



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 11, 2024

The Mill
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Present: Kaleb Winters, Jason Tommell, Jason Peterson, Ralph Hill, Timothy Huggins, Brie Meisler, Dwayne Cooper, James Vianna, and Luke Richardson.

Absent: Lawrence O'Connor, Lucas Boyer, Richard Palmer, and Dave Schmidt.

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- Dwayne reported that he had sent out the letter to the members on the proprietors list promoting the upcoming NSPS CST exam May 18th.
- Brie made a motion to reimburse Dwayne \$27.20 for postage, Kaleb seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne presented the March proposed meeting minutes. There was one minor comment and A motion to accept the March meeting minutes pending the revision was made by Tim Huggins, seconded by Ralph Hill. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Income in the amount of \$640 (\$600 dinner fees and \$40 from 50/50) and expenditures of \$883.61 for the March membership meeting.
- Jim reported that one scholarship check has yet to be cashed.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported that there has been no movement.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- Brie has been approved as a proctor for the CST Exam. We plan to offer a test on 5/18/2024 at the Colliers' office.
- Brie has not received any responses on the call for budget comments.
- Brie reported that she had submitted her application to become a proctor for CST exams. ENYSLS is offering a CST exam on May 18th at the Colliers Engineering & Design office.
- The next NYSAPLS BOD meeting is on 3/15/2024.
- Work has begun on the 2025 conference education grid.
- The ethical practices committee addressed a letter to a Real Estate company that included inaccurate information in a YouTube video.

- Clarification was given that the leading zero in license numbers is not required on stamps, but the recommendations is to add it if a new one is being ordered.
- Concerns were raised about distance ownership, but were told at a meeting with SBELSG secretary Eric Greppo that it is acceptable if standards of practice are maintained.
- Roy Garfinkel reported that there was another meeting with DOT representatives, along with a GIS Clearinghouse Representative. There are many shared goals. Roy intends to focus on legislative efforts and funding.
- We were shown a clip of a TV spot taken at the conference which ran in Utica. Also got some press in a Buffalo Newspaper.
- Workforce Development committee has gathered 60 volunteers around the state willing to attend school career days, etc.
- There was an interesting discussion about the God Terminus.
- We were informed that Ulster County now has all deeds online.

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that on March 9th a veteran had started with him hired through the Soldiers to Surveyors program and will be with him until their recruitment period is up.
- Jason reported that he had a discussion with Roy Garfinkle and the Young Professionals Committee about having a truck box contest for field crews at the upcoming conference.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that he attended a portion of the NYSAPLS BOD meeting.
- The spring workshop will be "From Data Collection to CAD and Beyond-Workflows with PIX4D presented by Tom Cerchiara and Austen Thum.
- The 2026-2028 Annual Conferences will be held in Saratoga.

Standing Committee Reports

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

Constitution and By-Laws: Larry O'Connor

Continuing Education: Jody Lounsbury, Charles Lent and Eric Crampton

Ethical Practices: Larry O'Connor, Jeff Ostertag and Charles Lent

Finance: Carl Rigdon and Chris Czerw

Legislative: Larry O'Connor

Program: Randy Paquin

Public Relations: Jody Lounsbury, Eric Crampton and Brie Meisler

Scholastic Development: Randy Paquin and Kristen Darrah

Business Practice and Technical Information: Chris Czerw

Membership: Robert Wilklow and Steve Dickson

Website: Brie Meisler, Dwayne Cooper and Charles Lent

Old Business:

- Final Point for Don Capenter. Jim reported that he spoke with Art about the final point location. Art is still deciding on the location and will contact Jim when he reaches a decision.
- CST letter to proprietors has been sent out.
- Binding Arbitration discussion. It was decided that Jim would give a presentation at the May membership meeting on the process and to discuss memberships interest in adopting something similar.

New Business:

- Comments on NYSAPLS budget. Cost savings options presented by NYSAPLS included:
 - Reducing the number of workshops per year to one.
 - Going to a digital Conference Journal in lieu of a printed version.
 - Going to a digital Empire State Surveyor in lieu of a printed version.
- Review the proprietors list. Dwayne circulated copies of the current proprietors list for markups for members that are no longer in business. Dwayne will update the website accordingly.
- A discussion was held on ways to generate additional revenue to help cover the cost of the ENYSLS General Membership Meetings. Some suggestions included:
 - Raising the dues for ENYSLS membership.
 - Establishing sponsors for meeting to help cover the increased cost of meals/venues.
 - Growing the 50/50 raffle to generate additional income.
 - Establishing sponsors to cover the cost of speakers to improve the programs.

Upcoming Events:

- 4/5/2024 First Friday Webinar – Aerial Mapping Ground Control Best Practices.
- 5/3/2024 First Friday Webinar FEMA Letter of Map Amendment (LOMAs).

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brie Meisler, seconded by Ralph Hill. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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