

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

October 8, 2010

## MINUTES

President Ralph Riggs called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 53rd Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 16, 2009 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Herman. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. On a vote, the motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Sharon Herman. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.

REGISTRATION BOARD: Mike Freeman, Chairman, Land Survey Division, Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects introduced his fellow board members, Dan Govero and Mike Flowers and reported that NCEES is in discussions about enhancing the education requirements for licensed surveyors. He reported that most complaints are regarding minimum standards and a suggestion to change requirements for LSITs to include continuing education was recently discussed. He also reported that to date there is still no chair for the Board and there is still a vacancy in the Landscape Architects' division.

LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Stan Emerick, Chairman made a passionate plea for the Land Survey Division's operating budget. He reported that the program had cut 10 positions and cannot fulfill their required duties because of the lack of staff. He made a pledge to find a way for more funding through MSPS and the legislative process.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT: Darrell Pratte, State Land Surveyor submitted an annual report which is included with these minutes. Areas discussed were the various sections and their progress from last year, the recent height modernization at the state fair and the challenges for the Land Survey Program in the future.

NSPS GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Bill Kankolenski reported that the next scheduled program was November 13-15, in Orlando. He noted the various committees that he is a member of which include NSPS/ALTA Standards, NSPS Membership Development/Benefits and Public Relations, NSPS Standards and NSPS Private Practice Committees. He reported on the National Scout Jamboree which was held in August 2010 and that MSPS made a \$1,000 donation to this event. He noted that the NSPS Board of Governors voted to notify ACSM of NSPS withdrawing from the organization. There is a two-year time frame to study the impact of the withdrawal.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Legislative Committee:** Rich Barr and Troy Hayes, Co-Chairmen discussed the events of the last session and the agenda for the coming legislative session. They thanked the Recording sub committee who recently sent a survey to the membership, receiving 273 responses from the membership. The results will be published in a newsletter article and the committee will continue meeting to find a resolution to the issue.

He suggested three areas of interest for legislation for the upcoming session: 1) changing the statute of limitations, 2) tweaking the definition of surveying and 3) funding for the Land Survey Program.

**PAC:** Rich Barr reported that a donation was given the Senator Brad Lager and to Rep. John Diehl which leaves a balance of approximately \$4500 in the PAC account.

**Annual Meeting:** Dan Govero and Chris Ferguson thanked everyone for attending discussed the changes in exhibit days and hours. They announced that the banquet attendance was very low and the committee would be discussing other alternative plans for 2011. The 2011 meeting is scheduled for the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

**Awards Committee:** Troy Hayes, Chairman, reported that there would be awards presented for Surveyor of the Year, the Robert E. Myers Service award, and the Legislative award would be presented to Senator Brad Lager during the annual Awards Luncheon.

**County Surveyors:** Gerald Bader reported on the Spring meeting where he was voted in as President and Bart Korman was elected as President Elect. He reported that the summer workshop featured Chris Wickern and Gerald Bader, and MACS also had a Minimum Standards seminar. He noted that MACS had volunteered to staff the booth at the fair and a future project would be to monument the 5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian.

**CST Committee:** It was reported that there was an existing CST program at the St. Charles Community College.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported he was working on the Spring Workshop and that it would probably be on Sectional Breakdown and interpreting the BLM Manual. It was also reported that the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Rendevous in Salem was scheduled for December 2 and 3 and would be 12 PDUs with three hours on Minimum Standards.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton reported that HB1692 passed and was signed by the governor on July 13. The process to create the standards now falls to DNR which is currently in between directors due to the resignation of Mark Templeton.

**Handbook Committee:** Chairman Norman Ellerbrock reported that the manual is still being revised into a digital format.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that there were many historic maps and prints available at the Silent Auction. Proceeds will benefit the MSPS Foundation. He announced that MSPS had purchased a scanner for historic documents and that it was available to some extent to the membership.

**Membership Committee:** A written report was distributed showing a slight decrease in membership from 2009. Committee members had volunteered to call delinquent members in hope of increasing the PLS membership.

**MoDOT Committee:** Gary Bockman, Chairman reported that the committee work was presently to review surveying and description section of MoDOT's engineering policy guide. After review the committee will develop specific suggested changes to present to MoDOT.

**Newsletter:** Editor John Holleck was absent. It was reported that MSPS picked up an award from ACSM for the *Missouri Surveyor* newsletter.

**Nominating Committee:** Darrell Pratte presented the slate of officers and directors for 2010-2011. Mark Nolte ascended to President.

It was moved and seconded to elect Joe Carrow as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Sharon Herman by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed. Robert Ubben and Norman Ellerbrock were nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved and seconded for nominations to cease and a written vote taken. After the written vote, Robert Ubben was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Those nominated to the board of directors, with terms expiring in 2012 were:

Gerald Bader, Ste. Genevieve  
Stan Emerick, Chesterfield  
Robert Ross, Yukon  
Jim Mathis, Poplar Bluff

A motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease. After a written vote, Jim Mathis and Stan Emerick were elected to serve on the MSPS Board of Directors.

**Public Relations Committee:** Rich Howard reported on the items for sale in the booth and thanked Chris Wickern for all his assistance in setting up the State Fair exhibit and working

the Missouri Boy Scout Jamboree.

**Scholarship Committee:** One \$1,500 scholarship was given in 2010 to Anthony Dill who will attend the Mineral Area College in Park Hills and the non traditional scholarship was awarded to Marcus Perrine of Higginsville who is a student at MSU in Springfield. Also, in May Richard Kemper was awarded the O. Dan Lashley scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to students attending the Rolla Technical Institute.

**Standards Committee:** Bill Kankolenski submitted a written report where he cited that the committee is ongoing in its efforts to revise Missouri standards.

**Trig-Star Committee:** Tim Morgan reported that he had a 400% increase in participation in the testing for Trig-Star. He reminded everyone that they can get up to two PDUs for participating in this endeavor and the committee needed volunteers.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**State Fair:** Everyone was reminded that the Missouri State Fair display was attended this year by Governor Jay Nixon, the director of DNR, Mark Templeton and Juliana Blackwell, Director of the National Geodetic Survey. An article appeared in the *Missouri Surveyor* as well as several national publications.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Ozark:** Paul Taylor reported that the chapter moved their meeting to noon and attendance doubled. He noted that the chapter does free seminars for their members throughout the year and this year they did seminars on Right of Way and Retracement, Minimum Standards and Easements. He reported that the chapter has a display at the local library and they volunteered to assist the city with resetting a destroyed section corner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.