



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 10, 2009
Fraser & Associates, Rensselaer, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, William Whimple, Bill Darling, Kristin Demers and Lawrence O'Connor (via conference call).

Absent were: Eric Crampton, Carl Rigdon, Kevin Waldruff, Gordy Matson, and Matt Bowe.

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Bill Whimple, Seconded by Bob Ihlenburg, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Secretary Heiss passed around some cards and letters of thanks for our expression of sympathy and donation for Kathryn Calvagno (Bill Schraa's Daughter). The obituary for C. Donald Carpenter's Mother was passed around. A card in the name of the Society was sent to Don. Secretary Heiss mentioned that Kenneth Male passed away.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg

Treasurer Ihlenburg gave a verbal Treasurer's report. There is approximately \$4200 in checking. The checking account is generally "holding its own" with inputs close to outputs. The Uvest account is back up to approximately \$33,000. Treasurer Ihlenburg is still working on adding President Johannessen as an allowed signature on the account. A motion was made by Kurt Heiss, Seconded by Kristin Demers, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen

President Johannessen presented the following topics to the Board:

- William Moore, a retired DOT Surveyor from Central NY has apparently approached NYSAPLS with a proposal to offer support services for Land Surveyors and have such services sponsored through NYSAPLS. NYSAPLS President Ed Summerhays suggested that Mr. Moore's present his proposal to ENYSLS to get the "regional" opinion. The Board discussed Mr. Moore's proposal at length. It would appear he is offering "support" services that are services that many member companies and practitioners already offer (e.g. GPS support, GIS support, fieldwork, adjustments, equipment support). The general concensus of the Board was that President Johannessen should report back to NYSAPLS that *"the services that Mr. Moore is offering are the same or similar to services that many member firms offer, and that the ENYSLS Board of Directors feels it is inappropriate for such services to be sponsored or endorsed by NYSAPLS or at the Regional level. Further, the Board feels it would be more appropriate for Mr. Moore to pay to become a NYSAPLS Sustaining Member and to advertise his services there, or through other normal channels."*

- NYSAPLS has distributed a list of "unpaid" members. The list was dated BEFORE the due date for member dues. The general consensus of the Board is for President Johannessen to request an updated list of members that are actually in arrears (i.e. have not paid their dues by the actual due date). Once such a list is forthcoming, the Board will, as in past years, make calls or contact said members to encourage them to renew.
- Scott Littlefield of ADMAR Supply is apparently in the process of preparing a one-hour course to be available for CEU credit and is shopping said course to Regionals. The general consensus of the Board was that Mr. Littlefield should be encouraged to contact our Program Chair (Bill Whimple) at such time as his new course is actually approved for CEUs, and then ENYSLS will consider scheduling him for a future dinner meeting.
- President Johannessen is preparing to empanel the annual Nominating Committee. Board members suggested several members that could be contacted, and President Johannessen will contact them. The plan is to have a slate of nominees, with their Bios, forwarded to the Secretary at least three weeks before the Annual Meeting on November 12, 2009. The following Board members' terms expire this year: William Whimple, Kevin Waldruff, Matthew Bowe, and Eric Crampton.

President Johannessen reported on the following State Level issues from the last NYSAPLS BOD Meeting:

- The NYS Licensure Workshop is being offered and signup is available online at the NYSAPLS website.
- Other Fall Workshops are being offered and further information is available on the NYSAPLS website.
- The NYSAPLS Education Committee is looking into a GIS credential program for Land Surveyors.
- The NYSAPLS Education Committee is looking for regional members to review and approve materials submitted for course offerings for CEU credits – especially members with specialist knowledge of specific topics. There is apparently a backlog of courses needing approval.
- A NYSAPLS Board member recommended a DIG SAFE presentation that his Regional held at one of their meetings meeting. This will be considered for a future ENYSLS dinner meeting

Executive Vice-President's Report: Gordy Matson: No Report

Vice-President's Report: Kevin Waldruff – No Report

Committee Reports:

-----Standing Committees-----

Constitution & By-Laws: Bob Ihlenburg:

Bob has reviewed portions of the Constitution and By-Laws (CBL). It was mentioned that there is a long timeframe and a rigid procedure to be followed when changing the CBL, and if the Board plans to make revisions next year, the process needs to be started early in the year. It was decided that any Directors or Members that had suggestions for revisions to the CBL should forward them to Bob. A notice to this effect will be included in the next e-mail update to the members.

