



EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS INCORPORATED

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MINUTES

EASTERN NEW YORK SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 10, 2024

The Mill
Round Lake, NY

President Meisler called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

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

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

Secretary's Report: Dwayne Cooper

- Dwayne presented the September proposed meeting minutes. A motion to accept the September 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 \$240 from August dues and \$30 from Jason Tommell and expenses of \$159 for Conference Journal ad and \$736.35 for the September membership meeting.
- Jim reported that he had seen on Rensselaer County IQS that people can put a fraud alert on their parcel.

MTS Report: Jim Vianna

- No report

President's Report: Brie Meisler

- 9/20/2024 NYSAPLS BOD meeting
- Jeremy Thompson made a call for committee members
- Decision was made to drop to only 1 workshop this year for budget reasons, and there was discussion as to whether the full day workshops had value for membership. The attendance has been dropping while webinar member ship increases.
- At the time of meeting 341 of 1245 renewal invoices were unpaid. Asked us to reach out to membership.
- Second showings of webinars will be offered March 13, and September 11 next year.
- Conference committee is recruiting exhibitors and sponsors and mentioned strong interest from exhibitors this year.

- During discussion of the surveyors social, it was suggested that induction of the executive board happen in front of membership, possibly at keynote, rather than at the social which is a more expensive event.
- By-laws committee is working on a best practices document and also a template for regionals that don't by-laws or don't have up to date by laws.
- They are soliciting comments on the by-laws revisions. There have been updates to membership categories and updates to allow electronic voting.
- Workforce development committee is creating and gathering resources to organize into a website that volunteers and can use to attend events.
- Government relations committee is attending Geospatial Summit. Current focus is on online access to county clerk's. Counties that have navigated and funded the shift to digital access are sharing with other counties how it was done.
- NYSDOT is changing their referencing system for pulling takings.
- NYS GIS introduced a surveyor's app, but it isn't great. They have invited NYSAPLS to be on the committee.
- At the State Board meeting, NYSAPLS was a big topic. They are pleased with the efforts of the Young Professionals committee
- State Board has finally started reviewing MTS and have asked for more background on what other states' standards look like.
- The next strategic planning retreat is being planned and they are asking for regionals to keep in mind associates to send.
- For those of you who haven't attended a retreat or NYSAPLS BOD meeting, the strategic plan is a very practical document. They set goals, and assign those goals to committees, and the committees work on them.
- With work force development taking over some of their items, Young Professionals committee has shifted goals and is focusing on helping young professionals already in the industry. Some items include help with the application process and podcast interviews with niche surveyors. Jason spoke about the Skills Bridge program.
- David Weaver was nominated as a life member by Scott Gillis
- Conference registration now open.

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 Department of Environmental Conservation is going to have a booth at the Annual Conference.

Standing Committee Reports

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

- No report
- After a discussion, it was decided to add questions on the annual election ballots to gauge member interest in creating the calibration baseline.
- Dwayne said he would put together language and circulate it amongst the BOD.

Binding Arbitration (ad hoc): Brie Meisler, Jim Vianna, Brian Magee, Jason Tommell, Kaleb Winters and Ralph Hill

- Committee met on September 19, 2024. Brian Magee was elected the Chairperson. There was discussion about changes to the Northern policy that are necessary and discussion as to how the policy should be rolled out. It was decided the next meeting would be on October 17, 2024.
- At the NYSAPLS BOD meeting the NYSAPLS Counsel agreed to review it.
- Northern board members said the policy was adopted by a vote, not by a by-laws amendment.
- Northern also said that after their first case of arbitration, the attorney for one side made a motion to throw out the opinion offered.

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:

- Electronic Voting. President Meisler said she would follow up with Amber at NYSAPLS regarding using the NYSAPLS platform for electronic voting.
- Elections. Tim Huggins agreed to run as an Associate Member. Jason Tommell, Devin Larson and Rich Scott all agreed to run as Senior Members.

New Business:

- Union Surveyor Seal. After a discussion, it was decided that follow up with Jason Peterson was needed to get more information regarding the circumstances of the seal's usage.
- November meeting and program. Jim will follow up with presenter and secure her biography and program description.
- Meeting venue options discussed were The Factory, Ravenswood and Moscatello's.

Upcoming Events:

- 11/1/2024 First Friday Webinar: 11/1/24 - Mobile, Aerial and Terrestrial Surveying and Scanning
- 11/15/2024 NYSAPLS Board of Directors Meeting – Virtual
- 1/22/2025-1/24/2025 NYSAPLS 66th annual conference.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Cooper, PLS
ENYSLS Secretary

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