

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas October 24, 2014

### MINUTES

President Robert Ubben called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 57th Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Joe Clayton. **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 Joe Clayton. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD**: Mike Flowers, Member, Land Survey Division, Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects reported that the Governor had actually made a few appointments and that there was only one vacancy on the engineering division and the chairman and that Bob Hartnett was still the acting chairman. He reported on the SB809 which contained changes to Chapter 327 and the Definition of Surveying and what a “Big Deal” these changes were to surveyors. The bill says that Professional Surveyors’ service or work involves: The subdivision of land into smaller tracts and preparation of property descriptions; and the survey and location of rights-of-way and easements. He noted that an article will be in the next Board newsletter on the new Chapter 327 language.

**LAND SURVEY ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT**: Stan Emerick reported that it had been nearly two years since legislation was passed to form the Commission and there is still no action from the Governor to appoint members.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR’S REPORT**: Darrell Pratte reported that all but three counties are able to file electronically and that the repository would be adding a Land Survey Specialist soon. He reported that the Field Survey section would be hiring a PLS or experienced technician. He reported that the Corner Coop program would be eliminated due to funding. He also reported that the Director of Agriculture had not signed off on the new Minimum Standards and Cadastral Mapping Standards.

**NSPS GOVERNOR’S REPORT**: As Missouri’s Governor Troy Hayes was currently in an NSPS meeting, there was no report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Annual Meeting**: It was reported that there were approximately 380 in attendance with many exhibitors at the bi-state meeting.

**Awards:** Adam Teale reported that awards would be given during the annual awards luncheon.

**County Surveyors:** Loyd Todd, absent, no report.

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

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that the Spring workshop would be “A Surveyor in Court” and the annual meeting would be centered on Joseph Brown. He also discussed the Minimum Standards Workshop noting that the majority of members wanted to keep the face-to-face workshop.

**GIS/Vision 21 Committee:** Joe Clayton, Chairman, had no report.

**Handbook Committee:** Chairman Norman Ellerbrock had no report.

**History Committee:** Stan Emerick reported on the 250th anniversary celebration of St. Louis and the activities by members of the St. Louis chapter and other MSPS members at the Gateway Arch grounds this past summer. He also reported that 2015 would be the anniversary of the Founding of the Initial Point in Missouri and the committee was working on a presentation about Joseph Brown for the 2015 annual meeting with plans to raise funds for a monument to be put on his grave in Bellefontaine Cemetery on October 17, 2015. Initial estimates for the marker/monument range from \$10,000-15,000.

**Legislative Committee:** Adam Teale discussed the Education bill introduced by MSPS last year and the plans for 2015 session. He discussed options of reintroducing the bill or making changes to the education requirements. He announced that the Board would be meeting to make a decision on the legislation during the conference.

**Membership Committee:** John Lilak announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership number were approximately the same as 2013 and growing.

**MoDOT Committee:** Earl Graham distributed a written report where he noted plans to gather information on MoDOT activities for the coming year.

**Newsletter:** Don Martin, editor, absent, no report.

**Nominating Committee:** Sharon Herman presented the slate of officers and directors for 2014-2015. Adam Teale ascended to President.

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

Ms. Herman reported that the nominees for the Secretary-Treasurer position were Robert Ross

and Gerald Bader. A ballot was distributed for members to vote on these positions as well as the Board of Directors terms that ended in 2017. Those nominated for these positions were: Earl Graham, Monnie Sears, Charles Quinby and Jeremy Powell. After the written vote, Gerald Bader was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Earl Graham and Charles Quinby were elected to the Board of Directors.

**PAC Committee:** Richard Barr had no report. See financial report for cash on hand in the PAC account.

**Public Relations Committee:** Charles Quinby reported that no new apparel items were purchased for the annual meeting. The committee is trying to sell down their inventory. He reported on the activities at the "Party at the Arch" - the anniversary celebration in St. Louis and how Stan Emerick should be commended for all his work on making this a success. My Quinby also reported on the efforts to raise money for the Joseph Brown monument.

**Scholarship Committee:** John Stevens, absent. A written report is part of the meeting information which notes that no Pirrie scholarship was given this year due to the nine applications not going into the field of surveying. A non-traditional scholarship was awarded to Adam Miller who is attending Missouri Southern University.

**Standards Committee:** Stan Emerick reported that the Committee is waiting on the approval of the new Standards by the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

**Trig-Star Committee:** John Stevens reported in his written report that Matt Wade was again the only participant in the Trigstar program and the winner for Missouri was Zachary Wade.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**None**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.