

PLSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 9, 2006

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Gaylord at 10:10 a.m. at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. It was determined that a quorum was present. There were 12 of the 18 voting members present. Introductions followed.

Officers Present:

- Chair Pat Gaylord
- Chair-elect Dan Linscheid
- Past Chair Sue Newstetter (excused)
- Executive Secretary Ed Graham

Board Members Present:

Brian Reeves	President	Central
Chris Yotter-Brown	President-elect	Central
Tim Fassbender	President	Midwest
Clell Goodwin	President-elect	Midwest
Chuck Wiley	President	Pioneer
John Putnam	President-elect	Pioneer
Kerry Bradshaw (excused)	President	Rogue River
Brett Elithorp (excused)	President-elect	Rogue River
Keith Rhine	President	South Central
Mason Marker(excused)	President-elect	South Central
Aaron Graham	President	Southwest
Tom Hoesly	President-elect	Southwest
Herman Pieske (excused)	President	Umpqua
Romey Ware	President-elect	Umpqua
Royce Hill	President	Willamette
John Newberg (excused)	President-elect	Willamette
Tom Smith	President	Blue Mountain
Robert English (excused)	President-elect	Blue Mountain

Committee Chairs Present:

Herb Farber	Strategic Planning	Rogue River
Tim Fassbender	Awards & Legislative	Midwest
Lloyd Tolbert	NSPS	Midwest
Greg Crites (@ 11:00 am)	WFPS	Pioneer

(Note: Motions are underlined; action items marked with *.)

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was revised to include a discussion concerning a salary survey under New Business. After this addition, the agenda was accepted without objection.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded (Fassbender/A. Graham) to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2006 minutes. The motion passed.

Secretary’s Report:

Finance:

Checking	\$82,156.37	
Conference	\$9,396.22	
Money Fund	\$109,730.79	(Up \$1,374.39 from June 3.)
Total Assets	\$201,288.38	

As of September 10, 2005, the total stood at \$153,215.23.

Membership by class:	2003	2004	2005	2006 (to date)
Corporate	586	632	609	583
Associate	91	106	107	119
Special	17	25	22	17
Student	39	37	19	30
Life	29	14	19	28
Retired	2	9	10	14
Totals	764	823	786	791

As of September 10, 2005, the total membership stood at 783. New members who join PLSO from this point forward will be given member status for the remainder of 2006 and all of 2007. If you know of anyone thinking about joining, now is the time. Renewal reminders for current members will be going out about the middle of November. Beginning December 1, you can renew using a credit card and the fax machine. Details will be provided on the renewal reminder.

Communications:

PLSO received a thank you letter from Rene Clough in response to the award for authoring one of the two articles of the year. The Museum of Surveying is inviting state societies to become “Land Office Sustaining Members” and receive special considerations in return. The Museum is also offering state banner quilts and pillows for sale. The quilts are made up of blocks of the various state banners. PLSO received the list of 11 individuals who passed the April PLS examinations for registration in Oregon. Only one is currently a member of PLSO and received the automatic upgrade to Corporate. An invitation to join PLSO was mailed to the other 10, but I have yet to hear from any of them. Also OSBEELS is looking for experts to assist with compliance matters. The details are available on the PLSO and OSBEELS websites. Address changes may be delaying your “Oregon Surveyor” magazine. LLM submitted 26 new forwarding addresses and 13 “undeliverable” addresses. All but two (Sascha Skye, and Dekkion Mackai) have been resolved.

Report from the Chair:

Chair Gaylord produced a list of communications he has received since the June 3 meeting. The list included the following:

