

**Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
Board of Directors Meeting
May 15, 2009
Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

1. Call to order
President Richard L. Phillips, PLS called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Richard L. Phillips, PLS	President
William L. Lehman, PLS	President-Elect
Thomas J. Morganelli, PLS	Secretary
Byron W. Rimmer, PLS	Treasurer
Emil A. Bove, PLS	Immediate Past President
Robert R. Miller, PLS	NSPS Governor
Adam D. Crews, PLS	State Director, Bucks Chapter
Donald E. Rife, PLS	State Director, Bucks Chapter and Past President
Karl E. Kriegh, PLS	State Director, Delaware Valley Chapter
Thomas K. Phillips, PLS	State Director, Delaware Valley Chapter
Charles L. Zelenak, Jr., PLS	State Director, Laurel Highlands Chapter
William J. Beitler, PLS	State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter
Stephen D. Ombalski, PLS	State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter
Fred M. Henry, PLS	State Director, Mid-State Chapter
James E. Pahel, PLS	State Director, North Central Chapter, GPS/Geodetic Chair and Past President
Brent L. Birth, PLS	State Director, Northeast Chapter
J. Frederick Friden, PE, PLS	State Director, Northeast Chapter
Paul A. Waters, PLS	State Director, Pocono Chapter
John G. Fuehrer, II, PE, PLS	State Director, Reading Chapter, Education Chair and Past President
Merlyn J. Jenkins, PLS	State Director, Reading Chapter
L. Bradley Foltz, PLS	State Director, South Central Chapter
Thomas Farcht, Jr., PLS	State Director, South Central Chapter
Norman J. Landsperger, PLS	State Director, Southwest Chapter, Government Affairs Chair
Frederick J. Rankinen, PLS	State Director, Susquehanna Chapter

Guests:

Robert E. Garlitz, PLS	Past President, Public Relations Chair
Glenn L. Johnson, PLS	PSLS Foundation Chairman, Northeast Chapter Member
David L. Anderson, PLS	South Central Chapter President
Andrew J. Hilt	Executive Vice President
Shari L. Taylor	Assistant Executive Director

3. Minutes of Last Board of Directors Meeting
Without objection the minutes from the March 13, 2009 Board of Directors meeting were accepted.

4. Remarks by the President
Phillips remarked that the meeting would allow Board member 5 minutes to speak, only Board members can debate, no personal attacks, stick to the issues or as President he will declare the person out of order.

5. PLS Officer Reports
 - a. President's Report
Phillips' written report is in the packet. He reviewed his goals to finalize and implement the Strategic Plan, celebrate the 40th anniversary, visit all chapters, evaluate and revise the bylaws, establish a mentoring program, facilitate the introduction of right-of-entry legislation and determine the next legislative issue to pursue. Many of the goals have been accomplished or are scheduled. Additional goals for the society are to encourage more people to get involved, get Board members involved in committees and formulate plans to develop future leaders.

 - b. Treasurer's Report
Rimmer presented the Treasurer's report.

c. NSPS Governor

Miller will be attending the TrigStar meeting in September in Washington, DC.

6. PSLS Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Fuehrer reported that the Education Committee has planned a seminar for October 16, 2009 at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Three workshops will be presented. They are Data Collection with Carlson Software, Michael Hyman presenter, TDS Software, Ray Kerwin presenter, and AutoCAD, Bruce Lego presenter. The workshops will each be for a full day. Brochures will be emailed to members when available and will be on the PSLS web site. He reported that the committee has a tentative matrix for 2010.

b. Legislative-Government Affairs Committee

The committee met this morning and discussed other areas of interest in an attempt to determine a new focus. Unfortunately, no consensus was reached. Items discussed were mechanics liens, a 'cap' law, revision of BMP Guidelines under SWM, etc.

Hilt reported there was a hearing Tuesday, May 12 regarding the continuing education bill. The bill submitted was similar to the PSLS bill but included Geologist-In-Training to amend the bill. There is a need for retired status for land surveyors, engineers and geologists. Regulations under the current law were published and are on the web site. The regulations were better than the draft Hilt saw. They may go into effect before the new continuing education bill becomes law. The new continuing education law will nullify the regulations. Continuing education credits will be needed to apply to the licensing period for 2011. A sponsor is needed for the right-of-entry bill to move forward.

c. Membership Committee

Hilt explained the membership report. Under normal circumstances members who have not paid their dues are dropped at this time of year. A letter was sent to members who had not paid their dues offering them a payment option to retain their membership.

Motion:

A motion was made, seconded and so ordered to approve the new members. The motion passed.

Motion:

A motion was made to make Edmund Chadrow a Life Member. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed. The other Life Member request was withdrawn because the person was not a member of PSLS as required by the bylaws.

Motion:

Fred Friden made a motion to send a letter asking Life Members to make a contribution to PSLS. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

d. Public Relations

Garlitz reported that the Public Relations Committee met today. The committee wants to comply with the Strategic Plan objectives. The group would like to re-grow the speaker's bureau and develop a power point presentation. A champion from each chapter would attend a training opportunity and speakers would then go to groups and present the program.

e. Trig Star

Miller is sending a letter requesting sponsorship to contribute to the TrigStar program. Many sponsorship categories are as low as \$50. The national grant money that was applied for fell through. They hope to investigate possibility of a state grant in future years. He reported that 8 schools are involved in TrigStar.

7. Foundation – Johnson reported that the Foundation awarded 7 scholarships from 24 applications. Johnson requested the dues check off money as soon as possible. He also wants people to know that money from the conference raffle and auction is not going to the Foundation. The Foundation wants money from the raffle held at the conference. Johnson thanked the Foundation Board Members for the time it took to review 24 applications. He urged members to contact schools letting them know scholarships are available. Only 3 applications were from high school students. High school students are evaluated differently than college students.

Motion:

A motion was made that the raffle proceeds at the 2010 conference go to the Foundation. Motion failed for lack of a second.

8. New Business

The proposed budget for 2009-10 was presented. Hilt explained that a dues increase had already been voted on at a past meeting a couple of years ago by the Board of Directors that increased the dues by \$10 each year for 3 years making a full membership \$175. An additional \$15 added is needed in order to meet expected expenses. Membership increases would be \$105 for Corresponding members, \$115 for Associate members, \$190 for PLS members and \$385 for Sustaining members. New York membership is \$230 for a full PLS member but is discounted to \$210 if the person also belongs to an area chapter also. New Jersey membership is also more than Pennsylvania. West Virginia and Ohio are less than Pennsylvania.

Motion:

A motion was made that Board of Directors attending Board meetings would donate \$7 towards the cost of their lunch at the Board meeting. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Motion:

A motion was made that any conference proceeds above \$27,000 earned at the 2010 conference be geared toward Chapter rebates even if the amount must be prorated or up to previously budgeted \$8,000. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Motion:

A motion was made to offer a two payment option for paying dues with a service fee of \$6 added for each payment preferably within 6 month increments, There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Motion:

A motion was made to raise dues to \$190 for a full PLS member but if paid within one month of dues notices sent the dues would be discounted to \$175. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the proposed PLS budget for 2009-10 as presented. There was a second to the motion. The motion passed.

Regulations permit by rule that allow professional engineers and geologists to certify function of design has been objected by PLS.

John Halick, a Philadelphia surveyor, and Herbert Freed of the South Central Chapter passed away.

9. Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J. Morganelli, PLS
Secretary