

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri

October 11, 2013

## MINUTES

President Sharon Herman called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 56th Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Jim Mathis. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. On a vote, the motion passed.**

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Jim Mathis. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD**: Dan Govero, Member, Land Survey Division, Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects. He reported on the number of complains, and the plan to reduce license fees. He also reported that there may be a movie in the works that would show all the professions and how they work together. He noted that there are fewer applicants that are passing the test to become licensed and discussed the need to get the new minimum standards. He reported that almost all members of the Board are working on expired terms and there is still no Chairman.

**LAND SURVEY ADVISORY REPORT**: Stan Emerick reported that the committee had not met and they are still awaiting the Governor and the director of DNR to appoint members to the newly formed Commission that was instituted by passage of HB1251. He reported on the meeting with the Director of the Department of Agriculture that was attended by him and members of the MSPS Board with MSPS Lobbyist, Mo McCullough, where they discussed the move of the Land Survey Program from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT**: Darrell Pratte reported on the history of the program and the transfer to the Department of Agriculture. (See written report). He reported that the program will have to find a new location in Rolla but that things were improving for the program under the new Department.

**NSPS GOVERNOR'S REPORT**: Missouri's Governor Troy Hayes reported that there were currently 30 states that have signed onto the joint membership and 15 others are in the process. He reported that the fall meeting was being held this year in November to coincide with Lobby Day. He noted that on October 15 NSPS was conducting a webinar on "Steps to successfully get a legislative appointment." Issues to be discussed at Lobby Day include: Pipeline Construction; Privacy issues (drones); Labor Rules on Survey Crews; the Brooks Act; Map It Once, Use Many Times Act and Minority-based companies.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Annual Meeting:** Dan Govero welcomed attendees to the meeting and reported that there were more than 270 registered for the conference.

**Awards:** Curtis McAdams reported that awards would be given during the annual awards luncheon.

**County Surveyors:** Lou Gilbert reported that the County Surveyors meeting had been poorly attended this past year and membership numbers were the same as last year. He reported that he would like to see “County” taken out of Chapter 60 and replace it with “Land” or “Private” Surveyor in order that all surveyors are held to the same standards, and required, by law, to record “ALL” of their surveys.

**CST Committee:** Kevin DeSain, absent, no report.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that the Spring workshop would be on Work Maps and Research - another “Back to Basics” seminar.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton discussed preserving the profession and devising a plan to move the profession forward.

**Handbook Committee:** Chairman Norman Ellerbrock, absent. It was reported that the new revised handbook was available for \$100 (paper version) and \$50 (digital version).

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that 2014 marked the 250th anniversary of St. Louis and the St. Louis chapter would be reenacting the Chouteau survey of the first blocks of St. Louis including the Gateway Arch grounds. Also, 2015 is the anniversary of the Founding of the Initial Point.

**Legislative Committee:** Rich Barr discussed the legislation from the last session in particular the education bill that died in committee due to the chair of the Professional Registration Committee not giving it a hearing. He discussed the Design Alliance’s bill to rewrite Chapter 327 and asked Adam Teale to give an overall of the education bill. Adam noted the current 12 hours to acquire a Missouri license and discussed the proposed 30 hours which included additional hours in legal aspects. He reported that this change would not take effect until 2018 and 2022 respectively.

Rich Barr then introduced our three surveyor/legislators: Robert Ross discussed the history of bills, in particular the bill to move the Land Survey Program to the Department of Agriculture. Bart Korman discussed the education bill and the changes to chapter 327, and Rocky Miller discussed the need for “One Call” legislation.

**Membership Committee:** Adam Teale reported that the membership was down about 60 PLS members from last year.

**MoDOT Committee:** Gary Bockman, Chairman absent, no report.

**Newsletter:** It was reported that Don Martin would take over as Editor of the Missouri Surveyor. John Holleck was commended for his many years of service to MSPS.

**Nominating Committee:** Joe Carrow presented the slate of officers and directors for 2013-2014. Robert Ubben ascended to President.

It was moved and seconded to elect Adam Teale as President-Elect by acclamation. The motion passed. There were a motion and a second to elect Jim Mathis by acclamation to the position of Vice President. This motion also passed.

Carrow reported that the nominees for the Secretary-Treasurer position were Stan Emerick and Joe Clayton. A ballot was distributed for members to vote on these positions as well as the Board of Directors terms that ended 2016. Those nominated for these positions were: Susanne Daniel, Michael Gray, Bob Anderson and Mark Wiley. After the written vote, Joe Clayton was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Susanne Daniel and Mike Gray were elected to the Board of Directors.

**PAC Committee:** Richard Barr reported that the current balance in the PAC account was \$2,122.02 and reported that everyone donated their winnings from the golf tournament back to the PAC.

**Public Relations Committee:** Rich Howard reported that there was a sale in the Sales booth.

**Scholarship Committee:** John Stevens reported that there were many applicants that met the criteria for the scholarship and the winner was James Logan Dowd of Glen Ellen, Missouri who was seeking a career in Engineering/Land Surveying.

**Standards Committee:** Stan Emerick and Chris Wickern had no report.

**Trig-Star Committee:** John Stevens reported that Matt Wallace gave the Trigstar test to Rebecca Frock who also took the NSPS (national) test.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

**Kansas City:** Robert Ubben reported that all officers were in place with the exception of a President for the chapter.

**St. Louis:** Chuck Quimby announced plans for the St. Louis Anniversary and also noted that attendance at meetings was down as well as membership.

**Southwest:** No report

**Southeast:** No report.

**Central:** Jon Cole reported that the Chapter recently had a safety workshop and was planning another meeting in December. The chapter meets quarterly.

**Ozark:** Jack Dill reported that their membership and attendance were down and that Gary Bockman and Gaylon Smith had participated in a merit badge event with the Boy Scouts.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Recording Task Force:** Mark Wiley reported that the results of months of meetings were attached to the meeting handouts for members to read. He noted that he is waiting for a direction from the MSPS Board of Directors after they have reviewed the Committee Memo.

**Land Survey Program:** Darrell Pratte was given an opportunity to discuss the Program's move from DNR to Agriculture. He noted that the historic plat books were currently being housed at the Secretary of State's vault in Jefferson City due to leaking issues with the Rolla vault. He reported that the Original Field notes needed to be color scanned and that the program is looking for a new location in Rolla. He reported on the meeting with Dr. Jon Hagler and Dennis Baird, the Deputy Director which he noted went very well - that they listened to the needs of the program. He reported that the revised Standards of Practice were in the works to be promulgated as well as the Cadastral Mapping Standards.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mentoring Program:** It was suggested that a Task Force be assigned the task of discussing the need for more surveyors and younger persons going into the field.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.