



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

April 11, 2019 Agenda

The Mill on Round Lake
2121 U.S. 9
Round Lake, NY 12151

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:46pm

Present were: Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Rick Palmer, Brie Strom and Chuck Lent

Absent: Larry O'Connor, Randy Paquin, Pat VanHaverbeke, Nick Lehman, Lucas Boyer, and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March Meeting were accepted with revisions, motion made by Ralph Hill, seconded by Brie Strom. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim submitted an account balance report.
- Discussed contacting our Financial Representative and invite him to attend a BOD meeting this fall to discuss options for ENYSLS investments.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- NYSAPLS March 15th meeting report:
- Jeremy Thompson's Treasurer's report featured the 2019/2020 proposed budget pointing out the following items may affect the budget:
 - Proposed adjustments to this year's workshops and their locations.
 - Proposal to offer new licensees' free admission to the annual conference.
 - Proposed dues increase of \$35 per regular member and \$5 per Associate and Corresponding members.
 - Future expenditures for the Public Relations (PR) initiative.
 - Possible new staff, computer hardware and software for headquarters.
- Greg de Bruin's President's report mentioned the Long Island Association is continuing their revitalization efforts and that they had just held their first general membership meeting with their new

- president Paul Werler. Greg also mentioned that Saeid Jalilvand and City Association were continuing their revitalization efforts as well.
- Operation's Report, Amber Carpenter reported:
 - There will again be a Legislative Resolution put out next week by the New York Legislature in honor of National Surveyors Week
 - The final count for the annual conference was 703 registered participants and 41 walk ins. The winner of the \$100 Amazon gift card for the review of conference contest was Scott Harris from Mohawk Valley.
 - Spring Workshops with Laura Ayers, "NY Boundary Law and Adverse Possession" will be held on June 3 in Malta.
- Ken Stigner's Conference Committee report mentioned feedback from attendees regarding the recent annual conference has been very good. Ken went on to mention the committee is continuing work for the next conference in 2020 which will be hosted by Northern New York Association of Land Surveyors at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona. They are working on an Adirondack theme for the conference.
- Dan Marvin's Education Committee Report mentioned that the committee had reviewed post conference review forms and evaluation forms and the committee started working on the next conference education grid. Dan announced there are two openings on the committee that they are looking to fill, volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in serving on the education committee please email President Greg de Bruin (gdebruin@gayrondebruin.com). The committee is also working on finalizing the spring workshops.
- Scott Allen's Ethical Practices Committee report asked that President de Bruin send out the letter the committee has drafted to the Office of the Professions concerning case # 2018-007, Greg agreed. Scott mentioned a complaint that the committee has received from Amityville and said that he would reach out to Long Island President Paul Werler and Nassau Suffolk President Frank Ferrantello to discuss the complaint.
- Greg de Bruin reported for the Legislative Committee mentioning David Zacharias had submitted a written report that was included in the handouts. President de Bruin mentioned the letter calling for more additional financial support for the Office of Professional Discipline. Greg reported the committee is looking to work with the FAA and NSPS in an effort to relax regulations for surveyors utilizing drone technology. Amber mentioned the new Legislative Reference Guide and handed out copies to the Board members.
- Steve Boddecker's LSPAC report stated the fundraiser cocktail party that was held at the annual conference had been successful, after all expenses were paid, \$879 was raised for the PAC fund.
- Gary Thompson's Membership Committee report stated that less than 1% of members are currently utilizing their discounted credit card processing member benefits provided by the NY Retail Council. The committee is starting to look into this issue. Gary mentioned that Rod Carey of Finger Lakes has developed a database of their members records and that he would be willing to work on a database for the other regions for NYSAPLS.
- Patti Brooks' NSPS report stated she will be attending the next NSPS meeting in April in Arlington, Virginia at which Patti will co-chair the 2019 Student Survey competition. This year's topic is Remote Sensing and New York will be sending a team this year, sponsored by the Shaw Fund. Patti talked about the proposed NSPS dues increase of \$10 per member and explained that an amendment to our current MOU (memorandum of understanding) needed to be accepted and signed by NYSAPLS to move forward with the increase. A motion was made by Saeid Jalilvand to accept and Tom Cerchiara seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Lem Morrison's Public Relations report stated that NYSAPLS new PR firm Gramercy has "Hit the Ground Running" and that they will be drafting a letter to legislators regarding promotions aimed toward young people using the "Get Kids Into Surveying" posters. The PR committee has been conducting regular bi-weekly meetings. Lem urged regionals to send in pictures for the National Surveyors Week photo contest. Lem mentioned they had taken the NYSAPLS booth to a school

counselors meeting in New York City last week. Lem also mentioned NYSAPLS will be attending the NYS GeoCon meeting in September.