- NSPS Insurance availability. Contact Graham for details.
- Questions regarding a joint conference with WFPS in Lane County. Assigned to Fassbender.
- OACES. Linscheid attended on behalf of PLSO.
- Letter from the National Park Service regarding the Lewis and Clark story board.
- PLSO representation at NSPS was opened for volunteers. Lloyd Tolbert agreed to serve. Sue Townsen volunteered as a back-up for Lloyd.
- ASPS inquired about a joint conference in 2008. A reply was sent declining the proposal, but no response was received.
- Mount Hood Community College communication was answered by Gary Anderson. Anderson's letter received praise from the PLSO Board.
- National Surveyors Week is being promoted. Contact your representatives in Washington, D. C. to support this effort.
- Caltans, or at least individuals who work for the agency, are expressing concern over the NCEES proposal to drop "Land" from the title and use only "Surveyor". A brief discussion followed, but no action was taken on the matter at this time.
- OACES will be holding a Fall Conference and Chair Gaylord plans to attend.
- The concept of a salary survey is supported by Chair Gaylord.
- A letter outlining the Florida process for Trig Star was introduced. It didn't appear to be something that would work well in Oregon.
- R. Charles Pearson is requesting financial assistance from PLSO so that he may continue as a representative with F.I.G.(Fédération Internationale des Géomètres). The PLSO Board suggested Pearson be invited to make a presentation in support of this request before any PLSO funds are offered.

OLD BUSINESS**Future Meeting Schedule Discussion:**

It was immediately made clear to the Executive Secretary that this matter had already been addressed and resolved at the June meeting. Arrangements for a regular meeting on October 14, 2006 will be made ASAP. There is no meeting scheduled for November. The final meeting of 2006 is scheduled for December 9 at the Valley River Inn, Eugene.

Bert Mason, Jr. Grant Fund:

Chair Gaylord distributed copies of a proposal from PPI Group in Portland to establish a foundation to assist survey instruction in Oregon and Washington. The discussion centered on the idea of tying the Bert Mason Grant to the PPI Foundation as a means of sustaining funds for said Grant. The outcome: It appears that the members of the Board agreed to support the PPI Foundation concept, but is not fully committed to the idea of linking the Bert Mason, Jr. Grant (BMG) to that program. The Grant should remain a PLSO program. It was suggested that PLSO take the initiative and contact vendors for financial support of the Grant. Fassbender will draft a concept proposal to incorporate vendors. Through the discussion, the whole matter was assigned to the Strategic Planning Committee for further study.

At this point, Chair Gaylord turned the meeting over to Chair-elect Linscheid who immediately called for Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards:

Fassbender reported that the list of available awards was approved at the last meeting. Most of the awards may be granted at the Chapter or Statewide level with only a specific few limited to statewide. The statewide awards require Board approval and nominations for those awards should be submitted for consideration at the December meeting.

Budget:

No report. Newstetter was unable to attend, but did indicate by telephone to the Executive Secretary the night before that PLSO was not broke.

Conference 2007:

Smith reported that the four members of the Conference Committee met on September 7 to re-start the planning process. During that meeting, a question arose regarding extending sessions to Saturday. Should PLSO offer PDH presentations on Saturday morning? Members of the Board cited low attendance as one of the reasons the Saturday sessions were dropped, but left the final decision up to the Conference Committee. As mentioned at a previous meeting, the plan is to offer a full-day workshop on Wednesday and a full-day Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) Exam Review on Saturday, each being separate from the Thursday and Friday conference registration. One registration rate will be set for the Wednesday Workshop, one for the Thursday/Friday Conference, and one for the FLS Exam Review. Credit cards will be welcome, but on-line registration won't be an option. There will be a Member and a Non-member conference registration rate. The Non-member rate will include PLSO membership for the remainder of 2007. That fee will be the Thursday/Friday Conference rate plus the \$120.00 annual renewal rate for licensees or the \$65.00 annual renewal rate for affiliate members. The workshop and the exam review will each have just one registration rate. The Wednesday Workshop topic will be "CSI" Cornier Site Investigation. The list of speakers and presenters for the Thursday and Friday sessions continues to grow.

Constitution and Bylaws:

No report.

Education Goals and Actions: (aka EGAC)

No report.

Legislative: (This item was delayed until after lunch.)

NSPS:

On the matter of the PLSO Representative to NSPS, it was moved and seconded (Fassbender/Putnam) to approve Lloyd Tolbert. The motion passed unanimously. Tolbert took this opportunity to open the discussion on NAFTA and the MRD (Mutual Recognition Document). After yet another review of the matter, it was moved and seconded (Fassbender/Putnam) to not support the MRD movement and to encourage NSPS to drop its support as well. (Secretary's Note: The word "bonk" was used in the original motion. However, a search for "bonk" did not yield any results. SFNF.) The motion passed.

