



**EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS
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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, March 11, 2010
Manna's Restaurant, Ballston Spa, NY

President Johannessen called the meeting to order at approximately 5:39pm

Present were: Howie Johannessen, Kurt Heiss, Bob Ihlenburg, William Whimple, Kristin Demers, Eric Crampton, Carl Rigdon, Don Darrah, Bill Darling, Lee Lurie, Lawrence O'Connor and Michael Gaines.

Absent were: Gordy Matson.

Guests: James Vianna (Colvin Crew Camp Superintendent), Brie Strom, Rachel Samuels

Secretary's Report: Kurt Heiss

- The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Bill Darling, Seconded by Carl Rigdon, to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Ihlenburg

- Treasurer Ihlenburg submitted a Monthly Balance Sheet (attached). A motion was made by Larry O'Connor, Seconded by Eric Crampton, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

President's Report: Howie Johannessen:

- Tonight's presentation (Sal Ferlazzo, Esq. – Adverse Possession in NY) was arranged by NYSAPLS at the request of the Program Committee, helping us with the last-minute scheduling emergency. Jennifer at NYSAPLS mentioned that Sal's presentation has already been approved by the Shaw Fund Continuing Education Approved Provider Program, and that the opportunity exists for us to offer a one-hour credit for the program tonight. Jennifer provided a sign-up sheet and presenter review forms for the program. The cost for the one-hour credit through Shaw Fund will be \$250. President Johannessen presented several possible courses of action including: not offering the credit; offering the credit to the members present at no extra cost; and offering the credit for an additional fee. A motion was made by Larry O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ihlenburg, to pay Shaw Fund \$250 for the one-hour credit, and to offer the credit to tonight's meeting attendees at no additional cost. An in-depth discussion of the benefits, drawbacks, timeframe and costs of offering the credit followed. Seven members voted Yes, four voted No, and one member Abstained – Motion Passed.
- President Johannessen mentioned that there is a NYSAPLS Board meeting coming up on March 19th. Planned discussion topics include an update on one-hour course offerings, and the results of the Electronic File and Machine Control Committee(s). President Johannessen will also be bringing up the issue of possibly updating the NYSAPLS Code of Practice, as suggested by ENYSLS Member Rod Michaels.

Executive Vice-President's Report: Eric Crampton: Nothing to Report

Vice-President's Report: Don Darrah –

- Vice-President Darrah is looking for a venue for the May meeting.

Committee Reports:

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

Constitution & By-Laws: Kurt Heiss –

- It is intended to have the Committee meet and prepare suggested changes to the ENYSLS Constitution and By Laws. These suggested changes could be informally presented to the Members at the May meeting (and also e-mailed to members) to get their input and suggestions. Incorporating Member suggestions, the suggested changes would be presented to the BOD at the September meeting for their input and suggestions. Incorporating BOD suggestions, the changes would be formalized in order to be mailed to the Membership as part of the November Ballots.

Scholastic Development: Kristin Demers:

- Due to scheduling problems, we were unable to have Paul Smith's shadow day in March. It will instead be held in April in conjunction with the April BOD meeting as in the past few years. There are approximately ten students signed up at this point, and possibly more will sign up soon. The meeting will be held at the "Airport" Quality Inn on Central Avenue. Host Surveyors/Firms will be asked to contribute a portion of the costs of their student's meal and room.
- Paul Smith's has implemented a formal Mentoring Program. Practitioners wishing to "Mentor" a student should contact Kristin. The Curriculum Coordinators at the Ranger School and Alfred State said that they do not have any formal mentoring programs in place, but any practitioners wishing to informally mentor students at those institutions are welcome.

Ethics and Business Practices: Don Darrah – Nothing to Report

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury – No Report

Finance: Bill Darling – Nothing Report.

Membership: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Legislative: Larry O'Connor – Nothing to Report

Program: Bill Whimple:

- Bill will work with Kristin to set something up for the April BOD meeting with the Paul Smith's Students (probably a roundtable as in past years).
- A possible presentation for May could be a presentation by a Financial Advisor about investments.

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Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury – No Report

- Jim Vianna brought up the topic of the Boy Scouts Surveying Merit Badge. He's had informal contact with members of the Twin Rivers Boy Scouts Council regarding their annual summer jamboree at which many scouts attempt to earn the badge. Getting involved with the jamboree would involve a few Surveyors with equipment to be in attendance over a few days. Larry O'Connor mentioned that he has run Merit Badge sessions in the past (including for the Engineering Merit Badge). The Board gave Jim and Larry Unanimous Consent to investigate the possibility of ENYSLS running a Surveying Merit Badge Clinic.

Technical Information: Eric Crampton – Nothing to Report

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

Website and Archival Information: Kurt Heiss – Nothing to Report

Conference Committee 2012: Brian Magee – No to Report

Old Business:

- Larry O'Connor thanked the Board for the card and donation sent in memory of his Father.
- A card was received from Marilyn Boutelle thanking the Society for their thoughts and donation in Lindsay Boutelle's memory.
- Jim Vianna reported that the Colvin Crew Long Lake trip was cancelled due to minimal ice conditions.

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New Business:

A message was received from ENYSLS Member Bill Wiley:

It's time to spend some ENYSLS money (from the overly and unnecessarily large savings account) on advertising radio etc. Everyone else does it, selling all kinds of services, products. Thousands of conveyances are happening without surveys. Why? Few know the value of actually having facts a survey could show. Few attorneys, real estate agents, and title people actually want facts because it slows down or jeopardizes the closing (commission). Why not tell the public the value of having a survey on their property? If we don't demonstrate the need, no one else is going to do it for us. Anyway I talked to Charlie Hartnett about it and he's been thinking along the same lines. What do you think? What do others think? You can forward this e-mail to the other members if you like to get their input.....Bill Wiley.

The board discussed the issue at length. It was mentioned that the Architects have been running ads like this on local radio stations over the last few years. The value of such advertising and how it could be implemented was discussed. It was mentioned that NYSAPLS has talked about producing this kind of advertising in the past. Some BOD members suggested a targeted mailing campaign. A motion was made by Kurt Heiss, seconded by Don Darrah, for President Johannessen to bring up the issue of "advertising the profession" at the next NYSPLS Board meeting, to find out the status of current NYSAPLS efforts, and to investigate the possibility of future advertising efforts. Motion Passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Whimple, seconded by Carl Rigdon, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47pm.

The next meeting of the ENYSLS Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 8th, 2010, at the Quality Inn on Central Avenue in Albany in conjunction with Paul Smith's Shadow Day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kurt J. Heiss, L.S.
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Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors, Inc
February 28, 2010 Profit & Loss

Accrual Basis January 1 through February 28, 2010

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues	2,660.00
Miscellaneous Income	
Cash from dinner	375.00
Checks for dinner	425.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	800.00
Total Income	3,460.00
Expense	
Miscellaneous	50.00
Program Expense	
Scholarship Awards	2,250.00
Total Program Expense	2,250.00
Travel & Entertainment	
Entertainment	250.00
Meals	
Directors Meeting	81.99
Meals - Other	418.88
Total Meals	500.87
Travel & Ent - Other	500.00
Total Travel & Ent	1,250.87
Total Expense	3,550.87
Net Ordinary Income	-90.87
Net Income	-90.87

Balance in checking: \$3053.00

UVest: \$38,413.32 (January 2010 \$37516.39)