



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

December 12, 2019

The Mill on Round Lake
2121 US Route 9
Round Lake, NY 12151

President Winters called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

Present: Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Jim Vianna, Dwayne Cooper, Rick Palmer, Lucas Boyer, Randy Paquin, and Brie Strom

Absent: Larry O'Connor, Pat VanHaverbeke, Nick Lehman, Chuck Lent and Kristin Darrah

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- The November 2019 BOD and General Membership meeting minutes were presented to and reviewed by the BOD. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Brie Strom. The motion passed and the minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported to the BOD on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- ENYSLS received a dues check from NYSAPLS for all members that renewed and new members that have joined.
- Jim reported that the Journal Add for the NYSAPLS Annual Conference was updated and submitted.
- Minimum Technical Standards: Jim reported that at the NYSAPLS BOD meeting held November 15, 2019 a proposed timeline for review was presented. It was proposed that a 2 month extension be granted for all Regionals to prepare and submit a summary of their comments and concerns regarding the proposed Minimum Technical Standards. Individual comments and concerns will also be accepted. All replies are to be submitted to NYSAPLS by January 10, 2020. Proposed that an open forum for questions and answers, open to all members, be held January 24, 2020 at the end of the Annual Conference to discuss concerns about the proposed standards. MTS committee to review comments and concerns up until the conference with two teleconference meetings and an in-person meeting prior to the open forum. Schedule meetings after the Annual Conference for the committee to discuss feedback and consider possible

revisions to the standards document. Committee will resubmit a proposed standards document to the BOD at which time the committee will request a two month review period for regions and members. Following the review period, a vote to endorse an effort by NYSAPLS to work with SBELSG to pursue legislation and/or regulations encompassing the proposed standards. Jeremy Thompson made a motion to accept the proposed review process, the motion was seconded by Kaleb Winters and a vote was passed with all in favor, excepting one vote opposed.

President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- NYSAPLS Ethical Practices Committee drone letter sent to the Office of Professions
- Times Union Home Expo February 7-9. The lowest cost is \$975 per 8' wide x 10' deep booth on the 1st Floor (<https://timesunionhomeexpo.com/2019homeexposection/rates/>). We would have to apply, send them an ad for the newspaper, and pay 50% by 12/31 to be included and the sooner we do it, the better booth spot that we could get. After discussion, it was decided that there wasn't enough time to successfully organize and man a booth this year.
- NSPS podcast "Surveyor Says!"
- NSPS Annual Election for Vice President 12/1-12/21, use voter ID emailed to you
 - Amanda J. Allred, PLS US Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla Washington district LS, former Washington NSPS Director
 - Thomas Whitson Brooks, Jr., LS NSPS Director from Alabama and private land surveyor
 - Bob Akins, LS Vietnam Vet, former Ohio NSPS Director, runs his own family business
- NYSAPLS Member News Submission Tool
- NYSAPLS Board were in favor of sending letter on to the Office of Professions regarding Ethics and drones. The NYSAPLS Ethics Committee recommended sending all in complaints. The Office of Professions recommend submitting complaints as soon as possible and by as many members as possible to give the complaints a higher priority for action to be taken.
- NYSAPLS November 15th Meeting Minutes Highlights:
 - Jeremy Thompson, Treasurer stated that although things look good right now he would like to see membership increase and more unpaid members renewing their memberships.
 - NCEES' developing 5 new testing modules. Each individual state will be responsible for adopting which particular testing modules apply to their state.
 - Heather Schultz gave birth to a healthy baby girl "Aubrey Alyse" on November 13th. Amber introduced Cara Grassie who is filling in as Interim Membership Manager during Heather's maternity leave. Amber went on to mention that since the last board meeting, 60 additional member renewals had come in. However, she would like to see input from the regionals as to why other members are still not renewing.
 - Amber also mentioned the NYS LS Exam Review Workshop had been held October 18-19 presented by Joe Paiva, co-presented by Richard Brooks. Amber thanked Richard Brooks and Steve Boddecker for their willingness to take over the teaching position for the Exam Reviews starting in 2021.
 - Amber also stated that the annual accountants review was complete and the association's taxes have been filed as well.
 - Webinar 2/7 - Professional Ethics for the Land Surveyor with Milton Denny and 3/6 (2nd Showing 3/12) - Legislative Update with Emily Whalen, Esq.
 - Patti Brooks reported Kera Mariotti brought a team of Alfred State College students to the NSPS Student Competition in Arlington, VA, on April 11th. Patti stated the event was a great success. She talked more about the "International foot" initiative being supported by NSPS. Patti mentioned that she would like to see NYSAPLS explore the possibility of bringing the Certified Floodplain Surveyor (CFS) certification program to NY. Public Relations committee is finalizing their revamped "Why be a Surveyor" brochure. The committee is working on a "Public Awareness Survey". Lem mentioned work continues on the Facebook campaign. Gramercy continues its excellent work and is working on two OP-ED pieces to come out soon. The committee is looking for interesting story content,

