

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

**Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri
February 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m.
M I N U T E S**

President Joe Carrow called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Joe Carrow, Mark Nolte, Adam Teale, Robert Ubben, Stan Emerick, Sharon Herman, Jim Mathis, Gerald Bader, Robert Ross, Paul Dopuch, Darrell Pratte, Troy Hayes, Joe Clayton, Gary Bockman, Bob Myers, Jim Anderson, Rich Barr, Ray Riggs, Don Bormann, John Teale, Jared Minnick, Mo McCullough and Sandra Boeckman.

Those absent were: Bryan Ferguson, Dan Govero, Mike Freeman, Curtis McAdams, Kevin DeSain, Norm Ellerbrock, Rich Howard, John Holleck, John Stevens, and Chris Wickern.

Minutes of the December 3, 2011 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 February 1, 2012 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$31,824.05 with total assets in the amount of \$216,717.63. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT: Mike Freeman, absent, no report. Jim Anderson reported that the Design Alliance had met recently and discussed legislation regarding the Chairman of the Board. This language was distributed and will be introduced by MSPE. He also reported that the Alliance supported the MSPS legislation concerning the Land Survey Program.

LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Stan Emerick reported that a meeting was held on January 18 in Rolla. He reported that the Advisory Committee members would be getting more involved in the budgeting process as well as all other aspects of the Land Survey Program.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT: Darrell Pratte presented a report for the first half of FY12 (July through December 2011). He reported on personnel, the program which is functioning at full capacity, and the projects. He reported on the purchase of a new \$70,000 scanner and reviewed the budget figures. There was also discussion about the Land Survey Advisory Committee and the members' terms as well as the lists of possible replacements for the current members. The importance of retaining Stan Emerick as the Chairman was again emphasized for continuity of the Committee.

NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT: New NSPS Governor Troy Hayes reported on his first meeting as Missouri's NSPS Governor which was held on December 2 in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The meeting centered primarily on discussions about the restructuring of the NSPS/ACSM organization. Other areas discussed were the Light Squared satellite issue, how to increase membership at the state level, and how to reduce dues to make a national membership affordable to the state surveyors - somewhere in the range of \$50 to \$60. Hayes announced that a fairly new level of membership was established - Sustaining Membership - and that several of the states had joined under this category. It was also announced that there would be no ACSM/NSPS national meeting this year.

MSPS has a line item in the budget of \$2,000 for expenses to send the Executive Director to this national meeting. Since this was no longer needed, **a motion was made and seconded to spend \$1,500 on the Sustaining membership to NSPS.** On a vote, this motion was unanimously approved.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Metro/Kansas City: Robert Ubben reported that the Metro chapter was currently working on modifying their bylaws to mirror the charter type bylaws of the Central Chapter.

St. Louis: Jared Minnick reported that the chapter currently had 55 members, and that they installed officers and directors at a meeting on January 18. He reported that they had held a joint meeting with one of the Illinois chapters and offered PDUs for this event. They plan to hold additional events at the Missouri History Museum and will have a booth at the annual meeting in October. He noted that he would poll the chapter about topics for workshops for the annual meeting and investigate possible venues for a dinner on Friday night.

Ozark: Gary Bockman reported that the chapter held their January meeting and elected new officers and directors and that they would have a booth at the Career Fair at OTC.

Southeast: No report.

Southwest: Joe Clayton reported that the Chapter was thankful for the articles in the recent newsletter.

Central: Joe Clayton reported that the Central Chapter recently held a meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Committee: Rich Barr reported that a meeting was held with Sen. Brad Lager, who is the chair of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee. Sen. Lager offered to assist with the Senate companion bill to HB1395. The Senate bill which is going to be sponsored by Sen. Dan Brown of Rolla should be out of Senate Research soon and printed. The Peer Review legislation was discussed and it was the consensus of the Board to remain neutral on this legislation. The changes to Chapter 327 that will change the way the Chairman of the Registration board is appointed will be introduced by MSPE in the near future and MSPS will monitor this legislation as well. It was reported that there are some complications with the Mini Brooks bill with conflicting statutes concerning elected officials. This will be referred to committee for review.

