held 17-19 February at the Concourse of the Empire State Plaza is progressing. Help is still needed staffing the booth. Contact Bruce Wells at Clough Harbour and Assoc. if interested. A chair person will be needed for this committee if Eastern agrees to staff NYSAPLS' booth next year.

ENYSLS received a letter of thanks from Delaware-Hudson Land Surveyors Association for our contribution to their production of the "Wawayanda-Cheesecks Patent Dispute Trial" video, along with a copy of the video. The video is intended for educational purposes with 119 copies donated or sold. Copies are being offered to each regional for \$20 per two copies for donations to a school or club of our choice. Anyone interested is asked to contact any Board member.

The March 10 meeting will be Students' Night. Anyone interested in sponsoring a student should contact James Allen. Those who did not sponsor a student last year and new sponsors are encouraged to do so.

Bill Nettleton, Vice President, reported that Mingolo Precision Products will be providing an equipment demonstration at the March meeting.

Committee reports:

Constitution and By-Laws, William Schraa, Chairman.

The Constitution and By-Laws have been reviewed. Copies will be printed and distributed at the General Membership Meetings.

Scholastic Development, James Allen, Chairman

Jim will be calling member firms to try to increase the number of sponsors for Students' Night. Creighton Fee will be making the arrangements for a motel near the meeting site. A suggestion was made to include any students from Hudson Valley and Fulton-Montgomery Community Colleges. It was decided that any of those students interested will be invited to the meeting.

Continuing Education, Gerry O'Connor, Chairman

There will be a committee meeting on 23 February to discuss sponsoring a seminar. The meeting will be held at Bob Stapf's office at OGS. New Jersey state legislature is proposing a bill to require continuing education to be called Continuing Competency for all Land Surveyors. The proposed law will require each licensee to complete not more than 24 credits relating to the practice of land surveying during each biennial licensure period. Each hour of instruction will be equal to one credit. The NJ State Licensing Board will determine the standards and approve the programs. NJ Land Surveyors were sent a questionnaire from the state asking for opinions.

Membership, William Nettleton, Chairman.

The new mailing labels will be encoded with attendance data to assist in determining who has attended meetings and has not paid for the dinner. According to a list of NYSAPLS members, there are some listed as members of NYSAPLS but do not appear on ENYSLS membership list.

Program, Ellen Nelson, Chairman.

The next general meeting will be Students' Night. The speaker will be a representative from UFPO. Mingolo Precision

Products will have an equipment display.

A suggestion was received to hold a general meeting a little further north. In the past a meeting has been held in the Saratoga area. The May meeting might be a good one to have in Saratoga.

The committee will look into obtaining Public Service Announcements to publicize our general meetings.

Bill Nettleton will contact the local PE Society to see about having another joint meeting.

Spouces' Night will be tabled indefinitely, at least until the economy picks up.

Home Show, Jerry Signer, Chairman.

Tom Nesbitt reported that our booth seemed to be received well and that many stopped to ask questions and pick up information. He suggested that ENYSLS inquire about participating in the Home Show Lecture program next year.

Engineers' Week, Bruce Wells, Chairman.

NYSAPLS is consolidating several video tapes from NY and other areas. This will be shown at the NYSAPLS booth. Additional volunteers are still needed to fill a couple of time slots.

Goals Committee, Mike Davis, Chairman.

The BOD reviewed the Goals Committee report of the questionnaire in depth. A summary of the report is as follows:

There were 185 questionnaires mailed and 55 responses. The four leading subjects for meeting programs were NYS Real Estate and Boundary Law, Standards of Practice, Professional Ethics, and Professional Liability. The Program and the Continuing Education Committees are developing programs with those subjects. Those who had interesting surveys to present as a program are to be contacted by the Program Committee.

With regard to other recommendations made by the responders and the Goals Committee, the BOD has taken the following action: Each Director who is not already chairman of a committee has been assigned to assist the chairman - Gerry O'Connor will work with the Technical Information Committee (Bob Stapf, Chairman); Tom Nesbitt will work with the Ethical Practices Committee (Terry Hummiston, Chairman); Chuck Lent will work with the Public Relations Committee (Rodney Michael, Chairman); Bill Nettleton will work with the Historian (Jeff Denison, Chairman); and Brian Magee will work with the Business Practices Committee (Bill Darling, Chairman).

At the next General Membership meeting, another list will be circulated requesting volunteers to help with each committee. It will have the names of those who have already volunteered. This list will be forwarded to each committee chairman.

Another recommendation was to shorten the meetings, which President Lucarelli has already implemented.

