

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Margariteville Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

October 4, 2024

MINUTES

President Bob Anderson called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 67th Annual Meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 29, 2023 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Chris Ferguson. **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 Chris Ferguson showing an overall balance of \$205,626.18 and a checking account balance of \$64,312.94. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: Mark Nolte, Chair, presented the Registration Board report. He reported that the Board meets four times per year and this year there have been few complaints against surveyors. He noted that he attended the NCEES meeting in Chicago. He reported that there are currently 821 surveyors in Missouri and he also reported the pass and fail rates for the state specific tests. He also reported that he is running for the Missouri House of Representatives in District 51. If he is successful in this campaign, he will have to resign his position on the Registration board.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Scott Faenger, State Land Surveyor, submitted a written report. Highlights from the report include the LSP is currently operating with 12 full time employees and recently filled a survey tech position with Jeff Taylor. The program now has two techs that are seeking licensure. They have only three licensed surveyors, Faenger, Moss and Beasley.

The mission of the Repository Section is to acquire all recorded surveys, county survey records, any official surveys from state or federal agencies, donated private records or any other historical survey records that can be obtained from all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis, annually. The goal is to scan, index, and provide access to those records in a timely manner to the Land Surveying profession, public or anyone with an interest in these records. During the past fiscal year, the Repository processed 17,701 documents (1,959 of those are corner docs) to be added to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 1,475 documents per month. A total of 39,374 orders were received through online orders, an average of 3,281 orders per month (a substantial increase from 2023).

Restoration of the USPLSS corners continues to be one of the primary goals and objectives of the Field Surveys Section. The county surveyor cooperative and private surveyor Co-op contracts resulted in the restoration of 207 corners during FY24. There was a total of 1,959 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program this past year.

At this time, LSP has 13 active land survey investigations; 10 investigations were completed last year and 11 new investigations were added to the project list. Land Survey investigations were completed by in-house staff in a number of counties resulting in the reestablishment and restoration of 26 USPLSS corners. In FY23, LSP recovered 445 control marks and collected 84-4 hour sessions on those marks to help with the transformation tool.

He reported that the field surveys section also maintains 11 electronic distance measurement (EDM) baselines, positioned throughout the state and this past year, 59 EDM calibrations were submitted and processed through the EDM instrument calibration and comparison website, 7 of those for certification.

The LSP updated their corner document form to accommodate the information required from the new State Plane Coordinated System. They are also in the process of updating their Code of State Regulations to reflect the changes in the Chapter 60 revised statutes. These changes will be submitted to the Secretary of State sometime in November to begin the process of updating the Code of State Regulations. Both of these updates will be ready when the new coordinate system is released.

NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Zahner reported that the Fall NSPS meeting will be held in Albuquerque in three weeks. He reported on a new webinar series on the "Role of the GIS" He reported that NCEES has a new study session that is free and on Microsoft teams. The spring day on the hill is being planned where there will be a student competition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: Dick Elgin, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his hope that they enjoy the programs and sessions.

County Surveyors Committee: Gerald Bader, Chair, reported on the final point celebration for Norman Brown held last fall. He reported a good turnout where 50-60 attended. Elgin spoke and there were many stories about Norman including Roberta Brown speaking along with other family members that attended. It was reported that the County Surveyor's founder, Bob Lewis, had passed away recently and a moment of silence was held during the meeting for all the surveyors that passed award recently.

CST Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, Chair, that NSPS now provides the exams and training for the CST exam. He also reported that he attended a career fair in Ft. Leonard Wood and that there will be a CST exam incorporated into the NSPS meeting in Albuquerque.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that he is working on the program for the 2025 Spring Workshop, maybe the surveyor in Court if he can find a case. He asked for ideas for future meetings. The Spring Workshop will be held on a Thursday and Friday in 2025 at the Lodge of Four Seasons.

History Committee: Matt Thomas, Chair, reported that he is investigating a presentation on the

Santa Fe Trail for 2025 in the Kansas City area for the annual conference that will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel in Independence. They would like to recreate the running of the Missouri western boundary in the Kansas City area. This will be done with the help of the Kansas City Metro and Southwest chapters of MSPS. He also reported that Bob Myers compass is still at the state capitol. The committee is also working on the idea of monumenting the Arkansas/Missouri border at the Osage Treaty Line.

Legislative Committee: Lynne Schlosser, Lobbyist, reported on the drama that occurred in the Capitol during the 2024 session. There were many bills introduced by only a handful passed. She asked everyone to look at the PAC handout and consider donating. Bart Korman reported that the bill to change the name of the LSP building in Rolla did not pass, however, DNR offered to go ahead with the renaming of the building. MSPS has ordered a plaque for the outside of the building and should be completed by the end of 2024, a celebration will be planned for the Spring. Lynne Schlosser also discussed the 811 legislation being pushed by the Missouri AGC and reported that the Interior Designers will be reintroducing their bill on stamp and seal. Everyone was reminded that December 1 is the start of filing bills in Missouri.

Membership Committee: Chris Ferguson announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers were at 912 as of September 13, 2024 which includes all membership categories.

Newsletter: Don Martin, editor, absent. A written report was submitted for the packet on the various articles written for the newsletter as well as the members who authored these articles.

Awards/Nominating Committee: Ray Riggs reported on the nominations for each office and the results of the election and awards are below:

Chuck Quinby as President
Mark Wiley as President-Elect
Chris Ferguson as Vice President
Scott Faenger as Secretary-Treasurer
Norm Ellerbrock as a Board Member
Brian Viele as a Board Member

Award winners from the luncheon are:

Surveyor of the Year - Scott Faenger
Robert E. Myers Service Award - Earl Graham
Lifetime Achievement Award - Jim Boles

PAC Committee: Bart Korman, Co-Chair, reported the balance in the PAC account was \$2,359.28. Profits from the golf tournament will be deposited to the PAC account.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Charles Quinby reported that the sales booths will have new hats and polo shirts and everyone has a coupon in their packets. He reported on a program for military personnel whereby the Missouri Department of Economic Development will

reimburse company owners for wages for hiring a veteran. Chuck also reported that the St. Louis Chapter is holding a raffle of a shotgun to raise money for their new scholarship program. Drawing will be held on Saturday.

Scholarship/Trigstar Committee: Gerald Bader, Chair, announced that the Scholarship Committee had given out one Dan Lashley nontraditional scholarship to Wyatt Edwards of Rolla and a Robert Pirrie scholarship to Eli Hayes who is attending State Tech this semester.

Standards Committee: Co-Chair Phil Grout reported that the Standards committee will be looking at the revised Chapter 60, 61 and 65 language and the use of AI in Surveying.

Technology/GIS Committee: Jess Moss and Travis Tomson, co-chairs, had no report.

Young Surveyors/Mentoring: Kellan Gregory, Chair, reported that the committee had a breakfast and 40 plus young surveyors attended along with several seasoned surveyors who spoke.

Workforce Development: Susanne Daniel, Chair, reported they are working on getting more information on the Military program and they need ideas for the committee as well as resources.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Metro: It was reported that the Metro Chapter will be working with the History committee to provide a program for the 2025 annual meeting in Independence.

St. Louis: Phil Grout reported that the chapter was working on the new scholarship program and busy raising funds. They are also have a Surveyor's Cup golf tournament in the near future also to raise funds for their scholarship program.

Southwest: No report.

Ozark: No report.

Southeast: No report.

Central: Jon Cole announced that if any central Missouri surveyors want to get the chapter going again to contact him.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.