



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING September 12, 2024

Ravenswood Pub
Clifton Park, NY

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

Present: Brie Meisler, Jason Tommell, Dwayne Cooper, Jason Peterson, James Vianna, Luke Richardson, Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Dave Schmidt and Richard Palmer.

Absent: Lucas Boyer, Timothy Huggins and Lawrence O'Connor.

Guest: Randy Paquin

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- Dwayne presented the August proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the August meeting minutes was made by Dave Schmidt, seconded by Rick Palmer. 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.
- Jim reported that we had income of \$1,950 from July dues and expenses of \$600 for Conference Sponsorship and \$231.53 for the August BOD meeting.
- Jim reported that the scholarship check for Ben Swinnerton was finally cashed.
- A motion was made by Dave Schmidt for ENYSLS to purchase a full page ad for the upcoming Annual Conference at a cost of \$159, seconded by Jim Vianna. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- Jim reported that there has been some movement.

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- President Meisler reported that she will attend the NYSAPLS BOD meeting on September 20, 2024.

Executive Vice President's Report: Jason Peterson

- Jason reported that he will be giving a demonstration at South Colonie School District in October promoting Land Surveying. He is going to incorporate a CADD model of the project he has been working on at the Buffalo Bill's new stadium.

- Jason also reported that the Intern from the veteran's outreach program had completed his commitment. He also reported that he was able to get the intern an interview with a firm in the Watertown area and that the intern was offered and accepted a position.

Vice President's Report: Lucas Boyer

- No report

Past President's Report: Kaleb Winters

- Kaleb noted that October 1, 2024, is the deadline for the early bird discount for a booth at the Annual Conference.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- A discussion was held on the possibility of getting the concrete monuments set this fall. After a discussion, it was decided to shoot for October 10th to have all the permissions and permits in place to allow for a work weekend (weather permitting) on the weekend of October 12th-14th. Randy said that he would work on getting things finalized and he would make calls to get updated pricing on materials for installation.

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. It was decided that an Ad Hoc committee should be formed for the binding arbitration process. Several ENYSLS members have agreed to be on the Ad Hoc committee. Ad Hoc committee members are Brie Meisler, Kaleb Winters, Ralph Hill, Jim Vianna, Jason Tommell and Brian Magee. Jim said he would send out an email to the group to set up the first meeting. It was agreed that they would select a Chair at that first meeting.
- Electronic Voting. Luke Richardson gave an update on his research. He said that he looked into approximately ten different sites. He said that they all generally offer the same services and that some of the sites were a flat fee and some were subscription based. The cost really boils down to what bells and whistles we would be interested in. Jim asked if we might be able to piggyback on one of NYSAPLS programs. Luke said he would contact NYSAPLS and report back.

New Business:

- Elections. A discussion was held on the new slate of officers for 2025 and who is willing and able to serve in the various positions. No final decisions were made at this time. Discussion was also held on the slate of BOD candidates. Lucas Boyer, Brie Strom, Jason Tommell and Tim Huggins terms will expire at the end of 2024. Need to find out who is willing and able to continue to serve and find replacements as needed.
- Conference Update. Randy Paquin said that ENYSLS will be the host in 2026 and it will be the first year back in Saratoga Springs. He said that committee is looking for theme ideas as well as give away suggestions.
- Kaleb Winters announced that he is the NYSAPLS Nomination and Awards Chair and that he would be announcing the slate at the upcoming NYSAPLS BOD meeting.
- Dave Schmidt announced that Chris Westbrook had emergency surgery. He is recovering and doing well.
- The NYS DOT is going to go to the Ranger School on September 30th to showcase to the students aspects of working at the NYS DOT.

Upcoming Events:

- 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 temporarily adjourn the BOD meeting was made by Jim Vianna, seconded by Ralph Hill. A vote was held, and the motion passed. The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

President Meisler called the meeting back to order at 8:02 p.m. President Meisler gave a brief review of the BOD meeting with to the General Membership and dinner was served. There was no formal program for the evening.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Whimple, seconded by Luke Richardson. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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