

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

**MSPS Office, Jefferson City, Missouri
December 3, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
M I N U T E S**

President Sharon Herman called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Sharon Herman, Adam Teale, Robert Ubben, Jim Mathis, Troy Hayes, Joe Clayton, Rich Barr, Chris Wickern, Richard Howard, Stan Emerick, Dan Govero, and Gary Bockman.

Those absent were: Gerald Bader, Joe Carrow, Robert Ross, Mike Freeman, Darrell Pratte, Lou Gilbert, Jim Anderson, Curtis McAdams, Kevin DeSain, Norm Ellerbrock, and John Holleck.

Gerald Bader asked to be excused from the meeting due to a wedding. **This was approved by a motion and second to excuse Bader from the meeting.**

Minutes of the July 13, 2012 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 26, 2012 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$1,216.14 with total assets in the amount of \$171,292.41. There was discussion about a deficit in income versus expenses for the year and this is due lower attendance at the education events especially the Spring Workshop and Minimum Standards workshops which made virtually no money and the legal fees and NSPS membership expenses that were not budgeted. The expense for the Dick Elgin book was compensated with the same amount of income from another CD earlier in the year. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT: Dan Govero reported that the Board had made changes to Chapter 327 and will send to the Design Alliance for their review. Included was 30 hours in each category and six hours of legal principles as well as writing of legal descriptions could only be done by land surveyors. There was discussion about the opposition that would surface on surveyors writing legal descriptions. After the Design Alliance reviews the legislation, it will be redefined into a bill to be introduced in the Legislature.

He reported that the number taking the surveying test was down considerably and that electronic exams would be coming next spring. Govero also reported that complaints are down and the complaints are in the same areas - minimum standards and firms without certificate of authority.

LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Stan Emerick reported that two meetings were held in 2012 - one in January which was an annual review of program and one in May which was centered on the process of setting the budget. The advisory committee was dissolved by the passage of HB 1251 and the Commission began without any members. Emerick will send a final report to the Director of DNR before the end of year. There was discussion about the letter that was sent to the Governor in November asking him to appoint people to the Commission.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT: Darrell Pratte, absent.

NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT: NSPS Governor Troy Hayes reported that the ballot to be affiliated with NSPS passed overwhelmingly by a four to one margin. The MOU was signed with NSPS and now commitments are being met. The Sustaining membership commitment to NSPS will be discontinued for 2013. Missouri was the 10th state to sign onto the commitment of the Affiliate membership. **There was a motion and second for Troy Hayes to make recommendation to the NSPS Board of Directors about POB Magazine being too commercial.** Motion passed. **There was also a motion that Troy Hayes serve as the Governor and to serve on the NSPS Board of Directors as Missouri's representative.** Motion passed. **There was a motion and a second to drop the \$1,500 NSPS Sustaining membership.** Motion passed.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Metro/Kansas City: Robert Ubben reported on the changes to the bylaws. One of the biggest revisions was the name change to the Chapter. Several member types were revised or eliminated. There was discussion about officers need to be a member of MSPS and KSLs. **There was a motion and a second to approve the bylaws of the KC Chapter of KSLs and MSPS.** This motion was passed.

St. Louis: Minnick was not able to attend so he sent a report with Sharon Herman. She then reported that their Annual Banquet will be January 16. A Chapter Meeting will be held on February 20 with a planning session for 2013. Currently the Chapter has 52 members.

Ozark: No report.

Southeast: No report.

Southwest: Sharon Herman reported that the Chapter will be installing new officers on the December 4 and she will attend to do the installation.

Central: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Meeting Committee: Dan Govero, Chairman suggested that we do a survey of the members about speakers.

Awards Committee: Curtis McAdams, absent, no report.

County Surveyors: Lou Gilbert, absent, no report.

CST Committee: Kevin DeSain, absent, no report.

