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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING APRIL 30, 2009

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting was held at the Wethersfield Community Center. **President** John Wagenblatt called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Those present included: **Immediate Past President** Andy Tupper; **First Vice President** Kevin DaRos; **Second Vice President** David Palmberg; **Secretary** Jason G. Racette; **Hartford County** Reese Roberts; **Middlesex County** Angus McDonald, Jr.; **New Haven County** Wayne Zirolli; **New London County** Bob Baron & Susan Camp; **Tolland County** Larry Geissler & David Riordan; **Windham County** Alan Woodis; **MAPPS** Ken Pudeler; **South Central Proprietors Council** Bob Jackson; **Public Sector Council** Scott Neff; **NSPS Area 1 Director** Bob Dahn, and **NSPS Board of Governors** Rick Howard.

MOTION - made by Angus McDonald, Jr., seconded by Dave Palmberg, to approve the March 2009 Minutes.

PASSED

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Larry Geissler, to approve the March 2009 Financial Report.

PASSED

President Wagenblatt read a list of 2009 outstanding dues. Those who do not make an effort to contact CALS to make payment arrangements may be dropped at the next meeting on May 28, 2009. Treasurer Alan Fenrow can be reached at 860-608-1015 and Kathy can be reached at 860-563-1990. CALS does accept Visa and MasterCard.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

MOTION - made by David Palmberg, seconded by Andy Tupper, to approve the following applications for membership:

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| 1) Raymond F. Cherenzia, Pawcatuck, CT | Surveyor Member | Endorsed by Jason G. Racette |
| 2) David Deproducini, Lakeville, CT | Associate Member | Endorsed by Jay Doody |
| 3) Anila Meneri, Derby, CT | Associate Member | Endorsed by Jay Doody |
| 4) Steven Michaud, New Market, NH | Associate Member | Endorsed by Jay Doody |
| 5) David M. Norton, Thomaston, CT | Associate Member | Endorsed by Jay Doody |
| 6) Joseph Whynott, Brookfield, CT | Surveyor Member | Endorsed by Richard Bunnell |
| 7) Timothy Wyllie, Harwinton, CT | Associate Member | Endorsed by Jay Doody |

PASSED

MAP FILING

Public Records Administrator Eunice DiBella has sent a letter to the town clerk in Wilton regarding maps that were submitted with no red stamp in response to a request from President Wagenblatt. Her letter cites section 11-8-21 and advises that town officials who prepare maps are not exempt from state regulations.

2009 SURVEY & MAP STANDARDS REVISION

President Wagenblatt reported that the committee has been advised that the GNSS committee is prepared to make recommended changes to be included in the "blue pages" of the code. The committee will meet in May to review suggested changes to the "white pages" that may include clarification of the "types" of surveys available.

GIS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Bob Baron reported that the CALS GIS Committee met on Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 prior to the CALS Board of Directors meeting. The primary topic of this meeting pertained to the continued controversy regarding the submission of digital CAD (vector) files to municipal GIS officials. Even though all municipalities have (purportedly) been notified by the Board of Registration that CT's Land Surveyors cannot provide this type of survey data, many towns are still requiring it. For some of our members, their clients cannot get the required land use permits or C.O.'s without the surveyor providing CAD files.

The CALS GIS committee will make contact with members of the GIS community to address this issue. Bob Baron will contact this group to see if either the "U2U" (GIS user to user) group or one of the CT Statewide GIS working groups can assemble a small committee comprised of GIS folks that would ostensibly represent the GIS community of our state. The CALS GIS Committee can then set up a meeting to determine what would be the minimum standard of CAD data that both Land Surveyors can provide and GIS professionals are satisfied with receiving. Once these parameters are established, the CALS GIS Committee will report back to the BOD and presumably provide this recommendation to the Code Revision Committee as well. It is presently envisioned that we could provide a drawing comprised of line work only with no certifications or title block, EEC., that could not be confused with an authoritative survey product that does meet all legal surveying requirements.

The next CALS GIS Committee will, therefore, most likely meet at a different time and place to accommodate this development.

REVISED FEMA REGULATIONS

CALS has been advised that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the collection of information under OMB number 1660-0008, which includes the Elevation Certificate (FEMA form 81-31) and the Flood proofing Certificate (FEMA form 81-65). The new expiration date for both forms is March 31, 2012. The only changes to Flood proofing Certificates are the new expiration date and Paperwork Burden Disclosure Notice. Significant changes to the Elevation Certificate and Instructions are noted below:

- In Section A, items A8.d and A9.d are added asking: Engineered flood opening? Yes No
- In Section C, item C2.h is added, which reads:

Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including structural support _____ feet meters (Puerto Rico only) This information is provided if the certificate is being used to support a request for a LOMA or LOMR-F.)