- Lem talked about the “Get Kids into Surveying” poster campaign and mentioned that sponsorship could land a placement of a company’s logo on the upcoming New York poster. A motion was made by Frank Ferrantello for NYSAPLS to put \$ 900 towards a sponsorship, the motion was seconded by Rodger Hess, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- o Roy Garfinkel's Adhoc Minimum Standards Committee report he stated that the committee was 90% through their first draft of the Minimum Technical Standards and that they hope to have a document to submit to the BOD in May.
- o Greg de Bruin gave the Nominations & Awards Committee report stating that nominations will be needed to fill the Secretary position on the Executive Board for next year. Greg mentioned that three awards had been given out at the conference this year. Greg also mentioned that next year the map contest winners will be incorporated into the award ceremony at the conference.
- o Tim Massi's Young Professionals Committee report stated that the committee had met and had reviewed the conference. Agenda items they will be working on for the next conference include:
 - Creating a framework for the mentorship program.
 - Increasing the student presence in the exhibit hall.
 - A possible student luncheon sponsorship.
 - Tim also mentioned the committee will be working on getting into career days in schools around the state.
- o May 3 First Friday Webinar on The Future of State Plane Coordinates presented by Daniel Martin.
- o NYSAPLS budget comments received two in favor of dues increase and one against (Capital District Chapter/NYSSPE/NSPE \$299 for members and associate members, also a larger organization).
- o ENYSLS Google Group set up to help contact all members with announcements.

Executive Vice President’s Report: Randy Paquin

- o File e-Postcard by May 15.

Vice President’s Report: Brie Strom

- o Working on securing a location for the May 9th Membership meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Calibration Base Line (ad hoc): Randy Paquin, Rick Palmer, and Richard Bennett

- o Randy and Rick are setting up a field visit to Pattersonville to look at the site.

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O’Connor and Bill Schrae

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Chuck Lent, and Eric Crampton

- o Discussed having the committee expand its role and begin to secure speakers for regular membership meetings.
- o Discussed future program ideas: Presentation on Outdoor Hazards, Presentation by expert on NYS Canals were a couple of ideas discussed.

Ethics Practice: Jim Vianna, Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag, and Kevin Rounds

Finance: Carl Rigdon, Bill Darling, and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin and Gary Mitchell

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton, and Brie Strom

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristin Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Ralph Hill

- Have received one response so far on website redesign. Capital District Digital proposed new website design, website hosting and monthly maintenance for a one time fee of \$1,500 and a monthly fee of \$159.
- Would like to get a couple of more quotes before deciding on who to hire to redesign.
- Should add an area of the new website to discuss what all is involved in surveying someone's property. Try to show that there are a number of variables that are taken into account to determine the cost of a survey.

Old Business:

- NYSAPLS Adhoc Minimum Technical Standards Committee report
 - Committee is meeting regularly. They have been putting in a great deal of time and effort to get the new standards out. A lot of time is being put into getting the wording just right to get point across as intended. The committee has been consulting with the State Education Department to parallel their changes. Committee is making every effort to craft standards that will apply and be fair to all regions of the state.
- The Capital Region Spring Home Show April 5-7 report.
 - In general, the Home Show in Clifton Park did not seem very well attended. Contributing factors could have been inclement weather on Friday and the first really nice day on Saturday. There also was an advertisement that indicated a \$10 fee at the door if not pre-registered for free online. There were no fees collected by the venue for attendees.
 - Over the course of the weekend, ENYSLS members had serious conversations with about 91 people on various surveying topics.
 - Approximately 150 proprietors list and "Should You Hire a Surveyor" pamphlets were handed out to home show attendees.
 - Discussed having a booth next year at the Home Show in Albany instead of Halfmoon.
 - Next year we should get literature from Paul Smiths, Ranger School, Alfred's etc. to have for handing out to attendees.
 - The BOD recognized Dwayne Cooper for his efforts in coordinating the Home Show booth.
- Emerging Technologies presentation by Tom Cerchiara.
 - Chuck reported that the course reviews were all "Good" or better.
- Surveyor's Week March 17-23, 2019.
- ENYSLS Proprietor List to be posted on website.
- ENYSLS Historic Records List to be posted on website.

New Business:

- o Speaker for May 9 still needs to be secured.
- o Discussed whether or not ENYSLS should purchase a new banner, the one we have now is starting to show its age. Comment was made that the ENYSLS banner at NYSAPLS is a bit “busy” with the images in the background. BOD members should look at the NYSAPLS website to view the banner so we can decide if we like the look of it or not. Discussed getting some quotes for new banner and decide if it would be worth purchasing a new one. Another option discussed was to purchase a table wrap type banner with logo on it.
- o Next NYSAPLS BOD Meeting to be held Friday May 17th at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110 from 7:30 – 10:00 pm and is open to all members. There will be a cocktail/networking hour from 5:30 – 6:30 pm with a cash bar and a \$25 light dinner buffet from 6:30 – 7:30 pm preceding the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM with a motion from Jim Vianna and seconded by Ralph Hill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper
ENYSLS Secretary

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