

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Margariteville Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

October 15, 2021

MINUTES

President Earl Graham called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 64th Annual Meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 23, 2020 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Bob Anderson. **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 Bob Anderson showing an overall balance of \$184,920.19 and a checking account balance of \$54,618.41. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: Mark Nolte, member, presented the Registration Board report. He reported that the newest member of the Land Survey division is Shane Terhune and he thanked Dan Govero for his more than 12 years serving as a member on the Registration Board. He reported on the Pass Fail rates from the Fundamentals of Surveying, Principles of Survey and Missouri Specific Examinations. He also reported that Dick Elgin coordinated the questions for these tests.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Ron Heimbaugh, State Land Surveyor, submitted a written report. He reported that Carol Payne and Darrell Pratte had retired and other personnel had been appointed into those positions. Currently they have one survey technician vacancy and one project surveyor vacancy.

He reported that during the past fiscal year the Repository processed and indexed 10,280 land survey documents to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 857 documents each month. A total of 36,075 orders were received through the LSI and CMI online databases, an average of 3,006 orders each month. The Repository updated the "help" menu which contains tutorials, general land surveying information, research tips and frequently asked questions to assist in utilizing the Land Survey Index and Corner Master Index online databases.

Restoration of the USPLSS corners continues to be one of the primary goals of the Field Surveys Section. Contracts resulted in the restoration of 131 corners with a total of 1,321 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program. This past year there were 25 active land survey investigations and the reestablishment and restoration of 150 USPLSS corners. He also reported that 291 first and second order benchmarks were recovered.

The new State Plane Coordinate (SPC) System was reviewed and approved by all Missouri stakeholders. This information was submitted to NGS and they will comment by December 31,

2021. They have also completed a proposed draft of revisions to Chapter 60 of the Missouri Revised Statutes to accommodate the new state plane coordinate system, a copy was attached to the meeting handouts for all participants.

NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Zahner introduced Curtis Sumner, NSPS Executive Director and John Byrd, NSPS Lobbyist. Mr. Sumner will be retiring NSPS at the end of 2021 and he thanked all Missouri Surveyors for their years of participating with NSPS. Mr. Byrd presented a slide show of the NSPS Federal Policy and reported on each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation and their interaction with the NSPS Government staff. He also presented on the federal issues facing the 117th Congress impacting the surveying profession and shared his contact information with the entire group. He discussed the importance of a strong PAC and asked all Missourians to join the "Jefferson Club" where you would give a \$500 PAC donation each year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: Earl Graham, co-chair, reported that the meeting was very well attended with more than 350 attending over the three day period. He thanked everyone for attending, especially the exhibitors who help MSPS with their participation.

County Surveyors Committee: Jerry Wood, chair, absent no report.

CST Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, chair, absent, no report.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that the 2022 Spring Workshop will feature speakers from title companies and business associations with topics covering least squares and drones.

History Committee: Matt Thomas, chair reported on the passing of Joe Clayton and his years of coordinating most of the programs that the History committee has put on. He reported that MSPS still has a compass in the Missouri State Capitol and the committee is working on getting the name of the Land Survey Program building named after Robert E. Myers.

Legislative Committee: Bart Korman, chair, and Lynne Schlosser, lobbyist, reported on plans for introducing legislation in the next session to change licensing requirements in 327.312. After review, **a motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed language. This motion was unanimously approved.** Representative and PLS, Don Mayhew, spoke on some legislation that he is planning to reintroduce dealing with Sections 60.301, 60.315 and 60.345 by adding three new sections. There was no opposition to this legislation either. They all discussed the important of a healthy PAC in order to donate to candidates.

Membership Committee: Robert Ubben announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers are higher than they have been in 10 years.

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: Susanne Daniel reported on the nominations for each office and the results of the election are below:

Brad McCloud as President
Ray Riggs as President Elect
Robert Anderson as Vice President
Chuck Quinby as Secretary/Treasurer
Scott Faenger as a Board Member
Matt Thomas as a Board Member

Award winners from the luncheon are:

Surveyor of the Year - Earl Graham
Robert E. Myers Service Award - Chris Wickern
Lifetime Achievement Award - Richard Barr

PAC Committee: Bart Korman, co-chair, reported the balance in the PAC account was \$1,364.28. Profits from the golf tournament will be deposited to the PAC account.

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. He also reported on the other items for sale such as portfolios and thermo cups, hats, dress shirts, tee shirts and hoodies.

Scholarship/TrigStar Committee: Gerald Bader, chair, announced his reported was incorporated into the meeting handouts announcing four non traditional scholarships. Winners are: Katelyn Jones, James Dowd, Jakob Erdman and Makiya LaCasse Gard.

Standards Committee: Robert Ubben, chair, had no report.

Technology/GIS Committee: Jon Cole reported that he attends the Mid Missouri Regional GIS Advisory Council meeting. Jess Moss, had no further report.

Young Surveyors/Mentoring: Kellan Gregory, chair, reported that his committee had met once this year and are fine tuning events for 2022. He reported he had a booth in the exhibit hall with information about NSPS and Mentoring. He also announced the eligibility requirements for the committee - 40 years of age or below or less than 10 years since being licensed. He asked for volunteers to join his committee.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Metro: No report

St. Louis: It was reported that the current Jim Exler had passed away.

Southwest: Monnie Sears reported that the chapter recently sponsored a seminar with Dick Elgin and Joe Paiva speaking. They also participating in the Scholarship raffle by

donating an antique compass from Dick Elgin's collection with proceeds going to the Scholarship funds.

Ozark: No report.

Southeast: No report

Central: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Revisions: After review of the bylaws revisions that were cosmetic for the most part, with changes to the elections, adding committees, expulsion of membership was eliminated and responsibilities of the Executive Director updated. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised bylaws as presented. On a Vote, this motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.