- The Instructions for Section A for items A.8.b-c and A.9.b-c have been revised, in part, to allow the height of flood openings to be determined from the interior grade or floor. The revision reads:

Enter... the number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) [for Items A9.b-c, in the attached garage] that are no higher than 1.0 foot above the higher of the exterior or interior grade or floor immediately below the opening... If the interior grade elevation is used, note this in the Comments area of Section D.

Forms are available on the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/nfip/elvcert.pdf> and the NSPS website http://www.nspsmo.org/floodplain_cert/floodplain_index.shtml website.

PROPOSED STATUTORY DEFINITION OF THE HIGH TIDE LINE IN CONNECTICUT

President Wagenblatt reported that he is still waiting to receive a response from the DEP regarding a proposal for statutory definition of the High Tide Line (HTL) in Connecticut.

2009 LEGISLATION

Bob Dahn, CALS Legislative Liaison reported that Updike, Kelley and Spellacy have again provided outstanding service on behalf of CALS at the State Capitol. They are currently monitoring over fifty different Bills on a variety of subjects, as well as providing constant updates on the budget negotiations.

Among the many Bills mentioned above, particular attention has been paid to An Act Concerning the Department of Consumer Protection. This Bill has progressed through the legislature. It was reported last month that revisions reflecting the suggestions made at the Public Hearing had been added to the Bill and the Bill received a Joint Favorable Report from the General Law Comm. It was also reported that several pages of additional stuff, none of which affected surveying had been added to bill. The Bill after being forwarded to the Legislative Commissioners Office, received a Favorable Report. The Bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee, Jud. Made several non substantive changes assigned it a new File Number (845) and gave a Favorable Report by voice vote. I believe the final action will be a floor vote.

The budgetary negotiations are ongoing. I haven't seen anything regarding sales tax or licensing fees this month. I hope this means the consensus will be to move forward with the proposal we saw last month which would not affect surveying in either of the ways mentioned above. There continues to be substantial differences at the legislature on how address the budgetary issues and UKS will continue to monitor all the budget talks and will keep CALS apprised.

Among the other Bills we have been watching there has been little or no action. PB 36, An Act Concerning Written Examination Exemptions from Engineer and Land Surveyor Licensing Requirements, was referred to the General Law Committee January 15, 2009. There has been no action at all regarding this Bill. PB 200 An Act Concerning the Licensing of Professional Engineers, referred to the General Law Committee. This Bill recommends adopting Engineering licensing requirements in line with the "model law". PB 310, regarding licensure renewal fees, was referred to the General Law Committee on January 22, 2009 and has not been acted on at all.

At the direction of the CALS Board of Directors, copies of recorded map mylars, that are exhibiting severe discoloration, at the Coventry Town Clerks Office were forwarded to the Public Records Administrator's Office (PRA). A response was received from Kathy Makeover in the PRA regarding these "Fixed Line Maps". The PRA was aware of the problem. They do not believe the problem is the process itself and suspects the specific maps may not have been processed correctly. Reconstituting the PRA Filing Requirement Committee to review this and other Filing issues has been suggested. Given everyone's schedules this will not occur until the summer, at the earliest. I have been CALS representative to this Committee since 1987. I am willing to continue through this current issue but suggest we use this opportunity to position some fresh legs in this role.

There are two national legislative issues I would like to bring to everyone's attention. NSPS has put together a Publicity Manual for National Surveyors Week based largely on the success several states have had in getting the Governor and other branches of State Government to participate in the Societies promotion of this annual event. I will forward the Manual to Kathy. I suggest CALS form a committee to develop ways to take advantage of this opportunity to promote our profession. The ACSM effort to raise federal legislation preserving railroad monumentation during abandonment has been well received in Washington DC. Members of Congress have requested that we forward as many personal accounts of the effects of surveying along abandoned railroads as we can, particularly financial impacts. If anyone has a personal experience to recount, please forward these to Curt Sumner at ACSM HQ. Curt will provide them to our lobbyist in DC for distribution to the appropriate Representatives.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Second Vice President David Palmberg reminded everyone that the CALS General Membership Meeting is Thursday, May 7th, at the Chowder Pot in Hartford, CT. Guest speaker will be Matt Peak to discuss Plans and Benefits in a Tough Economy. In addition, President Wagenblatt will give an update on the progress of the code revision. These two interesting topics are very pertinent to surveyors today. Call the CALS office today if you have not yet registered!

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE DAY

President Wagenblatt reported that the Boy Scout Merit Badge Day was held on April 25, 2009, at Sleeping Giant State Park in Hamden, CT. Richard Contois, a CALS member, and whose son is a Boy Scout, organized the entire event, which was a huge success. More than 100 scouts participated in the day-long event. A special thanks goes to all those who helped out either by donating food, drinks, time and expertise, or equipment. In particular, Evan Cooper from Bearingstar Insurance Group, Bob Oris and Jeremy Smith from Superior Instrument, and Dave Shirley from Keystone Instruments. We hope to repeat this event annually. *See the April issue of The Connecticut Surveyor for pictures.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) On a sad note, Mr. Dahn reported that Richard Ladd, long-time treasurer of the New Hampshire Society of Land Surveyors, has passed away.



