

**Meeting of the Board of Directors of the PLSO  
Umpqua Community College, Roseburg  
November 17, 2007**

Attending:

Bill Lulay, Pres. Elect Willamette  
John Newberg, Pres. Willamette  
David Malone, 2008 President-Elect Willamette  
Ty Parsons, Webmaster, Willamette  
Lee Myers, President Elect, Blue Mountain  
Bob English, President, Blue Mountain  
Tim Fassbender, Leg, Awards, Conf. Chair, Mid West  
Paul Galli, President-Elect Pioneer  
John Putnam, President, Pioneer  
Brian Reeves, Central  
John Minor, Pres Proxy, SouthWest  
Romey Ware, President, Umpqua  
Joel Smith, - Umpqua CC  
Ron Quimby, President-Elect, Umpqua  
Clell Goodwin, President, MidWest  
Jonathon Oaks, President-Elect, MidWest  
Ed Henricks, Chair Elect  
Dan Linscheid, State Chair  
Mason Marker, President, South-Central  
Logan Miles, President-Elect, Rogue River  
Charles Smith, 2008 President-Elect

Staff: Ed Graham, Mary Louise VanNatta

Absent: Dan Wobbe, Pres-elect, Central; Jack Butler, Pres-elect, South Central.

Visitor: Roy Warner, UCC Student

The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by State Chair Linscheid

Introductions were made.

Mary VanNatta, new Executive Secretary introduced herself briefly. She has 20 years association experience and earned a Certified Association Executive designation.

Item was added to the agenda under New Business to consider Life Member Nomination and approve as amended without objection. The Pioneer Chapter intends to nominate G. Robert Taylor for Life Member Status.

Minutes: Sept. 22, 2007 minutes were reviewed from the Board Meeting held at OIT.

**MOTION: Galli moved the minutes be accepted as prepared, Logan Miles seconded.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary Report: Distributed by Ed Graham

Checking account at \$64,481.89 conference acct. \$4,973.66, Smith Barney money fund \$116,059.45 (up \$805.93 from September). Total assets are: \$185,515. We did not meet in November of last year, so the October 14, 2006 we had \$191,254 and are a little behind last year. Membership didn't meet the 2004 level, but are standing at 814. The associates and student classifications is a little higher than last year, but the corporate numbers are down. The state board said there are 1400 + are active and we have only about 1/3 of those. Renewal process is being created. If you don't receive your renewal by Dec. 31, contact Mary Louise.

Policy items that need to be discussed are the checking account and the annual policies. Meeting dates must also be considered. Renewals are going out at the end of the month. The NSPS dues sheet will be included.

*Jim Hibbs Arrived*

Reorganization Committee: Putnam reported that PLSO has a signed contract and a replacement for Graham. Questions about the contract and items included were briefly discussed. Graham reported that he was very comfortable with how the contract was created. Items from the conference will travel with the conference committee.

Chaining Oregon Book: Graham reported that Kay Atwood may be willing to sell the books at cost to PLSO and we could sell them for scholarship revenue.

Committee reports:

Awards Committee: Fassbender reported that he believes that surveyor of the year will be accepted at this meeting.

Conference Committee: Fassbender said there is only one more speaker to finalize. A student speaker will attend to feature one of his papers. A notice on the conference was in the newsletter. Want the mailing to go out in the second week of January. Website will also be updated. Registration costs are being calculated. A Wed. seminar with a Thursday, Friday and a social are scheduled. Question on timing of meetings was discussed. Job shadowing was discussed. Local high school students will be invited to come in to learn about the profession. There will be some headliner speakers. If you are in private practice, and business is down, they will help you. Jeff Lucas; Dan Beardsley; Mike Gordon, CPA; Marion Hiddell, Conflict Resolution; Larry Phipps, OSHA; Ken Bays, ORGNetwork; Christine Shirley, FEMA updates; Kyle Hensley, BLM.

Legislative Committee: Fassbender reported that he is waiting for the change in the leadership to have any meetings at this time. He spoke to the South Willamette Valley Utility Commission about the placement of utilities. A brief discussion of the lobbying contract took place.

OregonGPS Users Group: Minor reported no meetings recently and no meetings scheduled in the near future.

OSBEELS: Linscheid reported that he had heard there had been some concern about the Oregon Examiner using names in reporting compliance matters. A discussion about releasing names was held. There is some public information. There is an issue between having a “complaint” or if the Board has taken any action. The Board’s policy is to “not” publish names until the case is closed. Something that might be concern to the group is a reduction in the carry-over fund for the board and there have not been any renewal increases since 1997.

*Lloyd Tolbert (NSPS), Gary Anderson (EGAC/OSBEELS) and Tim Kent (EGAC/OIT) Arrive.*

Anderson reported that OSBEELS newsletter is at the printer, the new Board Member, Samantha Bianco, has been appointed by the Governor to replace Bob Neathamer. There was an issue about inclusion of names in law enforcement minutes. The OSBEELS website is moving to Oregon.gov.

