

PLSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 09, 2006

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Patrick Gaylord at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. Introductions of 2006 and 2007 officers along with committee chairs followed.

Officers Present:

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

Members Present: (2006 Officers)

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

2007 Elected Officers Present:

Paul Galli	President-elect	Pioneer
Logan Miles	President-elect	Rogue River
Aaron Graham (for Cory Woodruff)	President-elect	Southwest
Bill Lulay	President-elect	Willamette
Leland Myers	President-elect	Blue Mountain

Committee Chairs and Others Present:

Lloyd Tolbert	NSPS	Midwest
Bob Neathamer	OSBEELS Liaison	Rogue River
Tyler Parsons	Webmaster	Willamette
Herb Farber	Strategic Plan	Rogue River
Denny & Delores DeMeyer	LSAW Historical Society	LSAW

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

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended to include a presentation from LSAW regarding the David Thompson Bicentennials. It was moved and seconded (Graham/Fassbender) to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no comments regarding the minutes of the October meeting. It was moved and seconded (Wiley/Hoesly) to approve the minutes of October 14, 2006. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report:

NOTE: This report was compiled 5 days prior to the meeting date. The figures below reflect activities through December 4, 2006, but will have changed slightly by the time this information is distributed. Executive Secretary Graham was not present.

Finance

The PLSO accounts stand as follows:

Checking	\$82,721.02	
Conference	\$15,380.88	
Money Fund	\$110,993.69	(Up \$759.33 from Oct. 14.)
Total Assets	\$209,095.59	

On December 3, 2005, the total stood at \$156,154.51.

Membership by class	2003	2004	2005	2006 (to date)
Corporate	586	632	609	592
Associate	91	106	107	120
Special	17	25	22	19
Student	39	37	19	31
Life	29	14	19	29
Retired	2	9	10	15
Totals	764	823	786	806

The renewal process is underway and to date, 303 individuals have paid through 2007 leaving 503 paid through December 31, 2006. At this point, only 10% are using a credit card to renew membership.

Members are reminded that, according to the Bylaws, Article X, Sections 1 and 2, dues shall be remitted on or before January 1 of each calendar year. After March 15, delinquent members are dropped from the roster.

Communications

I received a letter from Joe Young regarding the status of Associate and Student Members in NSPS. Copies of the letter are distributed with this report.

Report from the Chair: Chair Gaylord reported that he had received a reply from Rep. Blumenhauer. He also received a promotional packet from the Seaside Convention Center, but nobody wanted it.

Chair Gaylord took this opportunity to thank everyone for the past year as State Chair of PLSO. I'm sure he said more than "thanks", so feel free to use your imagination until the details are revealed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Website Proposal:

Parsons provided some background information then requested an initial \$700.00 to begin the update. Following more discussion, it was moved and seconded (Neathamer/Kent) to allocate the \$700.00 as requested in the Webmaster's report. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards:

Fassbender announced that award nominations are due at the next meeting. The recommendations for changes in the Operating Manual regarding Awards were distributed to the members for review and discussion. It was moved and seconded (Putnam/Ware) to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion passed. A copy of the recommendations is on file with these minutes.

Budget:

There was no budget report. There was a discussion concerning the travel budget for NSPS. It was moved and seconded (Fassbender/Putnam) to increase the budgeted amount from \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00. The motion passed.

Conference 2007:

English reported that there were still a couple of open spots for speakers at the conference. The Right of Entry will likely be added to the session agenda with OSBEELS in the spotlight.

Constitution / Bylaws: No report.

Education Goals and Actions:

Wiley filled in for Anderson. Kent presented the following proposal for Student Membership.

