

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri

October 4, 2019

MINUTES

President Chris Wickern called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 62nd Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Brad McCloud. **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 Brad McCloud showing an overall balance of \$216,895.28 and a checking account balance of \$67,517.86. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: Dan Govero presented the registration Board report in the absence of Mike Freeman. He reported that the next meeting was in November in Blue Springs and the consideration of the legislature to eliminate the C/A, an issue the Board does not support. He reported that there was discussion at the NCEES meeting on a change to the method of testing for the PLS exam. NCEES is looking for a way to keep current standards and allow for better mobility. The difference is in the state specific test. There was also discussion on multi state discipline licenses and whether the majority of those attending agreed to any changes to testing.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Ron Heimbaugh sent an in-depth written report that appeared in the handouts. He reported that the program is fully staffed at 14 employees. He reported that during the past fiscal year the Repository processed and indexed 12,044 land survey documents to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 1,000 documents each month. A total of 28,164 orders was received through the LSI and CMI online databases, an average of 2,347 orders each month. This year the Repository had two separate improvements made to the online store - the first allows other state agencies to download their document directly from the online store and the second allows customers to combine their CMI and LSI shopping carts which will save time and eliminate one of the processing fees.

Restoration of the USPLSS corners is one of the primary goals of the Field Surveys Section. Contracts resulted in the restoration of 145 corners with a total of 1,837 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program. This past year there were 26 active Land Survey Investigations and the reestablishment and restoration of 165 USPLSS corners. He also reported that the NGS established the final version of the Policy and Procedure documents for the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022. He and Jess Moss will make a presentation on this immediately after the business meeting.

NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Troy Hayes reported that Mike Zahner had attended the recent

NSPS meeting and will take over the duties of the Missouri Director position. Troy had served for 15 years in this position. Mike reported that he attended the Workforce Development/Business Development committee meeting as well as the CST, Trigstar and Government Affairs meetings. He reported that NSPS has more than 15,000 members nationwide currently and reported on the activities of the NSPS Foundation which gives scholarships and disaster relief donations to members affected by disasters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: Dan Govero reported he thought the program was going to be very good and asked everyone to complete their evaluations.

County Surveyors Committee: Terris Cates reported that the Missouri Association of Professional County Surveyors (MAPCS) held a meeting in July at the Department of Agriculture in Rolla where staff reported on the County Surveyor Coop Program. He reported that a Rendezvous is scheduled for December 13 in Ste. Genevieve. The program has been awarded nine PDUs. The MAPCS will hold another program on February 8, 2020.

CST Committee: Troy Hayes had no report.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that the planning for the 2020 Spring workshop had begun and he is looking for speakers. He reported on a meeting that would be held later in the afternoon on education and experience requirements. Joe Paiva reported that he currently had more than 40 students at State Technical College.

History Committee: Matt Thomas read a report from Joe Clayton noting that 2020 annual meeting would be centered around the 200th anniversary of the Missouri Compromise. The History Committee is working with Rep. Robert Ross on making the naming the Rolla Land Survey program building after Robert E. Myers mandatory. The year 2021 is the Missouri Bicentennial and a display is planned for the Capitol. The year 2023 is the anniversary of the running of the west Boundary of Missouri and a meeting is planned for the Downstream Casino. There are also activities with PDUs planned for the Osage Treaty Line.

Legislative Committee: Jim Anderson reported on the HB770 the bill that identified the author of property descriptions stating that the intent was to simply identify the person writing property descriptions. He discussed a bill introduced by Rep. Mark Ellebracht of Liberty that would make it mandatory for any sale of property to have a survey. He also discussed the experience issue of getting a license and the discussion to change this while Rep. Robert Ross is still the chairman of the Professional Registration Committee in the House of Representatives.

Rep. Robert Ross discussed his plans to run for the Senate and asked for the support of the surveyors. Rep. Don Mayhew reported that he would assist with whatever legislation was introduced next year for surveyors. He discussed Army Interns and working in surveying the last six months of their tours and this experience counting toward their license.

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. He also reported that Student membership is up from previous years.

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

Awards/Nominating Committee: Gerald Bader reported that awards would be presented at the luncheon.

He reported the following slate of officers and directors for 2019-2020. Susanne Daniel automatically ascended to President.

It was moved and seconded to elect Earl Graham as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Brad McCloud by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed.

A ballot was distributed for members to vote on Secretary/Treasurer and the Board of Directors with terms ending in 2022. Nominated for Secretary/Treasurer was Ray Riggs and Ronnie Heimbaugh. Those nominated for the Board of Directors were: Jon Cole, Jeremy Powell, Monnie Sears and Stephen Dickson. After the written vote, Ray Riggs won the Secretary/Treasurer vote and Jon Cole and Monnie Sears were elected to the Board of Directors.

PAC Committee: Jim Anderson requested donations to the PAC fund to support the Surveyors who are running for office in 2020.

Public Relations Committee: Charles Quinby reported that the sales committee had given each attendee a \$5.00 off coupon for merchandise at the sales booth.

Scholarship/TrigStar Committee: Susanne Daniel reported that a scholarship was given to Austin Edwards of Rolla to attend State Technical College. Also the Trig-Star winner this year was from Gainesville and Matt Wade administered the test. Congratulations to all!

Standards Committee: Robert Ubben reported that a Standards meeting was held on September 12, 2019 at the Land Survey Program in Rolla to discuss the new State Plane Coordinates System and they viewed a presentation by NGS.

State Government Liaison Committee: Earl Graham had no report.

Technology/GIS Committee: Jon Cole and Jess Moss, Co-Chairs. Jon reported on the MAGIC/GIS meetings that he attends on behalf of MSPS where he has a seat on the Board.

Young Surveyors/Mentoring: Casey Young, absent, no report.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Metro: Bob Anderson reported that chapter is working with the local Boy Scouts toward a badge in surveying.

St. Louis: Phillip Grout reported that a panel discussion was held in June by members of the Registration Board and it was well attended. He reported that the St. Louis Chapter held a golf tournament with IPSA with the proceeds going to the surveying program at SIU, and in September Dick Elgin held a Shaping Missouri seminar.

Southwest: Monnie Sears reported that the chapter was 14 years old and would hold a Christmas party and swear in new officers and directors. He reported they have 22 PLS members with nine associate members. He reported that during 2019, four surveyors had died and a donation was given to State Technical College in their names. He also reported that Don Wilson was the speaker at the August seminar on Boundary Control and the chapter held a cookout in September.

Ozark: No report.

Southeast: No report

Central: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.