

**EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The June 2007 meeting of EASTERN NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS

The June 2007 meeting of the Eastern New York State Society of Land Surveyors was called to order by President Whimple at 5:40. Present were William Whimple, William Darling, Kevin Waldruff, Charlie Hartnett, Eric Crampton and Robert Ihlenburg.

The minutes for the May meeting were not available.
There was also no report from the Treasurer.

President William Whimple reported:

NYSAPLS has raised the question of transferring copyright permission from EASTERN to NYSAPLS for the Highway Law book (written by Ken Ayers, Esq.) so that they can work with Ken Ayers, Esq. to update the book for future inclusion in seminars and the 2008 conference. Ken is willing to do this in advance of the 2008 conference where he will be giving a session on Highway Law. Charlie Hartnett will talk to Meg about the consequences of EASTERN taking this action.

The feedback NYSAPLS have received about the changes made to the Empire State Surveyor magazine format continues to be positive. Regionals are encouraged to remember to send in information about regional events to be included in future editions. Photos of members participating in local efforts are always welcomed. General notes of interest – someone's retirement, someone's recent promotion or job change or even a recent company award may also be submitted. The intent is to expand there coverage of local regional events, so please send in your information to NYSAPLS Headquarters.

The National Society of Professional Surveyors has developed a national registry of stolen equipment on their website. Visit <http://www.nspsmo.org/resources/registrystolen.html> to register or view an equipment list. Information will be post for a 30-day period.

Legislative update

Bill reported that it is anticipated that all legislative business will be concluded by June 21, 2007. NYSAPLS is continuing to closely monitor the progression of our alteration of survey bill as it moves through the Assembly and on to the State Legislature. As a reminder, members have 24/7 access to all the legislative bills we are tracking at www.nysapls.net, the State web site. Just click the Government Affairs navigation menu on the left side of the screen and you will be taken directly to a second link of legislative bills being monitored. This link maintained by the Eastern regional.

Any questions on the status of this or other legislative bills can be directed to Daren Morgan, legislative committee chair, (dmorgan@lafavewhitemcgivern.com) or Robert Smith, legislative committee vice chair (shws@hamptons.com).

Railroad right of way

A local regional association has inquired about the application of the NYS Right of Entry law to property owned by a railroad company. This was discussed at the May 18 Legislative Committee meeting where legal counsel advised us that there is presently a NYS law prohibiting access to railroad property This makes the new right of entry law not applicable to this situation. Representatives of the railroad have said they strictly enforce this restriction because of significant safety concerns. A comprehensive article on this issue will be published in the July issue of the Empire State Surveyor.

The central office is sending out second dues renewal notices. They were mailed June 1, 2007.

Bill reminded the Board that NYSAPLS members who are interested in serving on a statewide committee are encouraged to contact NYSAPLS office at 518-432-4046 for committee openings.

As a reminder, Bill stated that complimentary membership for the months of May – June 2007 are available. This offer is extended to any new member joining NYSAPLS during those months. Regional dues will not be waived however unless the Regional expressly asks this in writing. Bill stated that if anyone were aware of someone who is not a member, now would be a great time to sign them up and award them with 14 months of membership for the price of 12 months.

NYSAPLS Human Resource Booklets

It was reported that NYSAPLS has developed three new Human Resource booklets. Electronic versions are available free only to NYSAPLS members. The booklets are 1) Federal Employment Laws, 2) New York State Employment Laws, and 3) Employee Termination Guidelines. If a printed booklet is required, it is available for a nominal cost of \$15 each. NYSAPLS is committed to developing new member resources and services to help you succeed as business professionals and bring greater value to your membership in the association.

NYSAPLS and REGIONALS

Discussion was held centering on what NYSAPLS can do to better serve the membership. Comments centered on the perceived problem that the office is executive run and not member driven.

National Museum of Surveying

Bill reported that there is a National Museum of Surveying in Michigan. It was founded as the first museum in the United States dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of surveying and mapping. It has just been announced that it will be moving to a new home in the heart of the “Land of Lincoln”, in Springfield, IL. The Museum is conducting a capital fundraising campaign in support of its efforts. For more information about the museum, or to request a copy of their “Field Book” that explains the museum’s history and fundraising campaign, contact David Lee Ingram, museum board trustee at 540-828-2778.