Annual Meeting Committee: Dan Govero, absent. Sharon Herman noted the handout on the annual meeting and asked for comments on the draft sessions. The Friday night dinner was discussed. Boeckman reported that she had many bids from local St. Louis attractions and restaurants but all were very expensive with the rental of the facility and transportation. The St. Louis Chapter will investigate other possibilities for the dinner.

Awards Committee: Troy Hayes had no report.

County Surveyors: Gerald Bader had no report.

CST Committee: Kevin DeSain, absent. It was reported that a contractor had contacted Kevin DeSain about the possibility of several of his employees taking the CST exam. More on this at the next meeting.

Education Committee: Dan Govero, absent. The agenda for the Spring Workshop was distributed and reviewed. Darrell Pratte also reported that the Boy Scout University in Rolla was being held on February 18 and asked for volunteers to assist with getting the boy scouts their badges in surveying.

GIS/Vision 21 Committee: Joe Clayton reported that two stakeholders meeting were held since the last Board meeting and all concerns on the standards seem to have been addressed. He distributed a draft of the Standards (10CSR 35-1.010-090).

Handbook Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, absent, no report.

History Committee: Stan Emerick had no report.

Membership Committee: Adam Teale, Chair, reported that it is too early in the year to forecast how membership will be for 2012. He reported that a second notice will be sent to unpaid members soon.

MoDOT Committee: Chairman Gary Bockman reported MoDOT was about to finish their reorganization. He reported that MoDOT has a new General Counsel and that he is still looking at other states' regulations concerning right of ways and overlap. He also reported that MoDOT had asked him about a speaker on Sectional Breakdown. Darrell Pratte will be helping with this workshop.

Newsletter Committee: John Holleck, Editor, absent. Boeckman distributed the last newsletter which was also the first full color newsletter and asked for articles and photos for the next issue.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Mark Nolte reported that he had given Director Sarah Parker Pauley two names of surveyors for the Land Survey Advisory Committee as she had requested and would be starting the process for the annual meeting nominations.

PAC Committee: Rich Barr reported that the PAC fund currently was at \$3,987.02 and the committee would be making several donations.

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

Scholarship: Chairperson John Stevens, absent. It was reported that scholarship applications were sent out by the Missouri School Counselors Association and the deadline for

applications were March 31.

Standards Committee: Stan Emerick reported that the Standards committee met in January and that he was still compiling the information from that meeting. The committee plans to meet again in March and May or June and be ready with a report to the membership in October.

Trig-Star: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Licensure Committee: Adam Teale reported that the subcommittee had compiled a report of all the other states' requirements regarding licensing of surveyors. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that this committee should work up language that could eventually be introduced as a piece of legislation changing the education requirements for surveyors. The Statute would define the hours and the Rule would include the core curriculum.

Sales Tax Exemption: Boeckman reported that an attorney (John Landwehr) had been retained for the Missouri Department of Revenue sales tax exemption issue. She noted that a May hearing date had been set and the Department had asked for much documentation prior to the hearing. She also reported that there were many other statewide associations that were 501c(6)s that were currently sales tax exempt.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Louis Chapter Bylaws Revision: Jared Minnick reviewed the changes in the St. Louis Chapter Bylaws that would clean up language and allow LSITs to serve as officers and committee chairs. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to the Chapter's bylaws.** After a vote, this motion was approved.

Dick Elgin Book proposal: After review of the proposal where MSPS would invest \$26,000 into the book that Elgin and Knowles are currently working on entitled "The US Public Land Survey System for Missouri" **a motion was made and seconded to enter into discussions with Elgin concerning other possible outcomes of the book such as Ebooks.** On a vote, this motion was approved. A conference call will be suggested to Elgin with Emerick and Carrow participating.

200th Anniversary of the General Land Office: This anniversary was discussed as well as the 200th anniversary of the 5th principal meridian in 2015. This topic will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.