

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

St. Louis Hilton Frontenac Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

October 12, 2012

## MINUTES

President Joe Carrow called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 55th Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Adam Teale. **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 Adam Teale. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD:** Mike Flowers, Land Survey Division, Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects introduced his fellow board members, Dan Govero and Landscape Architect Division member Bob Shotts and announced that there are currently five surveyors on the Board. He mentioned that the Governor had appointed two new members to the engineering division as well as Shotts on Landscape Architects division. He reported that the professions are all looking at language to rewrite 327.272 and reported on the change to the "Title block rule" and Certificate of Authority.

He reported on the pass/fail rates for the Missouri specific exam and the numbers of licensed architects, engineers, surveyors and landscape architects and reported on the number of new complaints against the professions.

**LAND SURVEY ADVISORY REPORT:** Stan Emerick reported that the committee had held two meetings - one in January and one in May. They are now awaiting the Governor and the director of DNR to appoint members to the newly formed Commission that was instituted by passage of HB1251. The Commission is to have a report of the LS Division to the DNR and Legislature by December 1, 2013. It was emphasized the importance of getting members appointed to this commission to begin their work on this report. Contacts will be made to the Governor's office as soon as possible.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT:** Darrell Pratte reported that there were currently only two land surveyors left at the Land Survey Program. He reported that they recalled one LSIT and was currently interviewing for a new surveyor position. He reported that two surveyors had retired and two others had resigned and left to work in private practice. He reported that the program was planning to purchase a book scanner for field notes and that other documents from DNR were being taken to Jefferson City offices of the Secretary of State to be protected in their vaults.

He reported that the funding for the division would increase slightly for FY13 because of more money in the fund; and, reiterated the importance of the Governor appointing the members of the

new Land Survey Commission. He then reviewed the amendments to Chapter 60 that were changed with the passage of HB1251.

**NSPS GOVERNOR'S REPORT:** Missouri's Governor Troy Hayes introduced Larry Graham, NSPS Area 6 Director and reported on the reorganization of NSPS and ACSM. He also discussed the new joint membership plan that had already been approved by 14 other states and reported that this plan had been approved by the MSPS Board of Directors. The program would allow members to pay only \$40 plus their state dues to be members of NSPS as long as the entire state agrees to the program. A ballot and information sheet will be mailed to the membership in October asking for their vote on this issue.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Annual Meeting:** Dan Govero welcomed attendees to St. Louis and asked for ideas for additional education workshops.

**Awards:** Curtis McAdams reported that awards would be given during the annual awards luncheon.

**County Surveyors:** Gerald Bader reported for President Lou Gilbert that the County Surveyors held their summer meeting on July 28 at the Willmar Lodge at Lake Ozark where Chris Wickern did an education presentation on plat recording. He reported that MAC had reviewed proposed legislation at this meeting as well. He noted that members of MAC worked the State Fair Booth on August 15.

**CST Committee:** Kevin DeSain, absent, no report.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that he had been directing the education committee for 28 years as chairman. He announced that he would be doing a "call for presentations" to the membership to retain speakers for upcoming events. He reported that the Spring Workshop draft agenda was in the meeting packet and he would be working on the Minimum Standards workshop that will be held in Jefferson City in July 2013.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton noted that a written report on the committee activities was part of the meeting packet. He also submitted the draft of the Cadastral Mapping Standards 10 CSR 35-1.010 through 35-1.080. He asked that members discuss these changes with their local assessors and recorders.

**Handbook Committee:** Chairman Norman Ellerbrock, absent. It was reported that the handbook is 90% complete with changing to a digital format.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that there were many historic maps and prints on display for the Silent Auction with the proceeds benefitting the MSPS Scholarship Foundation.

**Legislative Committee:** Rich Barr and Jim Anderson reported on the legislation that was passed

in the last session of the General Assembly on the new Land Survey Commission. There was discussion about the Chapter 327 proposed legislation to increase the education requirements for LSITs and whether or not to work toward a four-year degree program in Missouri. There was also discussion and many comments about where to get the additional hours. It was the consensus of the group to change the requirements in 327.312 to 30 semester hours of approved surveying course work as defined by board regulations of which at least six semester hours will be in legal aspects of boundary surveying.

**Membership Committee:** A written report was distributed showing a slight decrease in membership from 2011. It was reported that there were 900 surveyors licensed in the state and 651 were currently members of MSPS.

**MoDOT Committee:** Gary Bockman, Chairman sent a written report describing the action of the committee in 2012. A letter was sent to MoDOT earlier in the year to inquire about the reorganization and if there were significant changes in procedures regarding surveying. A response from MoDOT's George Kopp was also distributed and part of the packet where he described in detail the changes at MoDOT and the right of way acquisition process and land surveying and engineering requirements and procedures.

**Newsletter:** Editor John Holleck was absent. Advertising rates and deadline submission dates were listed in the annual business meeting handouts.

**Nominating Committee:** Mark Nolte presented the slate of officers and directors for 2012-2013. Sharon Herman ascended to President. It was noted that Sharon Herman would be Missouri's first female president (a historical landmark).

It was moved and seconded to elect Robert Ubben as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Adam Teale by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed.

Nolte announced that Bryan Ferguson and Paul Dopuch had both resigned from the board of directors necessitating replacements for a board position and nominee(s) for the Secretary-Treasurer position. Jim Mathis was nominated to be voted on as Secretary Treasurer and Joe Clayton was nominated to replace Mathis's term on the board of directors. A ballot was distributed for members to vote on these positions as well as the Board of Directors terms that ended 2015. Those nominated for these positions were: Curtis McAdams, Rich Howard, Jerrod Hogan and Chris Wickern. After the written vote, Mathis was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer and Joe Clayton was approved to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Directors. Chris Wickern and Rich Howard were elected to the Board of Directors.

**PAC Committee:** Richard Barr reported that the current balance in the PAC account was \$2,177.02 and asked that members donate when they pay their dues.

**Public Relations Committee:** Rich Howard reported that Charles Quimby would be helping with the state fair in 2013 and that there would be new items available in the Spring for sale in the sales booth.

**Scholarship Committee:** John Stevens reported that there were 16 applicants that met the criteria for the scholarship and the winner was Aury Joseph Randolph of Canton, Missouri who was seeking a career in Forestry. Also, the non traditional scholarship was given to Michael Spangler of St. James, Missouri who is employed by Anderson and Associates of Rolla, MO.

**Standards Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that the revised Standards would be presented during an education presentation in the afternoon.

**Trig-Star Committee:** John Stevens reported that a person from Gainesville had won the Missouri Trig-Star competition for Missouri. He will be soliciting volunteers to serve on this committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### CHAPTER REPORTS

**Kansas City:** Robert Ubben reported that the Metro/Kansas City chapter is working on updating bylaws and reorganization of the chapter. They will be submitting the revised bylaws to both the Kansas and Missouri societies for their approval.

**Southwest:** President Elect Chris Stewart reported that Joplin is doing well and the chapter had a successful summer workshop and meeting.

**St. Louis:** It was reported that the St. Louis chapter recently held a meeting where they discussed the new plan for the joint membership of NSPS and MSPS. They also reported on their workshops their increased membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.