Executive Vice President’s Report: Gordon Matson -No Report -

Vice President’s Report: Charlie Hartnett -No Report -

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

----- STANDING COMMITTEES -----

Constitution & By-laws: Chuck Lent- No Report

Continuing Education: Chuck Lent Charlie Hartnett reported attending a seminar in Lake George presented by John Stock. He rated it as fair and suggested that future seminars be ranked for the proper audience it is intended for.

Ethics & Business Practice: Don Darrah, Howie Johannessen – No Report.

Finance: Bill Darling – William LaPan will be sending the Treasurers records to him for review and audit.

Legislative Committee: Howie-Nothing to report

Membership: Gordon Matson – A report was made reminding us that the State is providing cards at registration renewal.

Program: Bill Whimple-2007-2008 Agenda

Bill has the program lined up for the coming year. September’s program will be about Mechanics Liens, November is the annual meeting and perhaps a Founders Night. It was stated that the Paul Smith’s shadow day format change went well and next year we will follow the same format (Shadow day at a directors meeting not a General Membership meeting day)

Public Relations: Wayne Wilson-Nothing to Report

Scholastic Development, Scholarship: Kristen Demers-Nothing to report

Technical information: Eric Crampton- Discussion was held about the need to have a note on maps and site plans that will detail if the data shown is co-coordinated to/from ground points or Sate Plain systems and note if any conversions have taken place. The committee will work on the wording of the proposed note.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES

Website: Kurt Heiss- (via e-mail submission)

Kurt forwarded two messages received through the website last Friday. One is a second request by Mike Davis to be added to the e-mail distribution list. The second is an e-mail from Vince Ausfeld asking why his new company has not been added to the proprietor list. The board needs to take a little time and seriously discuss coordination, organization, and handling of member requests like this. Things seem to be falling through the cracks as of late.

Kurt wondered if someone on the board was officially designated as the keeper/maintainer/updater of the e-mail distribution list? If not he suggest the board appoint someone to this position – since we no longer send paper mailings, the only hope the members have of receiving what notices are still being sent out is through an updated/maintained distribution list

“As for the proprietor list – it is imperative that I receive copies of the approved applications so that I can update the online Proprietor List. This is the version of the list that most members have regular access to and expect regular updates of. When Jim Vianna left the board, he handed the duties of keeping the official (paper) proprietor list to someone (I think it was Bob Ihlenburg but am not sure now). If the person who accepted that duty no longer can or will update the master list, I am more than willing to step up and do it – but I MUST receive copies of the applications as they come in and are approved. If someone else is going to continue to maintain the master (paper) list, that is fine with me, but that person needs to coordinate with me to make sure I am able to update the online list.”

ACTION: It was decided that the protocol will be to forward all new/updated applications to the Membership Chairperson as they are received by the “web-geek”. In turn, these will be submitted monthly to the Board for approval and then posted on the web site.

“Finally, since I left the Board in December, I have received almost NO approved minutes for posting on the website. One of the reasons we decided to stop mailing paper minutes was because we were going to make digital copies available through the website. Members are counting on this. If the board has decided to stop posting minutes online, then I think they need to start being distributed by mail again. If the board still desires to have minutes posted online, could they please send me copies of minutes back to December, and also keep sending me copies of future minutes as they are approved?” (Kurt Heiss L.S.)

Old Business:

- A bus trip to 08 NYSAPLS Conference is still being looked into.

New Business:

Bob Ihlenburg gave a short informational presentation about the 2007 Surveyors Historical Society’s Rendezvous 2007 to be held in Virginia Sept 13-15 at George Washington’s birthplace. He has additional information if anyone requires it (518-828-7406).

The Colvin Crew is planning an Adirondack trip to remove a monument. This trip (Hike) will cross private property and the current landowner (Paper Company) requires a certificate of insurance. This will continue to be worked on and additional information will follow.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Ihlenburg PLS

