

# MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri

October 23, 2020

## MINUTES

President Susanne Daniel called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 63rd Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the October 4, 2019 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Ray Riggs. **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 Ray Riggs showing an overall balance of \$169,374.19 and a checking account balance of \$19,770.68. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

**REGISTRATION BOARD**: Jerrod Hogan, chair, presented the Registration Board report. He reported that Mark Nolte had been nominated by the Governor to fill the vacancy left by Mike Freeman. He reported on the mandates that the COVID pandemic has brought on and the virtual meetings that have taken place. The board voted early in the year that all PDUs could be obtained virtually. This will be reviewed at their upcoming meeting in November. He reported that there are 568 PLSs in the state and 296 out of state Missouri PLSs. Additional information may be found in the written handout attached.

**STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT**: Ron Heimbaugh submitted a written report and appeared via video for his presentation. He reported that the program currently has 12 employees with a position for a surveying technician open. He reported that during the past fiscal year the Repository processed and indexed 14,389 land survey documents to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 1,199 documents each month. A total of 29,875 orders was received through the LSI and CMI online databases, an average of 2,490 orders each month. This year the Repository is in the process of updating the "help" menu which contains tutorials, how-to's and frequently asked questions to assist in utilizing the Land Survey Index and Corner Master Index online databases.

Restoration of the USPLSS corners continues to be one of the primary goals of the Field Surveys Section. Contracts resulted in the restoration of 159 corners with a total of 1,922 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program. This past year there were 26 active land survey investigations and the reestablishment and restoration of 161 USPLSS corners. He also reported that 107 first and second order benchmarks were recovered.

The LSP submitted the LDP system proposal to the NGS in March, 2020 and received approval of the proposed system. Currently they are in the process of fine tuning the zones by evaluating the distortion in both the rural and urban areas within each LDP zone.

**NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**: Mike Zahner reported that the NSPS Fall meeting was next

week and he planned to attend virtually, as well as some of the committee meetings. All meetings area being held virtually. He reported that NSPS is holding a diversity poll and encouraged members to participated. He also encouraged MSPS members to contribute to the NSPS PAC. Their 2020 goal is to get \$75,000 in donations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Annual Meeting:** Joe Clayton, chair, reported that Friday's attendance has the maximum amount of meeting attendees (160) for COVID regulations and over 100 attendees for both Thursday and Friday. He reported that some of the speakers would be by video as they could not travel in person. He reported that the meeting next year will be at the Lake of the Ozarks.

**County Surveyors Committee:** Matt Thomas, President, reported that MAPCS held a meeting in July at the Bennett Springs State Park and a meeting March at the State Land Surveyor's office in Rolla. They also have plans to monument the 5<sup>th</sup> Principle Meridian next year.

**CST Committee:** Norman Ellerbrock, chair, absent, no report.

**Education Committee:** Chairman Dan Govero reported that the 2020 Spring Workshop was held in August. He is planning for the 2021 workshop and searching for speakers. He asked for new topic suggestions for future workshops.

Joe Paiva reported that he currently has 38 students for the surveying II class. He noted that State Tech offers 12 hours of surveying courses and classes are held with remote and in person sessions. There is also a online hybrid available for Surveying I classes. He introduced two instructors from State Tech - Ryan McDowell and Jim Peterson.

Dan Govero reported that the Missouri Division of Workforce Development will pay for interns for six months. He will write an article on this issue for the next newsletter.

**History Committee:** Joe Clayton reported that Missouri is celebrating the Missouri Compromise this year and will be celebrating the Bi-centennial in 2021. He reported that the Bob Myers Compass will be on display at the Missouri State Capitol soon and he is doing a presentation about the Osage Treaty Line later in the day.

**Legislative Committee:** Bart Korman, chair, and Lynne Schlosser, lobbyist, reported on information from the last legislative session and the Special session that was held in July. They reported that the bill to change the name of the LSP building for Robert Myers will be the first bill that they get introduced. They also reported that the committee has been working on some changes to Chapter 327 sections dealing with education and experience. They took a vote of the members present on lowering education and experience threshold for LSITs and for PLSs. The language for the bill will be sent to Legislative Research for a draft and then sent to the committee and board of directors for their input. The reasoning behind these changes are to get more people licensed.

Representative Don Mayhew spoke about his years in the House and the upcoming session. His bill (HB 1603) on corner sections will be re-introduced next year. He will work with MSPS on the naming of the building for Bob Myers. He encouraged everyone to get bills in early after December and offered his assistance on any other legislation since he will be the only surveyor in the House this year.

**Membership Committee:** Robert Ubben announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers have been stable for the last couple of years. He also encouraged firms to sign up their staff as associate members.

**Newsletter:** Don Martin, editor, absent. A written report was submitted for the packet on the various articles written for the newsletter as well as the members who authored these articles.

**Awards/Nominating Committee:** Susanne Daniel reported that online voting was used this year (due to the COVID) and the results of the election are below:

Earl Graham as President  
Brad McCloud as Present Elect  
Ray Riggs as Vice President  
Robert (Bob) Anderson as Secretary/Treasurer  
Kirk Baldwin as a Board Member  
Chris Ferguson as a Board Member

**A motion was made and seconded to accept the results of the online election and for nominations to cease. This motion was approved by the membership in attendance.**

Joe Clayton reported that the two award winners would not be in attendance at the awards luncheon due to the COVID. They are:

Surveyor of the Year - Steve Weible  
Myers Service Award - Gerald Bader

Congratulations to both gentlemen for their untiring dedication to the profession of Surveying.

**PAC Committee:** Bart Korman reported the balance in the PAC account was \$1,309.28. Boeckman reported that several of the regular golfers donated their winnings back to the back to the PAC and thanked them for this practice. It was also reported that there will be a profit from the golf tournament and it will be deposited to the PAC account.

**Public Relations Committee:** Charles Quinby reported that the sales committee had given each attendee a \$10.00 off coupon for merchandise at the sales booth. He also reported on the other items for sale such as portfolios and thermo cups, hats, dress shirts, tee shirts and baseball shirts.

**Scholarship/TrigStar Committee:** Gerald Bader, absent. A written report was incorporated into the meeting handout. A \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to Brayden Brincks to attend the Michigan Technological University and three non traditional scholarships were given to students

in the State Tech Program - Ryan Carlton, Justin White and Hannah Swanson. The Trigstar was cancelled this year due to the COVID-19.

**Standards Committee:** Robert Ubben reported that the Standards Committee is still working with the Land Survey Program in Rolla on the new State Plane Coordinates System and NGS. They are also reviewing the original Definition of Surveying. The committee will have a report for the December Board Meeting.

**Technology/GIS Committee:** Jon Cole and Jess Moss, absent, no report.

**Young Surveyors/Mentoring:** Casey Young, absent, no report.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Metro:** No report

**St. Louis:** No report.

**Southwest:** No report.

**Ozark:** No report.

**Southeast:** No report

**Central:** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**None**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.