

**Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
Board of Directors Meeting
March 30, 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, PLSPresident
- Emil A. Bove, PLS President-Elect
- Richard L. Phillips, PLS Vice President
- William L. Lehman, PLS Secretary
- Ralph E. Piatt, PLS Treasurer
- Byron W. Rimmer, PLS Immediate Past President
- Robert R. Miller, PLS NSPS Governor
- Norman S. Van Why, PLS State Director, Allegheny Heartlands Chapter
- 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
- Richard R. Bourg, Jr., PLS State Director, Laurel Highlands Chapter
- Charles L. Zelenak, Jr., PLS State Director, Laurel Highlands Chapter
- Thomas J. Morganelli, PLS State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter
- William J. Beitler, PLS State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter
- Fred M. Henry, PLS State Director, Mid-State Chapter
- James E. Pahel, PLS State Director, North Central Chapter and Past President
- Brent L. Birth, PLS State Director, Northeast Chapter
- Jason Moran, PLS State Director, Northeast Chapter
- Harry F. Shoenagel, PLS State Director, Pocono Chapter
- Paul A. Waters, PLS State Director, Pocono Chapter
- John G. Fuehrer, II, PE, PLS State Director, Reading Chapter and Education Chair
- Gregory Dimovitz, PLS State Director, Reading Chapter
- L. Bradley Foltz PLS State Director, South Central Chapter
- Kevin P. Hannegan, PLS State Director, Southwest Chapter
- Peter J. Uhl, PLS State Director, Susquehanna Chapter

Guests:

- Dennis L. Burkhart, PLS Past President and Government Relations Chair
- John M. Huck, PLS Reading Chapter President
- Daniel K. Lake, PE, PLS Past President and Public Relations Chair
- John G. Van Natta, II Executive Director
- Andrew J. Hilt Director of Government Relations
- Shari L. Taylor Assistant Executive Director

3. Minutes of Last Board of Directors Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended of the Board of Directors meeting held on December 8, 2006– passed.

4. PLS Reports

a. President’s Report

Myers visited several surrounding state conferences and Southwest Chapter and Laurel Highlands Chapter meetings.

b. Treasurer's Report

Piatt reviewed the Treasurer's report. He will present the 2007/2008 budget at the next Board of Directors meeting. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report --passed.

c. NSPS Governor

Miller attended the ACSM NSPS March 8 conference in St. Louis. He attended several meetings including the Standards, TrigStar and Great Lakes Council committee meetings. He encouraged members to join NSPS. He reported that seven schools in his area are involved in TrigStar this year. He presented a DVD video that can be purchased from NSPS and made state specific for \$500. It was moved and seconded to approve the purchase of the video with Pennsylvania approved formatting. Mr. Burkhart volunteered to fund the purchase of the video for \$500.

e. Foundation

Lake reported that scholarship applications and posters are in schools. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 16. Members are encouraged to join the Foundation.

f. Health Insurance

Kent will present report at the next Board of Directors meeting

5. Membership

Phillips reported that he is forming a committee to encourage chapters to involve more Associate Members in the society through mentoring opportunities and electing more Associate Members to the Board.

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

There are 70 people who have not paid dues. Chapters will receive lists of those who have not paid their dues. Each Chapter has a page on the PSLS web site that includes members and meeting dates, etc. More pages for each chapter can be added as needed. Chapters are encouraged to look at the Chapter pages and send updates and changes as needed.

6. PSLS Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Fuehrer reports that the Education Committee has had meetings to work on the 2008 conference. The group is re-writing workshop descriptions to include outcome base analysis. The next Education Committee meeting is planned for April 10 at PSLS headquarters. The group has not planned a seminar for this year because there was not enough time to prepare. Continuing Education regulations will probably be applied for the licensing period 2009 or 2011 but have still not been finalized. Exam review course has been requested but there are not enough participants to make it cost effective. Chapters are encouraged to send ideas for seminars. It takes approximately nine months to institute. The committee is considering having someone develop seminars and workshops for the conference and to oversee objectives.

b. Government Affairs Committee

Burkhart reported that the Government Affairs committee met this morning at 9:00 AM and will continue to meet prior to each Board of Directors meetings. A matrix of topics was brought up by the South Central Chapter. The committee will review each topic. Standards was discussed and a direction will be determined by the next Board of Directors meeting. Hilt presented a proclamation of Surveyors Week from the Governor and a resolution from the Senate to Lake and Myers.

c. Public Relations

Lake requested a list of Foundation Members. Surveyors week will be celebrated the third week of March. (March 18-24). Lancaster had two pages of ads in the newspaper and Lehigh Valley had three pages of articles and ads. Lake presented a sample to the group of promotional materials chapters can purchase that can be printed specific to each chapter. Pennsylvania is one of 5 or 6 states not represented by a banner displayed at the survey museum. A banner is to be made to museum specifications.

7. Other business

It was moved and seconded to make Knud Hermansen and honorary member of PSLS – passed.

Fuehrer reported that the Design Center has begun to look for a new staff person to replace John Van Natta who will retire in December. A Transition Committee made up of members of ACEC/PA and PSLS is in place. The position has been

advertised and interviews will be conducted with the Design Center Board making the final decision. PSLS is represented on the Design Center Board.

Rife informed the group that there was a display of photographs in the room. The photographs were taken during an Extreme Makeover project for the television show that his company, Pickering Corts and Summerson, was involved with. It was an engineering and surveying opportunity to show the public what surveyors do. The show will air May 6.

8. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Lehman, PLS
Secretary