as always. Lem added that Ken Slaughenhoupt had attended NYSGISA's GeoCon event in September and the committee is working on upcoming trade shows and a visit to the NY Association of Towns meeting. The committee has made updates to the "Find a Surveyor" search engine on the NYSAPLS site allowing a search by distance and services provided. The BOD discussed the upcoming terms of renewal with Gramercy and decided to continue with funds already allotted for the PR campaign to carry into 2020.

- Embassy Suites in Saratoga Springs has been booked for the 2020 Strategic Planning Retreat.
- The committee will meet in December with NYCON to discuss planning and put together a cost proposal.
- Young Professionals Committee are finalizing plans for the 2020 conference, including a return of the "Field Olympics". The committee is currently working on a flyer for associate and student members that talk about the benefits of attending conference. They are also collaborating with Gramercy Communications to create a social media campaign to promote the YP & Alumni Social will be held Thursday evening, January 23rd. Paul Smith's College Surveying Program will be sponsoring the door prize at the social event.
- President de Bruin called the Teller's Committee to announce the results:
 - President – Daniel E. Marvin
 - Executive Vice President – Kenneth M. Slaughenhoupt
 - Vice President – Roy B. Garfinkel
 - Treasurer – Jeremy E. Thompson
 - Secretary – Steven J. Willard

Executive Vice President's Report: Randy Paquin

- Scholarship update. Randy and Kaleb read all the applications which consist of questions asking about the applicant's goals and what they want out of a career as well as letters of reference. After reviewing all the applications, the following scholarship winners were selected.
 - The recipients of the Eastern New York Society Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000 each) are Corey Robert Ingham (Alfred State) and Katherine O'Buckley (Alfred State).
 - The recipient of the Charles Hartnett Scholarship (\$1,000) is Michael Francis Pink (SUNY ESF Ranger School).
 - The recipient of the Arthur D. Shaw Memorial Fund Scholarship is Michael W. Hyde (Paul Smith's)

Vice President's Report: Brie Strom

- Location for February 13 BOD meeting will be at The Mill in Round Lake.
- Location is still needed for the March 12 General meeting?
- Annual Audit will be completed by Brie.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- Randy is still working with the legal department at NYSPRHP to make sure everything is in order.
- May want to set up on the potential baseline point locations to verify distance and sight lines before installation of concrete piers.

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

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

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

Old Business:

- Chuck's ethics case update. Kaleb was finally able to get through to the Engineer Board. Engineering doesn't have a formal Ethics Committee. Engineers and Architects are both permitted to design septic systems. Landscape Architects are not permitted to design septic systems.

New Business:

- Discussion was held about what the redesigned website should entail. Generally, would like to update the site to a more modern look with similar content. Possibly use the Genesee Valley as a sample.
- Kaleb thanked Ralph Hill for his service on the Board of Directors.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Lucas Boyer. The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne A. Cooper
ENYSLS Secretary

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