

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, St. Louis, Missouri

October 20, 2017

## MINUTES

President Joseph Clayton called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 60th Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Susanne Daniel. **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 Ms. Daniel showing an overall balance of \$213,026.70. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD**: Mike Flowers presented the registration Board report in the absence of Mike Freeman and reported on the current board members and their terms. He reported that Judy Kempker had retired but was working part time for the Board. He reported on the possible sweep of funds and whether or not to open Chapter 327 in the legislature by introducing any legislation. He reported that the Board is still doing a digital newsletter and it is worth .5 PDUs for reading it. He noted that 10% of licensees are audited. He reported that the next Board meeting was starting on November 3 in Springfield and also reported on the number of complaints that they Board members review.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT**: Ron Heimbaugh reported that the program currently has 14 FTEs. He reported that Darrell Pratte had stepped down to the position of project surveyor until his retirement and Sharon Hankin (long time employee) had retired. Jason Beasley was promoted.

**NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**: Missouri Director Troy Hayes reported that NSPS was working on Workforce Development with the National Association of Technical Schools. He reported on the Lobby Day in March that he attended and NSPS scheduled appointments with all of the Missouri delegation. He reported on the Flood Map bill in Congress and the Infrastructure bill that included surveyors. He noted that the Fall meeting was in Dallas and in February 2018 NSPS would partner with West Fed to have a meeting in Last Vegas. He reported that NSPS is discussing a dues increase that would be effective in 2019 and that all states with the exception of California are members.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Annual Meeting**: Dan Govero reported he thought the program was going to be great and the facility was good as well. The 2018 meeting will be held in Osage Beach at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

**CST Committee:** Troy Hayes reported that the CST exam is currently being revamped and that proctors could be easily certified. He also reported on an Army training program at Ft. Leonard Wood. Dick Elgin and Mike Flowers are meeting with them to discuss.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that the planning for the 2018 Spring workshop had begun and topics will include Accuracy, precision, description writing and deeds. Joe Paiva reported that State Technical College in Linn had a 12-hour surveying program with courses that include Surveying I and II with Saturday labs, land records course and legal aspects. They are looking at offering a Certificate of Surveying program and pursuing a curriculum for a two-year degree.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that plans were being made for future projects.

**Legislative Committee:** Jim Anderson reported on the legislation to increase the education requirement. Currently the bill increases hours to 16. The committee will also reintroduce the three letter reference bill and signing legal descriptions. There was discussion on the hearings that would eliminate Boards and Commissions and whether the Land Survey Advisory Committee will ever resurface. State Representatives Bart Korman and Robert Ross spoke on the various topics that will occur in the upcoming session. Bart reported that the next term would be his last having served for eight years in the House. They both reported that the Senate was totally dysfunctional and after bills were passed in the House, they died in the Senate in many instances. They discussed several other bills such as the Circuit Breaker bill, Access to Broadband statewide, Workforce Development and Transportation Funding

**Membership Committee:** Robert Ubben announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers have been stable for the last couple of years remaining at around 630 PLS members.

**Newsletter:** Don Martin, editor, absent. It was reported that a written handout was in the packet.

**Awards/Nominating Committee:** Joseph Clayton reported in Adam Teale's absence that awards would be presented at the luncheon.

He reported the following slate of officers and directors for 2017-2018. Gerald Bader ascended to President.

It was moved and seconded to elect Chris Wickern as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Susanne Daniel by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed.

Mr. Clayton reported that the nominees for the Secretary-Treasurer position were Earl Graham and Chuck Quinby. A ballot was distributed for members to vote on these positions as well as the Board of Directors terms that ended in 2020. Those nominated for these positions were: Debrah Wolfe, Robert Anderson, Jerrod Hogan and Matt Thomas. After the written vote, Earl Graham was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Matt Thomas and Jerrod Hogan were elected to the Board of Directors.

**PAC Committee:** Richard Barr, absent. It was reported a balance of \$3,079.28 in the PAC account.

**Public Relations Committee:** Charles Quinby reported items were on sale in the PR booth in the exhibit hall as well as many items with the anniversary dates on them. He also reported on the Public Relations award received from NSPS on the Osage Treaty Line project.

**Scholarship/TrigStar Committee:** Susanne Daniel reported that Casey Young had been given a non traditional scholarship and a scholarship for a Trigstar winner was given.

**Standards Committee:** Chris Wickern reported that the new standards were in place.

**State Government Liaison Committee:** Earl Graham had no report.

**Technology Committee:** Jon Cole, Chairman, reported on the website hosted by MU on GIS.

**Young Surveyors/Mentoring:** Dan Govero reported on internship programs and working with schools on presentations describing the profession of surveying. He also discussed funding for people that wanted to start a mentoring program.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Metro:** Jeff Means reported that the Metro chapter had reorganized and currently have 50 members and are planning three education sessions for the year. They also worked with Scouting 500 recently at the Kansas speedway with booths of local companies and doing stakeout. He also reported that they were doing a fund raiser in December for a local charity.

**St. Louis:** It was reported that the chapter continues to present education workshops for its members.

**Southwest/Ozark:** It was reported that a raffle was being done by the Southeast and Ozark chapters of MSPS for a \$600 gift certificate and other prizes. Chances were selling for \$10.

**Central:** Jon Cole reported that the chapter had met and would be looking into the City of Columbia's zoning regulations

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bylaws Revisions:** There was discussion about the amendment to the bylaws that said that MSPS Chapters sponsoring an education session exceeding four hours *must be approved* by the MSPS Board of Directors. **There was a motion and a second to amend the language to read “Any Education session sponsored by an MSPS Chapter exceeding four (4) hours or four (4) PDUs *must be coordinated with the MSPS Board of Directors.*” This motion was approved. With that there was a motion and a second to approve all the revisions to the Bylaw. On a vote there were three no votes; however the motion was approved overwhelmingly.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.