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Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

Kristin mentioned that Professor Bean had left Paul Smith's and is now working in Alaska.

Kristin will be sending out scholarship applications soon, and scholarship funding was discussed. It was decided that the scholarships will be funded for \$2500 this year, as budgeted. The committee will decide if there are enough qualified applicants to use the full \$2500 to issue scholarships. Any funds required by the committee up to the \$2500 will come from checking or the investment account as necessary, to be decided when the time comes. Kristin was unable to hold a raffle tonight due to the cancellation of the dinner meeting.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah: No Report

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury:

The Board once again discussed the topic of the Home how, Funding for the Home Show, and format of the Home Show. Several members were in agreement that this topic has been discussed many times in the past and a decision has never been reached. Also, Jody was not in attendance to report on any ideas/concerns his committee may have regarding the Home Show. It was decided to review Jody's recommendations, then to bring up the issue of the Home Show to the members at the Annual Meeting to gauge interest, determine if people are willing to continue the Home Show now that ENYSLS will not be reimbursed given the current financial situation, and possibly to get ideas for changes to the format of the Home Show.

Finance: Bill Darling

The investment accounts were briefly discussed. The current Uvest account has approximately 45% in Money Market, and 55% in Mutual Funds. It was the general consensus of the Board to wait until the market has fully rebounded (and investment values are back where they were in 2005-2006), at which point the Finance Committee would make recommendations to the Board, and the Board would decide how best to continue to invest/save/hold Society funds.

Membership: Gordy Matson – No Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor:

Larry is planning to coordinate with the NYSAPLS Legislative Committee in order to provide information to and input from the ENYSLS Legislative Committee.

Program: Bill Whimple:

The situation regarding the failure to schedule the September Dinner meeting was discussed. It was decided to "flesh-out" a tentative meeting venue and program calendar for the upcoming year as has been done (successfully) in the past, to be posted to the ENYSLS Website Calendar.

Bill Darling volunteered to take over the duties of arranging for venues for ENYSLS dinner meetings. Secretary Heiss mentioned that there was still one member without web/e-mail access, and that member gets his information and meeting announcements by mail. Unfortunately, over the last year or so there hasn't been enough time to get the meeting announcement to this member before the meeting took place. Bill Darling will attempt to schedule the restaurants as far in advance as possible and get the information to the Secretary to allow ample time

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to announce the meetings to the members. It is planned to have a first announcement to the members at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

The tentative venues for upcoming meetings are as follows: Crossgates (November); Moscatiello's (January); The Factory (March). Bill Darling will look into additional venues if possible.

The tentative programs for upcoming meetings are as follows: Annual Meeting and Sustaining Members (November); Debt Collection (January); Bill Whimple will investigate other possible programs.

Public Relations: No Report

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – No Report

-----Temporary and Ad-hoc Committees-----

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Old Business:

At a past meeting it was discussed that ENYSLS has less Life and Honorary Members than before, and that there may be current members deserving of such membership classes. Kurt Heiss has investigated the requirements for Life and Honorary Members. Life Members are qualified if retired, and have a certain number of years as Licensed Surveyors and/or members of NYSAPLS (80 total). Typically, members can request directly to NYSAPLS to become Life Members when they qualify. Honorary Members are recommended to the NYSAPLS Board of Directors by the Regionals, and the NYSAPLS Board votes to confer the honor on any members that are recommended. Honorary Members are created at the NYSAPLS Annual Conference awards ceremony. It was decided that Board members will send suggestions for ENYSLS Members deserving to be recommended as Honorary Members to Kurt Heiss, and a list will be compiled so that the Board can recommend new Honorary Members in the future.

New Business:

No New Business

A motion to adjourn was made by Kristin Demers, seconded by Bill Whimple, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16pm.

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, October 8th, 2009 at the offices of Fraser Associates in Rensselaer, NY.

Respectfully Submitted,
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