

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

**Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri  
Thursday, May 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m.  
M I N U T E S**

President Sharon Herman called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Sharon Herman, Adam Teale, Jim Mathis, Jerry Bader, Joe Clayton, Stan Emerick, Troy Hayes, Chris Wickern, Richard Howard, Darrell Pratte, Jim Anderson, Norm Ellerbrock, Monnie Sears, Don Bormann, Gene Basinger, Mark Wiley, Lou Gilbert, John Stevens, Curtis McAdams, Gary Bockman, Dick Elgin, Mo McCullough and Sandra Boeckman.

Those absent were: Joe Carrow, Robert Ubben, Robert Ross, Dan Govero, Rich Barr, Mike Freeman, Kevin DeSain, and John Holleck.

Robert Ubben and Robert Ross asked to be excused from the meeting. **This was approved by a motion and second to excuse Ubben and Ross from the meeting.**

**Minutes of the February 20, 2013** 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 April 25, 2013 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$68,024.86 with total assets in the amount of \$225,997.27. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

**Lobbyist Report:** Mo McCullough reported that several of the MSPS introduced bills were on track to pass this session. They are: HB 650 which contains the building name change and the transfer from DNR to Agriculture. It was reported that Jim Williams testified against this bill but was the only opposition. HB881 is also a DNR bill which includes the transfer. HB460 contains language to transfer the LS building to the LS program. HB651 which was the education bill is dead for the session. Mr. McCullough also reported that the Governor is not making appointments to any new commissions.

**REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT:** It was reported that the Design Alliance committee held a meeting in St. Louis in conjunction with the Registration Board meeting and discussed the Chapter 327 changes/legislation bill that will be introduced next year.

**LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Stan Emerick reported that no meetings have been held since no one has been appointed to the Commission by the Governor.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT:** Darrell Pratte reported that he had promoted Jamie Elliott and hired Ron Heimbaugh as a Field Survey Section Chief. He reported that investigations were down and the Library was on line but the application needed tweaking. He reported that Township plats were on line and in color. He reported that \$60,000 would be devoted to the County Surveyor Coop and \$29,000 to monument corners. He also reported that the monies coming into the program were higher to date than last year.

**NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT:** NSPS Governor Troy Hayes reported that he attended the spring business meeting in April in Gaithersburg, MD. As of that date 22 states had signed the MOU with NSPS to become affiliate members. He reported that he had volunteered to serve on the Education committee. There was also discussion about partnering with states to hold a joint NSPS meeting - either on a regional or state by state basis. He discussed the ExpressMAP services offered by First American Title Insurance Company - NSPS will investigate to see if it violates professional practice. The topic of Light Squared was discussed and he noted the NSPS is still monitoring this issue. I

## **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

Kansas City: No report.

St. Louis: It was reported that a committee was looking into monumentation that had been destroyed by road construction.

Ozark: It was reported that the chapter had met several times and has scheduled a 2-hour seminar coming up in addition to a BBQ in June.

Southeast: No report.

Southwest: Monnie Sears reported that the chapter had met last Friday and they have a total of 59 members. He announced that June 4 was the annual picnic and a seminar would be held in August with Dennis Mouland as the speaker.

Central: Joe Clayton reported that a meeting was held on February 12 where they discussed legislation and education.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Annual Meeting Committee:** Dan Govero, Chairman, absent. There was discussion about how to build attendance and it was noted that other states are having the same issues with attendance. Having only one statewide meeting per year was again discussed.

**Awards Committee:** Curtis McAdams had no report.

**County Surveyors:** Lou Gilbert reported that attendance was also down at the County Surveyors Meeting. Their membership is at 28. He reported that long time secretary, Mary Frye, was cutting back on her hours. He reported that the summer meeting would be in Montauk State Park on June 20.

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

**Education Committee:** Dan Govero, absent, no report.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton reported that the GIS meeting was April 19-21 in St.

Louis and that this group is looking at SB23 that deals with assessors.

**Handbook Committee:** Norman Ellerbrock reported that the handbook was complete and discussed a price for the printed version. He reported that a digital version is also available.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick discussed having a raffle for the prints that he will be bringing to the annual meeting.

**Legislative Committee:** Jim Anderson discussed the education bill that was introduced this year noting that more discussion was needed by MSPS members about this bill. It was suggested that a discussion on education changes be held at the annual meeting and it was the consensus to include this at the annual business meeting. It will be noted on the flyer that is mailed to the membership.

**Membership Committee:** Adam Teale, Chair, reported that PLS and LSIT membership was down about 125 from last year. However, memberships are still coming in when delinquent members sign up for conferences.

**MoDOT Committee:** Chairman Gary Bockman reported that the committee was still discussing whether a complaint should be filed against MoDOT.

**Newsletter Committee:** John Holleck, Editor, absent. Boeckman reported that the June newsletter was being compiled.

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

**PAC Committee:** Jim Anderson reported that the PAC fund currently was at \$2,177.02 and needed donations.

**Public Relations/Sales Committee:** Chairman Rich Howard reported that there would be new items at the Spring Workshop.

**Scholarship:** Chairperson John Stevens reported that there were 17 applications for the MSPS scholarship. The committee unanimously nominated James Dowd for the scholarship who will be seeking a career as an engineer/land surveyor.

**Standards Committee:** Stan Emerick discussed the status of the new standards that had been submitted to the State Land Surveyor and Registration Board. It was reported that the Registration Board members in a meeting with the State Land Surveyor had changed the standards and that they would be sent on to be promulgated. Mr. Emerick received some email correspondence from committee members on this subject but the committee had not met in person to discuss. **A motion was made and seconded to ask Darrell Pratte to watch the standards to ensure that there are no major changes made from what the committee had recommended. On a vote, this motion was passed.**

**Trig-Star:** Chairman John Stevens reported that there was a Trigstar winner from southwest

Missouri that will be reported to NSPS.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Elgin Book:** Dick Elgin reported to the Board that the book was in its final stages. He distributed a sample of the hard cover book and discussed printing costs and costs for color versus black and white. He will let MSPS know very soon the difference in the printing costs in order to determine the sales price for the book. He will be doing a seminar on the book as well as a book signing at the annual meeting in October.

**On Line Minimum Standards:** Stan Emerick reported that several members of the committee had taken the Kansas Minimum Standards test and that he is still in negotiations with Kansas to set up an on line course for Missouri. This will be discussed further at the July Board Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Recording Task Force:** It was announced that the recording task force was meeting in the afternoon and a report will be presented to the Board in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.