Linscheid went to the AOC meeting and said that they will remove the archival standards from websites. A surveyor recommended that the legislative committee consider increasing the corner fund revenues from \$10 to \$20. Digital signatures were discussed. Ron Singh handed out some histories of the “highway department.” He also has all these standards for surveys (4 documents) on line. They want to go to a low distortion projection. ODOT has a real need to have this methodology to transfer their data electronically, with security. They will be working with OSBEELS to get that going. The other decision that ODOT is considering is changing the geoid definition.

Publications: No report

Scholarship: No report

Strategic Planning Update: ML will locate and distribute the Strategic Plan to the board.

Website: Parsons said he has been making as few changes as possible on the website until the website revisions are complete.

Educational Goals and Actions: Anderson reported that he submitted a report on this year’s activities. Programs such as Trig-star tested 400 students and they spoke to more. He would like to create a roster of speakers. Speaker training would be helpful. In the

bylaws there is a line item suggesting that this committee is a clearing house for educational resources. Is anyone aware of PLSO involvement in advisory committees with community colleges. A roster of high schools was passed out for chapters to locate a high school to promote the profession. It was mentioned that it was being a job shadow, but at the conference, it will be a full day.

A discussion of the importance of advisory committees was held. It is driven by Pell Grants. FFA clubs have a surveying competition every year. Increasing student's interest in the program is very important. It is important to have professional involvement in the advisory committee. The OIT program was complimented. The EGAC committee will need more money than in the past to distribute the CLSA materials around the state. Currently this funding supports ads, TWIST and needs to distribute CLSA materials. There is an excellent video which can be formatted for PLSO. CLSA wants \$1000 to order and they will need \$1000 for distribution.

**MOTION: Putnam moved that the board authorize purchase of the license for the Educational Package from CLSA, Myers seconded.**

Clarification: Anderson asked for additional monies to copy and distribute. Hard numbers can be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion: How duplication would happen was discussed.

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION: Galli moved that we give the committee a "not to exceed" budget of up to \$4,000 to purchase and print the packets. Putnam seconded.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

NSPS: Tolbert reported about insurance through NSPS. He reviewed the minutes of the Board of Governor's meeting. 4228 is the membership, up 12%. The State Legislation Committee is developing a webpage geared towards lawsuit liability and other items in other states. Language for railroad abandonment was discussed. There is a list of scholarships on the ACSM website and applications are due Oct. 15 of each year.

A teacher's conference (TWIST) was set for Chemeketa Community College. Anderson asked the Board to promote the program.

Mason Marker reported that he has to post the official enrollment numbers and they are up 40%, with 5 graduating in June. There are currently 65 students in the program with a target number of 85.

New Business:

Conference Dates: There was a comment at the Chapter level to move the conference to the winter. Blue Mountain wants to move it to the fall. Willamette Chapter voted to move it back to the fall, Clell Goodwin said they'd like it in December. Problems in the fall are that the students go home for holiday break and student enrollment will go way down. The week after Thanksgiving used to be the week. February was discussed because it was slow. It was decided to take this back to the chapter for a discussion.

OIT Request:

**MOTION: Leland Myers moved and Jim Hibbs seconded for the \$900 Bert Mason, Jr. Grant. The balance of the account was reviewed. This request would put the account \$380 over budget. \$1980 has been awarded to Chemeketa.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Nominations for Surveyor of the Year and Life Member Status were discussed. Putnam presented G. Robert Taylor as a candidate for Life Member. John Minor nominated Dan Linscheid as Surveyor of the Year. Hibbs nominated Bob Neathamer. Ed Graham was nominated by Bill Lulay, but declined the nomination.

It was noted that Rogue River gave a chapter award to Robert Neathamer, but he has already been Surveyor of the Year. The nomination for Neathamer for Surveyor of the Year was withdrawn.

Clell Goodwin also wanted to honor Ed Graham and moved he be selected Surveyor of the Year.

Both Linscheid and Graham met the requirements for nomination of Surveyor of the Year.

**MOTION: Lulay moved to close the nominations for Survey of the Year. Logan Miles seconded.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

A secret ballot was taken, collected and counted by VanNatta.

The Blue Mountain chapter asked if the Pioneer Chapter would take them back into the group. They are having trouble getting people to join the meetings. There was no action on the request.

Tolbert suggested that the group reinstate the professional practice committee to help respond to questions that the Executive Secretary may be asked.

Hendricks asked if the members would put together their notes and pass them on to the incoming officers.

Minor asked that Graham be formally recognized for his excellent service.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned and the Extraordinary Meeting was opened at 1:40 p.m.

#### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Gary Johnston and Tim Fassbender both qualified for the ballot for Chair-Elect.

A secret ballot was distributed and collected by Henricks.

Ballots were counted by Henricks and verified by VanNatta. Johnston, receiving the majority of the votes, was elected Chair-Elect for 2008.

Linschied was recognized for his excellent service as State Chair.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Louise VanNatta