

**Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors
Board of Directors Meeting
July 20, 2007
Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

1. Call to order

President Randall R. Myers, PLS called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Randall R. Myers, PLS	President
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
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
Thomas W. Kimmel, PLS	State Director, Harrisburg Chapter
William J. Beitler, PLS	State Director, Lehigh Valley 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
Thomas Farcht, Jr., PLS	State Director, South Central Chapter
Peter J. Uhl, PLS	State Director, Susquehanna Chapter
Frederick J. Rankinen, PLS	State Director, Susquehanna Chapter

Guests:

Dennis L. Burkhart, PLS	Past President and Government Relations Chair
Richard A. Shewman, PLS	Delaware Valley Chapter President
Daniel K. Lake, PE, PLS	Past President and Public Relations Chair
Charles G. Lang, PLS	Secretary/Treasurer, North Central Chapter
John W. Clark, III, PE, PLS	Member, Harrisburg Chapter
John G. Van Natta, II	Executive Director
Shari L. Taylor	Assistant Executive Director

TrigStar awards were presented to teachers and students.

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 April 27, 2007– passed.

4. PLS Reports

a. President’s Report

Myers reported that he attended several meetings at the Design Center working with ACEC/PA and PLS to select a replacement for John Van Natta who will be retiring in December. After careful review of the many applicants and interviews the group selected Andy Hilt as the new Executive Director. It was moved and seconded to approved Andrew Hilt as Executive Director-passed.

b. Treasurer’s Report

Piatt reviewed the 2006/2007 and the 2007/2008 Treasurer’s report. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report --passed.

c. NSPS Governor

Miller attended a TrigStar meeting in Washington and will attend the ACSM September meeting.

e. Foundation

Lake reported that 14 scholarships were awarded for a total of \$22,000. The goal is to get more high school students interested in surveying. The deadline for scholarship applications has been moved up to help students know what school they will attend. Applications will be mailed in February and due by March. PSLS members are encouraged to visit high schools to promote the scholarship program.

f. Design Center

Fuehrer explained the process and procedures for the Design Center (PSLS and ACEC/PA) to select a new Executive Director for the Design Center. Andy Hilt was selected because he was the best candidate for the position. The Design Center will have a more active role in achieving the organizations goals. A Strategic Plan is needed from each organization in order to implement the goals. Design Center Board of Director meetings have increased this year during the transition.

Farcht suggested hiring a Professional Land Surveyor at the Design Center to do correspondence

5. Membership

Phillips reported he is still putting together the Membership Committee. He encouraged Chapter Presidents to have him come to their chapters for a presentation.

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

6. PSLS Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Fuehrer reported that the Education Committee has been having meetings, working on the 2008 workshops and schedule and has done outcome base analysis on workshop topics. The keynote speaker and a couple of workshop speakers cancelled. The group is looking for speakers and a keynote speaker.

b. Government Affairs Committee

Burkhart reported that the Government Affairs committee had a meeting at the Design Center and an informal one today. The handout provided to the Board of Directors comprises the list of legislative goal suggested by the South Central Chapter. The group is looking for a list of survey classifications, members on township boards, county boards, boards of supervisors, commissioners and would like to see email addresses included on the web site.

c. Public Relations

Lake reported that the group met this morning. Letterhead revisions are recommended. Chapter banners have been delivered. Chapters are to bring banners to conference to be displayed. The museum banner was presented at the last meeting. He would like nicknames used on conference name badges and Foundation membership included on conference registration forms as well as solicitation to join the Foundation included in registration letters to Past Presidents, etc. PA One Call is having an event in Cranberry Township and would like PSLS to consider a display. Lake reminded the group about Engineering/Surveying day at the Capital.

d. Exam Committee

Fuehrer explained that the Exam Committee chaired by Dan Martone meets twice a year to develop questions for the Pennsylvania portion of the exam.

e. Nomination

Burkhart requested nominees for state office be in by September 1, 2007.

8. Chapter Reports

Bucks Chapter had a joint meeting with Delaware Valley.

Delaware Valley Chapter elected two Associate Members to the Board of Directors. The chapter had a family picnic and the speaker at their last meeting spoke about underground utilities.

Harrisburg Chapter has not had meetings.

Laurel Highlands Chapter meets four times a year.

Lehigh Valley Chapter had a picnic meeting and demonstration.

North Central Chapter is on summer recess from meetings.

Northeast Chapter had a picnic and equipment check.

Pocono Chapter meets every other month.

Reading Chapter had a meeting with a speaker from FEMA. A golf tournament is planned for September 14.

South Central had a wine tasting tour. Lake will be the speaker at their September meeting.

Southwest Chapter plans a seminar for S.I.T. test takers.

Susquehanna Chapter meeting topics on Adverse Possession, survey mapping rights of way and PennDOT.

10. Other Business

Rankinen suggested PSLS make a donation/Commitment of \$10,000 or more per year to bring the Foundation up to \$500,000. Piatt referred the group to the deficit in the budget and recommended no commitment at this time.

Publish Board of Director minutes in newsletter and web site.

Continuing Education requirements will bring increased numbers at Hershey. PSLS may need to add other places and seminars.

11. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Lehman, PLS
Secretary