



## **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED**

Charter Affiliate of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

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### **MINUTES**

#### **EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING August 08, 2024**

The Mill  
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

Present: Brie Meisler, Timothy Huggins, Dwayne Cooper, James Vianna, Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Dave Schmidt and Richard Palmer.

Absent: Lucas Boyer, Luke Richardson, Lawrence O'Connor Jason Tommell and Jason Peterson.

#### **Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper**

- Dwayne presented the May proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the May meeting minutes was made by Ralph Hill, seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- Dwayne reported that the proprietors list on the website has been updated.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Jim Vianna**

- Jim provided an update on the LPL account balance and the Bank account balance.
- Jim reported that we had income of \$1,300 from June dues and expenses of \$216 for the P.O. Box auto pay.
- Jim reported that he received a letter from NYSAPLS for conference ads. Dave Schmidt made a motion for ENYSLS to sponsor the Welcome Reception Door Prize in the amount of \$600, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed.
- A discussion was held on what to do about the outstanding scholarship. After a lengthy discussion, Dave Schmidt made a motion to reimburse the student directly, seconded by Rick Palmer. A vote was held, and the motion passed. It was decided that going forward, all scholarship checks would be mailed directly to the recipient's school with a note accompanying the check that it is to be applied to the student's tuition.

#### **MTS Report: Jim Vianna**

- Jim reported that there has been no movement.

#### **President's Report: Brie Meisler**

- We hosted a CST exam at the Colliers offices. There were 7 examinees.
- I attended two NYSAPLS meetings since our last meeting.
- 5/17
- Very few comments were received on the budget. They revised to retain 3 in person BOD meetings. Motion to adopt budget was passed.
- Roof repairs were made to the NYSAPLS HQ building.
- 2025 Conference will be the last contracted at Turning Stone. The next 3 will be in Saratoga Springs.

- A cost comparison shows that NY conference fees are quite competitive with NJ and PA conference fees.
- SBELSG and OPD will be presenting at the conference regarding professional practice.
- Government relations committee has been working with NYS GIS Clearinghouse as the best place to host NYSDOT data.
- Motion to have counsel draft a letter in support of a 10-year statute of repose bill was passed.
- The Public relations committee is working on a flyer for towns and boards regarding what to look for on survey maps.
- It was suggested that regionals check their banner and consider replacing it.
- 7/19
- The Profit and Loss statement shows that Income was above budget but so were expenses.
- Primary cause for budget increase was the AV contractor cost at conference. Proposals were received from competitors but this was the best company to work with.
- New phone system was installed at NYSAPLS HQ.
- At the time of meeting 60% of members had renewed, which was comparable to that time last year.
- There was concern that the conference was scheduled too close to the PA conference. They do work with them to be sure they don't overlap, but want to keep conference in the winter months.
- They are making proposed changes to accommodate electronic ballots. Will send out draft changes in time for discussion at September meeting.
- The First Friday webinar for August was on Datums and October will be on Augmented reality. September was just announced and will be on Creating pipe networks and 3D utility models.
- Government relations committee has acquired the NYSDOT data for Dutchess County after many complaints about difficulty getting information.
- MTS committee has a planned meeting with SBELSG
- A Motion to nominate Norbert Pleban as Life Member was passed.
- Motion to nominate Ray Heinsman as Life Member was passed.
- President Meisler also reported that she attended the Regionals Presidents Meeting. Discussions were held on the challenges and expenses of the various Regionals.

#### **Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson**

- No report.

#### **Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer**

- No report

#### **Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters**

- A discussion was held on the topic for September's membership meeting. Dave said he would reach out to Chris Westbrook and see if he is available. Jim said that he would look into a venue for September.

### **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:**

- Jim suggested setting up an ad hoc committee and selecting a Chair for it. Kaleb, Brie, Jim and Ralph all expressed interest in being on the committee. Jim said he has someone in mind for the Chair. Brie said she would send out an email to the membership to see who might be interested in serving on the committee. It was decided that a zoom meeting would be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> with all those interested.

**New Business:**

- Venue for September meeting. It was discussed during the Past President’s Report.
- Dave said he had spoken to Brian Magee and Brian is seeking suggestions for a theme and give away for the Annual Conference. Brie suggested something Canals related since it’s anniversary is this year.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/6/2024 First Friday Webinar- Creating Pipe Networks and 3D Utility Models from Survey Data
- 9/13-9/14/2024 NYS Specific LS Exam Fall review workshop.
- 9/20/24 NYSAPLS BOD meeting.
- 10/4/2024 First Friday Webinar – Augmented Reality for Surveyors.

A motion to adjourn the BOD meeting was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Tim Huggins. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Cooper, PLS  
ENYSLS Secretary

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