Finally, the Goals Committee suggests that in so far as there are only four general meetings a year and that because the responders indicate a desire for greater encouragement of professionalism and business awareness from the BOD, no matter what the length of the meeting or the topic, professional awareness must begin with the membership of this organization. The BOD can not be expected to do everything without support from all its members.

New Business:

The President's and Executive Vice President's business telephone numbers are to be added to the ENYSLS stationery.

A discussion was held concerning the representation of the profession in some of the areas at the "fringes" of Eastern's region. Surveyors in Warren County are developing a proprietors' group.

Old Business:

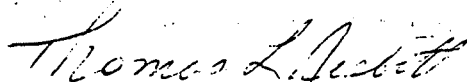
The report of NYSAPLS Continuing Education Committee concerning mandatory continuing education and the subjects proposed for credit was reviewed. The topics were divided into two categories - Scholarship and Professional Development. Under Scholarship the BOD supports including credit for surveying college courses, survey related college courses, survey related correspondence courses, weekend seminars, one day seminars, conference seminars, attendance at the NYSAPLS annual Conference, and suggests the first year after licensure and including "in-house" company training related to surveying. Under Professional Development, the BOD supports including credit for serving as a NYSAPLS officer, committee chair, annual conference chair, or other state or national officer, regional association director or officer, regional seminar chair, presenting a seminar at the annual conference or other seminar, publishing a professional article, membership in other survey related associations, being licensed in other states, and years of licensure. The BOD objects to credit being given for employment related duties such as supervision of other licensed personnel. Executive Vice President Brian Magee will respond with Eastern's comments.

A suggestion was made to adopt a local Code of Practice. It was pointed out that our By-Laws prohibit such an action and that they state that ENYSLS will comply with the NYSAPLS Code. It was decided to wait and see if NYSAPLS adopts a revised Code in 1993 that is acceptable to Eastern. If they do not, then Eastern will review this issue.

Jim Allen suggested that ENYSLS serve its members by offering a list of its members who are available for employment and employers who are looking for additional staff, similar to what NYSAPLS is currently doing in the Empire State Surveyor. The Goals Committee was asked to develop a recommendation to implement this idea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Magee and seconded by Gerry O'Connor. The B.O.D. meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas L. Nesbitt, Secretary

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held 10 March at 6:00 PM at the Best Western on 6th Ave, Troy



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TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/93 through 2/1/93

On January 18, 1993, Mike Cirillo, past treasurer of ENYSLS, presented me the treasurer's records. He installed the software accounting project "Quicken" onto my office computer. This software contains the current records of all transactions made by ENYSLS. Mike also gave me signature cards for the banks where ENYSLS has accounts.

In the past only the present treasurer's signature was required to make transactions on checking and savings accounts. I have included Bill Lucarelli's name with mine for joint signature on the following accounts:

Marine Midland Bank - Pass Book Plus - approximately \$13,707
Dime Bank - Scholarship 1 (Savings) - approximately \$16,488

The other three accounts have been set up with either my signature or Bill Lucarelli's signature:

Dime Bank (Checking) - amount varies
Key Bank (Money Market) - approximately \$10,727
Key Bank (Savings) - Scholarship 2 - approximately \$1,734

Mike gave me with the treasurer's records one full box of Highway Law Books. Meg Shields recently requested that I send her 50 copies at \$10.00 per copy. If these books are all that remain, ENYSLS should start thinking about getting some additional copies made.

Membership:

To date Meg Shields has sent me the following paid members:

49 Regular
28 Associate
1 Affiliate

78 Total Paid Members

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I further received applications for membership from the following:

Gerald R. Gray - \$45.00 no application
check from C.P. Momrow

Adam B. Butler - \$45.00 with application
employed by: Robert J. MacFarlane

John M. Reedy - \$45.00 with application
employed by: Albany County D.P.W.

Robert H. Cartwright - \$45.00 with application
employed by: C.T. Male Associates

Scholarship Fund:

I received two donations for the scholarship fund, a \$50.00 check from Charles E. Hartnett and a \$50.00 check from Creighton C. Fee. On behalf of ENYSLS I would like to thank both of them. A check for \$150.00 was made out to the Paul Smith's College Survey Club. This amount was in addition to the first \$150.00, in order to help defray the student's expenses for the 1993 conference.

Home Show:

I received a call from the Times Union regarding our overdue balance for the 1992 home show. Katherine Recorde with the Retail Advertizing Department said, if we didn't pay we wouldn't be allowed a booth for 1993. I checked the past records and found that only \$50.00 was put down as deposit for 1992. I paid the remaining 1992 and the 1993 home show in full (\$970.42). Apparently all billing and correspondence was sent to Steve Walrath, the 1992 home show chairman.

Treasurer's Records:

The treasurers records are located at Clough, Harbour and Associates in my office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce G. Wells
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