

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

**MSPS Office, Jefferson City, Missouri
December 6, 2014, 9:30 a.m.
M I N U T E S**

President Adam Teale called the meeting to order.

Those present were: Adam Teale, Robert Ubben, Jerry Bader, Chris Wickern, Richard Howard, Jim Mathis, Rich Barr, Susanne Daniel, Joe Clayton, Chuck Quinby, Earl Graham, Dan Govero, Jim Anderson, Mike Gray, Troy Hayes, Darrell Pratte, Mark Wiley, Stan Emerick, and Sandra Boeckman.

Those absent were: Norman Ellerbrock, Mike Freeman, Loyd Todd, John Stevens, Mike Flowers, Kevin DeSain, Robert Anderson, and Don Martin.

Minutes of the July 18, 2014 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 25, 2014 was reviewed showing a checking account balance of \$2,880.96 with total assets in the amount of \$142,610.78. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented.**

REGISTRATION BOARD REPORT: Dan Govero reported that a letter on the new 327 legislation was sent to all PLSs as well as letters to various title companies and attorneys. He noted that there are still complaints on Minimum Standards. He reported that the Board is discussing continuing education for LSITs. He reported on the pass/fail rate for the LS test and noted that a letter was sent to President Teale on the proposed Education legislation.

LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMISSION: Stan Emerick had no report.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR REPORT: Darrell Pratte reported that he was in the process of hiring three people - an LSIT, LS Specialist and a LS Tech. He reported that the program is working on restoring/refurbishing maps and is color scanning field notes. He noted that he has money for corner restoration for the county surveyors and wants to do more contracting next year as he has had requests for more county line surveys. He reported that the program is still waiting for the Director of the Department of Agriculture to sign off on the Minimum Standards. Dan Govero reported that the Registration Board had sent a request from their attorney to get this done before the end of the year (2014).

NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT: NSPS Governor Troy Hayes reported that the NSPS meeting was held in conjunction with the MSPS/KSLS meeting in October in Overland Park. He reported that 46 out of 50 state associations have signed on as affiliates. He discussed the Young Surveyors group and how they are struggling to get formed. He reported on the progress with the CST program and a program to waive their membership dues. He noted that the area directors were eliminated since the Governors became Board members. He reported on the Davis Bacon Act and the Department of Labor and the UAVs.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Kansas City: Robert Ubben reported that he will be getting more involved with the chapter and Trigstar this year.

St. Louis: Chuck Quinby reported on the fund-raising project underway to finance the Joseph C. Brown project.

Ozark: It was reported that the chapter was going to have their Christmas Party within the next week.

Southeast: It was reported that the chapter had made a substantial donation to the Dan Lashley Scholarship Fund.

Southwest: No report.

Central: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Meeting Committee: It was reported that the 2015 annual meeting would feature the Joseph Brown surveys and establishment of the 5th Principal Meridian.

Awards/Nominating Committee: Robert Ubben announced that Don Martin would be a co-chair of this committee.

County Surveyors: Loyd Todd absent. No report.

CST Committee: Kevin DeSain absent. No report.

Education Committee: Dan Govero reported that the Spring Workshop would be “The Surveyor in Court” and he had already contacted one attorney and was working on the case and the judge. The Minimum Standards Workshop was discussed and **a motion was made and seconded to eliminate the Minimum Standards workshop in July and offer four hours at the Annual Meeting each year.** On a vote, this motion was passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the two hours remaining in the contract with GeoLearn and it was the consensus of the Board to wait until after February to see if the new Minimum Standards were promulgated by the Director of Agriculture.

GIS/Vision 21 Committee: Joe Clayton, Chairman, reported that the Missouri GIS Conference was being held on February 17-19 in Springfield and it could be viewed at www.mogiscon2015.com.

Handbook Committee: Norman Ellerbrock absent. No report.

History Committee: Stan Emerick distributed a proposed flyer on the Joseph Brown Memorial fund-raising event being developed by the St. Louis Chapter. It was suggested that the flyer be changed to donate to the MSPS Foundation which was also a 501(c)(3) Foundation and donations were tax-deductible. He reported that he needed volunteers to work on different aspects of the event and activities were being planned for October 17, November 15, and December 5, 2015.

Legislative Committee: Rich Barr reported that he was waiting on the version of the Education bill that the Board wants to be introduced in the next legislative session.

Membership Committee: Robert Anderson, absent, no report. Boeckman reported that dues were ready to be mailed as soon as the Joseph Brown brochure was finalized.

MoDOT Committee: Earl Graham reported that he was in the process of reviewing right of way plats and asked the Board to send him any issues that occur so that the committee can review.

Newsletter Committee: Don Martin, Editor, absent. Boeckman reported that the December newsletter was ready to be printed and would be mailed in late December.

PAC Committee: Rich Barr discussed the only PAC fund raiser being cancelled with the Minimum Standards workshop. He would check into establishing another tournament or fund raiser for the PAC

Public Relations/Sales Committee: Chairmen Rich Howard and Charles Quinby had no report.

Scholarship/Trig-star Committee: Chairperson John Stevens, absent. Boeckman reported that the scholarship applications will be mailed/mailed to the schools after January 1.

Standards Committee: Chris Wickern distributed an Easement Exhibit/Survey that the Board reviewed trying to decide if it met Minimum Standards. It was the consensus to wait until the next Board meeting, after the Director of Agriculture signs the promulgation of the new Minimum Standards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Education Legislation: After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to continue with the legislation that was introduced last year; however change the number of hours of Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying from six (6) to five (5) hours. On a vote, this motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Contracts: A motion was made and seconded to approve the staff contracts for 2015. This motion was approved unanimously. (In a closed session, the Board voted to give Boeckman a \$1,500 Bonus for 2014).

Budget: After discussion and revision, a motion was made and seconded to approve the 2015 budget as amended. On a vote, this motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.