Education Committee: Dan Govero reported that he is working on speakers and finalizing topics for the Spring Workshop. He reported that NGS now would like to have expenses

covered to send a speaker so he is re-evaluating whether it will be worth it for them to attend for a short period of time. He still needs to acquire an architect, engineer and land surveyor for a panel discussion. He reported that MSPS will be continuing the Minimum Standards Workshop until an internet course is developed. He is trying to develop an afternoon session of interest to surveyors in conjunction with the MS workshop.

GIS/Vision 21 Committee: Joe Clayton reported that the biannual meeting coming up in February in St. Louis.

Handbook Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, absent, no report.

History Committee: Stan Emerick reported that we are not making any money on the sale of the old maps and asked the board for their thoughts. It was the consensus that Stan continue his efforts at the annual meeting.

Legislative Committee: Rich Barr reported on the changes to Chapter 327. He discussed the four-year degree being proposed. He reported that basically a two-year degree will be required when the current proposed language is approved. He reported that he would like to write into the bill language that a four-year degree will be required by 2020. **A motion was made and seconded to include in the language for a four-year degree to be effective in 2020.** After a vote, the motion was approved by a margin of five to two.

Membership Committee: Adam Teale, Chair, had no report.

MoDOT Committee: Chairman Gary Bockman reported that the committee hasn't met since the annual meeting.

Newsletter Committee: John Holleck, Editor, absent, no report.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Joe Carrow, absent, no report.

PAC Committee: Rich Barr reported that the PAC fund currently was at \$2,177.02.

Public Relations/Sales Committee: Chairman Rich Howard looked at a couple of samples for heavier coats and jackets for next year. He reported that sales at the annual conference were good and that Charles Quinby volunteered to chair the state fair committee. Also discussed was whether the Sales and Public Relations committees should be split and a PR firm hired to consult on issues for the Society. It was discussed that our new Affiliate membership with NSPS will help with the public's perception of surveyors. It was the consensus to leave the committee as one committee and not hire a PR firm.

Scholarship: Chairperson John Stevens, absent, no report.

Standards Committee: Stan Emerick (discussion held at the end of the meeting). The Report that accompanies the standards when given to Registration Board was reviewed by Chairman Emerick. Accuracy Requirements was reviewed by the committee after the

annual meeting. Omit “Mortgage Inspection Report” from the standards. General land surveying requirements were the most changed. A detailed discussion of changes followed by a short presentation by the State Land Surveyor, Darrell Pratte who commented on a couple of sections of the standards. The standards will now be sent to the Registration Board and the Joint Administrative Rules Committee for their review. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the standards as presented by the Committee.** This motion was passed unanimously.

Trig-Star: Chairman John Stevens, absent, no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

On-line Minimum Standards: Proposal from Lucky Lime (our current website provider) submitted a proposal to develop an on-line instructional formatted course with a test for minimum standards credits. The Standards committee will revisit the on-line structure after the new standards are published.

NEW BUSINESS

Mediation Committee of Past Presidents: It was the consensus of the Board that this would not be binding mediation and would have no authority.

Railroad Liaison Committee: It was the consensus that this was a good idea to make the records available but it’s not a task for the MSPS Board of Directors. Perhaps the Land Survey Commission would want to take up this issue when the new members are appointed.

Meeting Invocations: It was the consensus of the Board that the Society should not change the way they have opened meetings since its inception.

Surveying Museum Pledge: Surveying Museum in Springfield sent a request to make a pledge from the Society and its members to pay down their mortgage. The pledges would also be matched by a donor. **A motion and second was made to put information in the dues renewal form that goes to all members about making donations to the Surveying Museum.** Motion approved. **A motion was made and seconded to give \$500 to the Museum with a note that financially we are not able to give any more at this time.** Motion passed.

2013 Budget: **A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented.** Motion passed.

2013 Staff Contracts: In a closed session, the Board voted to approve S & J Contract with a \$1,500 bonus. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract with Richard “Mo” McCullough for 2013.** On a vote, the motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.