



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 09, 2024

The City Beer Hall
Albany, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present: Brie Meisler, Timothy Huggins, Dwayne Cooper, James Vianna, Luke Richardson, Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Lawrence O'Connor and Richard Palmer.

Absent: Lucas Boyer, Jason Tommell, Jason Peterson and Dave Schmidt.

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- Dwayne presented the April proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the March meeting minutes was made by Ralph Hill, seconded by Kaleb Winters. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that the proprietors list on the website has been updated based on the lists that were circulated for markup at the last BOD Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- There was no Income for the past month and expenditures of \$259.72 for the April BOD meeting.
- Jim reported that one scholarship check has still yet to be cashed.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported that there has been no movement.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- Brie reported that it was announced at the NYSAPLS BOD meeting that Ulster County now has all deeds online. Brie said that she was not successful looking for older ones.
- The CST exam that is scheduled for May 18th currently has seven people signed up for it, including one person from Mid-Hudson Regional. The cross publicity seems to have been useful.
- NYSAPLS needs an answer about ENYSLS dues by the end of May. A discussion was held, and a consensus of the BOD felt that ENYSLS should raise its dues by \$10 for a total of \$40 for Senior Members and dues for Associate Members should remain unchanged. It was decided that the proposed dues increase should be put to a vote at the general membership meeting later in the evening.
- Brie announced that she will be attending the virtual NYSAPLS BOD meeting in May.

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- No report.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb reported that the Ranger School has ended the Friends of Survey Committee. It has been renamed to Land Surveying Technology Degree Program Advisory Committee and it has been approved by ABET until 2029.
- Kaleb held a half day meeting with fourteen students and reviewed topographic maps they created. Of the fourteen students, it was reported that two will be continuing at a four year program, one is going to a state agency and the others have secured employment in the private sector.
- There will be a presentation at the Colvin Display at the State Museum on May 30th, Kaleb will share the link.

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:

- Binding Arbitration: Jim is going to present a program tonight at the Membership Meeting outlining the process that Northern has adopted. At the end of the presentation, we'll take a poll of those in attendance as to the interest level in ENYSLS pursuing a similar process.

New Business:

- Dues Increase. A discussion was held during President Meisler's report and it was decided that a vote should be held at the general membership meeting to raise the Senior Member dues by \$10. A further discussion was held on the possibility of holding all four General Membership meetings at one venue for the year in hopes of negotiating a better rate on food. Jim said he would check a few venues over the summer and see what he can come up with and report back at the August BOD meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- 6/4/2024 Spring Workshop (Long Island): From Data Collection to CAD and Beyond – Workflows with Pix4D, presented by Tom Cerchiara & Austen Thum
- 6/6/2024 Spring Workshop (Albany): From Data Collection to CAD and Beyond – Workflows with Pix4D, presented by Tom Cerchiara & Austen Thum
- 6/7/2024 Friday Webinar: 6/7/24 – Details of the NSPS CFS Program
- 7/20/24 Delaware Hudson Land Surveyors Association Summer Social – Hudson Valley Renegades Game.5/3/2024 First Friday Webinar FEMA Letter of Map Amendment (LOMAs).

A motion to adjourn the BOD meeting was made by Kaleb Winters, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

President Meisler called the General Membership Meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

- President Meisler announced the upcoming CST exam to be held May 18. She also informed the membership of the BOD decision to raise ENYSLS dues by \$10 for Senior Members and asked for feedback. The consensus of those in attendance was in support of ENYSLS raising the dues. It was noted that ENYSLS has not raised its dues in several years. A motion for ENYSLS to raise the dues for Senior Members by \$10 to a total of \$40 was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Randy Paquin. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- There was a general discussion on ways to improve attendance at General Membership meetings. One suggestion was to gear 1-2 meetings each year towards Associate Members. Suggestion was made to have a competition that would spotlight field crews homemade field equipment organizers and truck storage layout.
- President Meisler introduced Jim Vianna, who gave a presentation on Northern’s binding arbitration process.

A motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting was made by Randy Paquin, seconded by Daniel Peeters. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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