Chairman, Ad-Hoc Litigation Committee of the NH Land Surveyors Association.

Member of the NH Land Surveyors Association Legislation Committee.

Member of the NH Land Surveyors Association Arbitration Committee.

Gave seminars on case Studies in 1987, 1999, 2003, and 2006 relative to cases in which he had been involved.

Former member of the American Congress on Surveying and mapping and the National Society of Professional Surveyors-New England Section.

Elected to the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Raymond, NH in 1996 and 1999.

Served as Chairman of the Board in 1999 and 2000. Member of the Greater Raymond

Chamber of Commerce. Former Member of the Raymond Planning Board. Appointed as the

NH Land Surveyors Association Executive Administrator in 1993 and have served in the capacity since.

Chairman of the NH Land Surveyors Association Membership Committee from 1995 to present. As a result of all his accomplishments, Richie had received the following awards:

The NH Land Surveyors Association Fellow Grade award in 1991.

NH Land Surveyors Association Presidential Citations in 1987, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, and 2004.

NH Land Surveyors Association Surveying Excellence Award-1994.

National Society of Professional Surveyors, Inc. Surveying Excellence Award-1995.

Received recognition from the NH Bar Association for Pro Bono work "in the Pursuit of Equal Justice", in April 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Debbi (Evans) Ladd of Raymond, NH, a son, Rick and his wife, Kelly Ladd of Bow, NH, a daughter, Stacey and her husband, Tom Gregorius of Sound Beach, NY, a son, Randy and his wife, Julie Ladd of Manchester, NH, a daughter, Jennifer and her husband, Dan Fleury of Nottingham, NH, a son, Ryan Ladd of Manchester, NH, a son, Craig Walsh of Raymond, NH, a daughter, Wendy and her husband, Jay Doran of Farmington, NH, and 9 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the NH Land Surveyors Association, 77 Main St. Raymond, NH 03077, checks payable to NH Land Surveyors Foundation or the Manchester Monarchs Care Foundation, Verizon Wireless Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101, Attention-Cheryl Abbott.

MOTION - made by Bob Dahn, seconded by Ken Pudeler, to send a donation in the amount of \$100 to the New Hampshire Land Surveyors Foundation in memory of Mr. Ladd.

PASSED

- 2) CALS First Vice President Kevin DaRos reported that we hope to produce a historical video of CALS to be shown throughout the day at the Annual Meeting.

- 3) Flyers for the CALS Golf Outing will be mailed shortly. This year the tournament will be held on June 26th at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain, CT.
- 4) Jason G. Racette reported that he attended the Surveying Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Committee Meeting on April 10, 2009.

Those who attended included . Brandt, C. Brown, D. Cook, K Hermansen, D. Hilbern, R. Hintz, C. Kiedrowski, S. McDonald, J. McNichols, J. Racette, S. Sheppard, D. Titcomb, R. Vannozzi and R.M.White.

Professor Hintz opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. The IAC members had a discussion about establishing an engineering center near Bath Iron Works and the amount of money the University was spending on the project. An “add-on” fee for engineering classes has gone from \$150 to \$450 per class to support this project.

The Surveying Engineering Technology Program (SVT) will have its own photogrammetry lab in the Advanced Manufacturing Center because SVT was able to raise the \$50,000 required for the program to have its own lab.

Carlton Brown will begin teaching Carlson Software during the fall semester. Students are currently taking one GIS class in the Forestry Department.

The instructor who teaches Business and Professional Communication (CMJ 257) will be retiring soon and there are currently no plans to replace the instructor. There will be other classes offered to students to fulfill the requirement normally satisfied by CMJ 257. This class was one of the classes the IAC asked SVT to include in the curriculum. The IAC agreed to prepare a letter for Dr. John Sherblom, Chair, Department of Communication and Journalism, explaining the importance of this class to the SVT curriculum. Jason Racette, agreed to send a letter on behalf of the IAC in support of this class.

In contrast to past years, students who are searching for permanent employment following graduation or summer jobs have not been successful in securing positions.

- 5) Director Bob Jackson reported that the new computer for the CALS office has been installed by himself and associates at Milone and MacBroom. The entire package came in under budget. There are still a few tasks to complete such as upgrading a few more programs and setting up a secure backup system. Much appreciation goes to Bob, his associate Joe, Jason G. Racette, and Wayne Zirolli.
- 6) Reese Roberts reported that, at the last meeting of the Board of Examiners, it was decided that the Board is going to investigate the process by which complaints are submitted from the general public.

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Ken Pudeler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

PASSED

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Kurland

Next Meeting – May 28, 2009