

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

October 9, 2015

MINUTES

President Adam Teale called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 58th Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Bader. **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 Mr. Bader showing an overall balance of \$173,737.45. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: A written report from Mike Freeman was reviewed and Dan Govero reported that the applications for PLSs and LSITs were very low for the year. He suggested that a committee be appointed to study ways to get more young people into the profession.

Highlights from the written report include NCEES converting their exams to computer-based testing starting in October of 2016. This means that NCEES will no longer proctor the State Specific portion of the Missouri exam. Also, in part two of the state specific exam there will be an exercise in writing a property description. At the NCEES annual meeting there were two motions submitted: 1) NCEES fund and facilitate a meeting that includes representatives from organizations interested in the future of surveying and 2) the Board of Directors be authorized to implement the NCEES Professional Surveying Program of Distinction for a trial period of five award cycles with the first award to be made prior to 2017 annual meeting.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Darrell Pratte submitted a written report on personnel, projects, rulemaking and the budget.

Personnel: two long serving employees retired this year - Michael Cape and Diana Sanders. Two project surveyor positions were filled by Tyler James and Jess Moss. Amy Forsythe and Jason Beasley were hired for the Land Survey Specialist and Land Survey Technician and Scott Faenger was promoted to Project Surveyor after his successful completion of the PLS exam.

Projects: The Secretary of State Archivist continues to refurbish old maps from the LSP vault. GLO field note books have been scanned. The Cooperative Corner Restoration programs netted 224 corners restored for \$250 each. Sixteen corners were monumented.

Rulemaking: The Memorandum of Understanding on Minimum Standards between Missouri Department of Insurance, Land Survey Division of the Registration Board and the Missouri Department of Agriculture is underway. Currently the rule is being reviewed by the Governor's

office.

Budget: Revenue to the LS fund for 2015 was approximately \$1.1 million with expenses about \$1 million. Surplus in the LSP account last year was almost \$23,000 leaving about \$1 million in the Fund with \$400,000 in the Land Survey Revolving Fund. The DNR has invited the LS Program to move out of their building so a search is underway to find a new location.

NSPS GOVERNOR'S REPORT: Missouri Governor Troy Hayes submitted a written report noting that the fall meeting was underway in Ohio. Items of interest are revisions to the ALTA survey standards, the CST program is continuing to grow as the US military is implementing this program for surveying training and certification. Mr. Hayes reported that he currently serves on the Education and Private Practice Committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: It was reported that there were approximately 330 in attendance with an excellent program on the history of Joseph Brown. Dan Govero reported that he would appreciate ideas for future programs as he will be the chair for the 2016 program in St. Louis.

County Surveyors: Loyd Todd, absent, no report.

CST Committee: Kevin DeSain, absent, no report.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that the Spring workshop would be a week earlier in 2016 so as to not compete with Mother's Day. He reported that the program had been planned with the new ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards being presented by Gary Kent and Statute of Frauds and the Surveyor by Kristopher Kline on April 29-30 at the Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark.

GIS/Vision 21 Committee: Joe Clayton, Chairman, had no report.

Handbook Committee: Chairman Norman Ellerbrock, absent, no report.

History Committee: Stan Emerick reported that the committee had been busy planning two events and raising funds.

Legislative Committee: Jim Anderson reported that there was a questionnaire in handouts and asked everyone to complete it so that the Legislative Committee knows what direction to take in the next legislative session on the Education bill.

Membership Committee: Robert Anderson announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers were up slightly from last year.

MoDOT Committee: Earl Graham reported that a meeting was held in May with MoDOT surveyors and results were very positive.

Newsletter: Don Martin, editor, absent, no report.

Awards/Nominating Committee: Adam Teale announced that awards would be presented at the luncheon.

Robert Ubben presented the slate of officers and directors for 2015-2016. Jim Mathis ascended to President.

It was moved and seconded to elect Joe Clayton as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Gerald Bader by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed.

Mr. Ubben reported that the nominees for the Secretary-Treasurer position were Chris Wickern and Richard Howard. A ballot was distributed for members to vote on these positions as well as the Board of Directors terms that ended in 2018. Those nominated for these positions were: Mark Wiley, Brad McCloud, Stan Emerick and Ron Lueck. After the written vote, Chris Wickern was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Brad McCloud and Stan Emerick were elected to the Board of Directors.

PAC Committee: Richard Barr reported a balance of \$2,794.00 in the PAC account.

Public Relations Committee: Charles Quinby reported shirts and hats were on sale in the PR booth in the exhibit area. He also reported to doing a 50/50 cash drawing to benefit the Joseph Brown Fund.

Scholarship/TrigStar Committee: John Stevens reported there were no applications for scholarship that were going into the surveying profession this year.

Standards Committee: Chris Wickern reported that the Committee was waiting the approval of the new Standards by the Governor's office and will assist with the two additional hours of on-line education with Geo-Learn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joseph Brown Dedication: Stan Emerick reported on the two events for Joseph Brown - the education portion of the meeting and the dedication at the Cemetery planned for October 17. He thanked all who donated, especially the chapters and invited everyone to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three Legislators: The Missouri Surveyor/Representatives (Bart Korman, Rocky Miller and Robert Ross) were in attendance at the meeting to field questions and to discuss legislation from the previous session of the Missouri Legislature.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.