Tolbert spoke in support of National Surveyors Week indicating the bill needed 50 co-sponsors by mid October. Write your congressmen to support National Surveyors Week. Tolbert will be participating in Lobby Day on September 30 and October 1. It was moved and seconded (Fassbender/Putnam) to send the information on National Surveyors Week to the PLSO lobbyist for additional assistance. The motion passed.

Oregon GPS Users Group (aka OGUG):

Minor was unable to attend the meeting, but did submit a note to announce the next OGUG meeting scheduled for October 27 at the Marion County Public Works Building in Salem. Speakers will include Cy Smith on “NavigatOR”, Don Lewis from DOGAMI, Matteo Luccio, editor of the GIS Monitor, Ron Singh and Ken Bays with ODOT to demonstrate Oregon Real-time GPS Network. Mark Riggins will also make a presentation.

Legislative:

Fassbender summarized the discussions that took place during the committee meetings over the summer. The meetings resulted in draft amendments to ORS 92 and ORS 209. Copies of the draft language were distributed to the members in attendance to stimulate discussion. The mission was a resounding success! A lively discussion did ensue along with words of praise for the work accomplished by the Committee. PLSO Members should obtain copies of the drafts, review the language, and submit comments back to the Legislative Committee. Until the draft language is refined and generally accepted by the parties involved, it will not be posted on the web. Members of the PLSO Board and the Legislative Committee will have updated copies.

OSBEELS Liaison to PLSO:

Neither Neathamer nor Anderson were able to attend, therefore, Linscheid reported. Ron Singh made a presentation to OSBEELS on digital signatures. Carl Tappert, PE has been appointed to replace Dave Taylor. Reviewers and expert witnesses are wanted. Interested parties can find the information and forms on the PLSO and the OSBEELS websites. Construction surveying is under discussion by OSBEELS as well as the Right of Entry. Linscheid did announce that the PLSO door hanger is in compliance with the law. However, improvements may be in order for future printings.

PLSO Liaison to OSBEELS:

(See OSBEELS Liaison to PLSO)

Strategic Planning:

Farber distributed copies of the proposal from Transformation Systems International and Tammy Roberts to assist with objective related to the Strategic Plan. Accomplishments are slowly being compiled for use in updating the plan. A tentative date of January 13 and 14, 2007 has been proposed for a retreat style session. An estimated budget of \$6,000.00 was brought forward by Farber. It was moved and seconded (Fassbender/Putnam) to approve the \$6,000.00 budget. The motion passed. All members of the PLSO Board are strongly encouraged to attend. Especially those who will be taking office in 2007.

OACES:

No Report. Chair Gaylord is planning to attend the OACES Fall Conference.

Publications:

No report.

Scholarship:

No report.

Webmaster:

No report

WFPS:

Crites distributed copies of the June 21 meeting minutes via e-mail earlier. Additional copies are available through the PLSO Executive Secretary. The next meeting is set for October 23. Crites is currently the Chair of the ad hoc Committee on State Licensure. He is investigating the concept of a regional specific examination that would serve all of the WFPS states and replace, or at least minimize the need for the repetitive “state specific” add-on to the NCEES exam. There was some discussion of the concept, but no serious objections at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

Trig Star Day:

Addressed in the Report from the Chair.

Advertising Policy for the PLSO Website:

This item arose when a seminar group asked to place an ad on the PLSO website. The Executive Secretary was unable to find any policy on the matter. The policy regarding advertising in The Oregon Surveyor was mentioned as a guide. The policy will be on the agenda for a later meeting.

Revisions to the PLSO Door Hanger:

Discussed under the OSBEELS report.

Salary Survey:

Wiley asked if PLSO should conduct a salary survey. There were no strong feelings either way, but the topic will be on the agenda for a later meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2006:

October 14 – Eugene
November – No meeting
December 9 – Eugene

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 15:25.