

**MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**MSPS Office, Jefferson City, Missouri
December 4, 2010**

MINUTES

President Mark Nolte called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Mark Nolte, Paul Dopuch, Ron Kliethermes, Jim Mathis, Adam Teale, Robert Ubben, Sharon Herman, Joe Carrow, Dan Govero, Kevin DeSain, Darrell Pratte, Gary Bockman, Rich Barr, Mike Flowers, Chris Wickern, Kellan Gregory, Mo McCullough and Sandra Boeckman.

Those absent were: Bryan Ferguson, Ralph Riggs, Stan Emerick, Bill Kankolenski, Kevin Lambeth, Joe Clayton, Norm Ellerbrock, Jim Anderson, Rich Howard, John Stevens, Troy Hayes, Curtis McAdams, Bob Myers, Fermin Glasper, John Teale, Gerald Bader, Mike Freeman, John Holleck, and Tim Morgan.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. This motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the July 9, 2010 Board of Directors meeting was reviewed. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.** On a vote, this motion was approved.

Financial Report: The financial report through November 19, 2010 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$13,888.41 with total assets in the amount of \$198,557.12. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT: Mike Flowers reported that a meeting was held on November 8 and 9 in Springfield. The newest member of the Board is architect James Reardon. It was noted that the Engineers and Landscape Architects still have a vacancy on their Boards and many board members have expired terms with the Public member resigning this year. Also, the Chairman position has not yet been filled by the Governor. He reported that license renewal rates decreased from \$60 to \$35. He reported that audits for continuing education credits will begin soon and reported that Judy Kempker, Board Executive Director would be eligible for retirement soon.

LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Paul Dopuch distributed copies of the letter that was sent to Kip Stetzler, Acting Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, that will serve as their annual report of the Land Survey Advisory Committee.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT: Darrell Pratte submitted a written report on the status of program within the Land Survey Program. The only project was the Height Modernization Survey (HMS) with the field observation phase winding down, and the next phase will be to gather orthometric heights on stream gauges utilizing the results of the HMS. Document Preservation and Distribution are trying to keep pace with demands. His new Archive Writer arrived and will allow staff to pick up records digitally. The Information Technologies Service Division is beginning to combine the Corner Master Index into the Land Survey Index. He reviewed with the Board a chart that shows that within the next 18 months the Program will begin to run out of money and will not

be self-sustaining.

NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT: Bill Kankolenski, absent. Rich Barr reported that a meeting will be held in January in Virginia to discuss the unmergering of ACSM and NSPS.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Metro/Kansas City: Robert Ubben reported that the chapter is still meeting at Longview Community College and that Longview is facing funding issues with low enrollment.

St. Louis: Dan Govero reported that St. Louis Chapter is struggling with getting PLSs to get involved and serve on their board of directors. They have LSITs serving on the Board currently with the president being a PLS.

Ozark: Gary Bockman reported that the geology degree program at MSU may be eliminated and that the Chapter will have their annual Christmas party on December 14.

Southeast: Jim Mathis reported that the MSPS president swore in new officers and that there are six active members of this chapter.

Southwest: It was reported that Mark Nolte, MSPS President, will attend the swearing in ceremony for this chapter on December 7.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Committee: Rich Barr reported on the various pieces of legislation that could be introduced this year.

- 1) Certificate of Authority
- 2) Statute of Limitations
- 3) One to three acre lien law
- 4) Survey Program Funding

A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the Statute of Limitations legislation. On a vote, this motion was approved.

Annual Meeting Committee: Gary Bockman reported that the VFW Hall will be used for the BBQ/dinner during the annual meeting and that there was a stage available for music.

Awards Committee: Troy Hayes and Curtis McAdams, absent, no report.

County Surveyors: Paul Dopuch reported that the County Surveyors will hold their election of officers and directors in the Spring and that MACS was working on a letter to send to DNR concerning the Land Survey Program.

CST Committee: Kevin DeSain reported that a CST program was being offered at St.

Charles Community College and that a committee meeting will be held next week.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that the agenda for the Spring Workshop had been compiled and he was going to include ALTA standards in the next Minimum Standards workshop. He presented a proposed change to Section 327.312(3) from 12 semester hours to 30 semester hours for licensure and a revision to Section 327.314 to require 24 PDU's for LIST to apply for the PLS test in the four years after passing the LSIT. This proposal was referred to the legislative committee for more review.

GIS/Vision 21 Committee: It was reported that a meeting will be held soon with the other professional stakeholders to progress the GIS Standards.

Handbook Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, absent, no report.

History Committee: Stan Emerick, absent, no report.

Membership Committee: Adam Teale, Chair, discussed the membership numbers for the year ending and reported that the committee will monitor the progress of dues income in 2011.

MoDOT Committee: Chairman Gary Bockman reported that he is working on getting information from surrounding state highway departments on writing descriptions.

Newsletter Committee: John Holleck, Editor, absent. Boeckman reported that the December newsletter was being prepared and should be mailed before the end of the year.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Ralph Riggs, absent, no report.

PAC Committee: It was reported that the PAC fund currently was at \$4,034.02.

Public Relations/Internal Affairs Committee: Chairman Rich Howard, absent, no report.

Scholarship: Chairperson John Stevens, absent, no report.

Standards Committee: Bill Kankolenski, Chair, absent, no report. It was reported that the Subcommittee on recording will be doing another survey which will appear in the December issue of the Missouri Surveyor.

Trig-Star: Tim Morgan, Chair, absent, no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Absences: A motion was made and seconded to excuse Ralph Riggs and Stan Emerick from the meeting. This motion was approved.

Review Course: The Society was asked about looking into coordinating the LS Review

Course that had been previously offered by University of Missouri-Rolla Extension.

Land Survey Program: President Nolte gave time for comments on what to do about the Land Survey Program. There was discussion on being proactive with sending a letter to the Governor or DNR Director to make them aware that the mission of the LSP is to “Protect the Public.” There was discussion about introducing legislation, that all surveys are recorded with the program, and changing the statute. It was the consensus of the group to start with a letter to the Governor as the first course in getting some action on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Budget: After review, a motion was made and seconded to accept the 2011 Budget as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.

Staff Contract: The staff contract with S & J management was approved for 2011. The Board also voted to give Sandra Boeckman a \$1,500 bonus for 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.