

**Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
Board of Directors Meeting
December 7, 2007
Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

1. Call to order

President Randall R. Myers, PLS called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Randall R. Myers, PLS	President
Emil A. Bove, PLS	President-Elect
Richard L. Phillips, PLS	Vice President
William L. Lehman.....	Secretary
Ralph E. Piatt, PLS	Treasurer
Byron W. Rimmer, PLS	Immediate Past President
Robert R. Miller, PLS	NSPS Governor
Donald H. Kamp, PLS	State Director, Bucks Chapter and Past President
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
Milton H. Davis, PLS	State Director, Harrisburg Chapter
Richard R. Bourg, Jr., PLS	State Director, Laurel Highlands Chapter
Charles L. Zelenak, Jr., PLS	State Director, Laurel Highlands Chapter
William J. Beitler, PLS.....	State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter
John G. Fuehrer, II, PE, PLS	State Director, Reading Chapter, Education Chair and Past President
Merlyn J. Jenkins	State Director, Reading Chapter
L. Bradley Foltz, PLS	State Director, South Central Chapter
Thomas Farcht, Jr., PLS	State Director, South Central Chapter
Kevin P. Hannegan, PLS	State Director, Southwest Chapter
Peter J. Uhl, PLS.....	State Director, Susquehanna Chapter
Frederick J. Rankinen, PLS	State Director, Susquehanna Chapter

Guests:

Charles G. Lang, PLS	North Central Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis L. Burkhart, PLS	Past President, Government Affairs Committee Chair
Daniel K. Lake, PE, PLS	Past President, Public Relations Chair
Andrew F. Kent, PLS	Plat Competition Chair
Andrew J. Hilt	Executive Director
Shari L. Taylor.....	Assistant Executive Director
John G. Van Natta, III	Former Executive Director

3. Minutes of Last Board of Directors Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 21, 2007– passed.

4. PLS Reports

a. President’s Report

Myers reported he attended Laurel Highlands chapter meeting.

b. Treasurer’s Report

Piatt reviewed the Treasurer’s report, reported that PLS bills are being paid and dues money is coming in. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report --passed.

c. NSPS Governor

Miller attended the fall NSPS meeting and referred to his 40 page report. He explained that the CST program was required by some state governments, a database of deceased surveyor plats and surveys was being undertaken, there is concern for the “graying” of the profession and there has been an increase in CST exams taken.

5. Membership

It was moved and seconded to accept the new members presented – passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve George H. Reiff, PLS for Life Membership – passed.

Phillips reported the membership committee is still working on more involvement for associate members.

6. PSLS Committee Reports

a. Awards Committee

Ballots for Surveyor of the Year were distributed

b. Education Committee

Fuehrer reported that the conference brochure was out and Charles Davis, Chancellor of Penn State Wilkes-Barre, will be the keynote speaker on Monday evening. A seminar is planned for April 9, 2008 at the Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg. The topics are Copyright Law with Sal Marsico as the presenter and GPS Robotic Scanning Equipment with Alan Drago. Brochures with a \$50 discount for conference attendees if they sign up by February 1. The education committee plans to submit articles for publication.

c. Government Affairs Committee

The committee will continue to meet at 9:00 AM prior to the Executive Committee meetings in 2008. The group is continuing to work on several ongoing issues. Standards will be reviewed. Continuing education legislation that will be brought up to repeal the law and go back to the bill as it was originally introduced that included the NEES model. The bill should be in place before proposed regulations.

d. Public Relations Committee

Lake reported that National Surveyor Week will be March 16-22, 2008.

e. Strategic Planning Committee

A second Strategic Planning meeting was at the end of October. Goals were created for PSLS that were suggested by work groups. The goals are 1. Educating the public 2. Improving customer service 3. Protect the surveyor license and scope of practice and 4. Educating the land surveyor. Work groups will develop various goals. Bove will head the educating the public group. Phillips will head the customer service group. Rimmer will head the protecting the scope of practice group and Myers will head the educating the land surveyor group.

Miller made a motion that the Board of Directors direct the Standards of Practice Committee to review the PSLS Manual of Practice and recommend changes by the July 2008 Board of Directors meeting and to report progress at all board meetings prior to that date. Attention should be given to creating statewide standards that are understandable, reasonable and achievable. Furthermore the Manual shall be reviewed annually. The motion was seconded – passed.

f. Standards of Practice Committee

Rife requested and encouraged members of the group to join the committee.

8. Chapter Reports

Bucks Chapter reported that Smart Vent presented a program at a chapter meeting. Rife and Kamp are presenting a seminar and will donate their honorarium of \$250 to PSLS.

Delaware Valley Chapter reported that Rick Phillips spoke to the chapter regarding expanding the role of Associate members, a Christmas meeting was held with an auction. The next meeting will be held in February with a person to speak about professional liability.

Laurel Highlands Chapter held their election of officers at their November meeting. Their next meeting is planned for March.

North Central Chapter had a meeting in October with the Northwest Chapter. Lake spoke to the group about the Public Relations program. The next meeting will be held next week.

Reading Chapter is planning a holiday dinner in January and possibly a FEMA presentation in April. They had election of officers.

South Central Chapter held a meeting in October.

Southwest Chapter held their November meeting at Penn Brewery. A person from Precision Laser was a speaker.

Susquehanna Chapter had a meeting with Penn College for a question and answer session. They had a Christmas dinner Friday.

10. Other Business

Bove requested that Committee Chairs continue for 2008.

Van Natta gave his thanks and said goodbye to the group. He is retiring but will be doing public relations in Association Management.

Myers thanked the group for their support this year.

11. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting – passed

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Lehman, PLS
Secretary