PLSO Guidelines for Geomatics/Surveying Student Membership

1. All students in a two or four year program in Oregon are automatically student members of PLSO with no fee required
 - a) the school is responsible for creating and maintaining the list and sending it to PLSO. this would happen at the beginning of each fall term (October)
 - b) the list will contain a students name, school address, hometown, (for directory use), and picture (maybe)
2. The Oregon Surveyor will be sent in bulk mailing to each school that has surveying students (saves mailing cost and address update problems) The school will disseminate the magazines to the students (this is now done at OIT with The American Surveyor magazine and works great).
3. PLSO will establish a mentor program for students from corporate members
 - a) this is a voluntary program for mentors
 - b) mentors select a student from the list of students posted on the members only PLSO web page
 - c) student responds to the mentor contact with an "acceptance letter" that introduces them to the mentor, and includes career goals, etc.
 - d) mentor and student meet at annual conference. mentor accompanies student to sessions, meals, etc. anything that helps to establish a good working relationship.
 - e) mentor might even help the student attend the conference by paying for room and board, etc.
4. PLSO Chapters, at their discretion, could pay for student's meals at chapter meetings. This is currently within chapter control.

Education Goals and Actions: (continued)

It was moved and seconded (Neathamer/Putnam) to support Kent's proposal as presented. The motion passed. A letter of introduction is needed ASAP for presentation to education programs throughout Oregon. *Kent will assist the Executive Secretary with a list of programs.

Marker described how Texas A & M students migrate from GIS to surveying. The discussion continued with comments related to the program at OIT. Kent unveiled their first recruiting brochure. They are looking to add the GIS Degree in Fall of 2007. A copy of the Update is made a part of this file.

Kent introduced a discussion on CORSE: Conference On Remote Sensing Education. This is a one week event in upstate New York for K-12 teachers. He is looking to bring the program to OIT. More discussion followed.

*Regarding Trig Start, Kent needs the names of the Trig Star Coordinators for each chapter, now.

Legislative:

Fassbender reported on the meeting that took place yesterday. The business included discussion of ORS Chapters 209 and 92. On 209, the definition of "Partition Land" was discussed. On 92, it was decided that the PLA element would be scrapped and the house keeping elements would be carried forward with a request for a taskforce to work on the language. New Business included a definition of "common areas, conservation easements, wetlands, bioswales" and all other types of non-developable areas on subdivision/partition plats. There was also a request to amend 672 to prevent planners from making requirement for non-survey related elements on plats. This action appeared to be unnecessary and opening 672 was not recommended by the group. There was also a discussion concerning a full time Executive Director to combat the wrongs by reviewer and judicial bodies that make local ordinances that cause all of this pain and suffering for our plats. It was suggested the topic be included in the Strategic Planning session this coming January. It was moved and seconded (Newberg/Wiley) to support the efforts of the Legislative Committee. There was an amendment (Ware) to the motion regarding specific portions of 92 that were not to be deleted. The amendment was supported by Newberg and Wiley. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously. The next Legislative Committee meeting will take place on January 12, 2007.

NSPS/ACSM:

Tolbert reported

GPS Users Group:

No report.

Before breaking for lunch, Mason Marker distributed a summary of activities at OIT. He also reported they have 55 students for next quarter. The "Geomatics Department Update" is made a part of this file and copies are available upon request.

OSBEELS Liaison to PLSO: Neathamer reported on the stamp issue which is primarily due to photogrammetrists. The renewal date matter is coming back. Neathamer was impressed with NCEES and commented on the exam concerns. Several candidates passed the test with a "0" on the geodetic portion. There was a discussion regarding suspended licenses. If your license is suspended during the course of an ongoing survey, OSBEELS may allow between 30 and 60 days to clean it up. On other matters of concern, OSBEELS has determined that a surveyor is required on franchise utilities and foundation inspections. ORMAP is to work on the wording of their disclaimer. OSBEELS also adopted 30 new rules. One can now earn PDH credit for writing exam questions. Candidates will get two chances to pas the PLS, then they must sit out four exam administrations before applying again. The next OSBEELS meeting is January 9, 2007 in Salem. Committees will meet on December 11 and 12 in Salem.

PLSO Liaison to OSBEELS:

No report

OACES Liaison:

No report. Chair Gaylord talked about the Bert Mason Grant and scholarships.

Publications:

No report.

Scholarship:

No report. Fassbender distributed a report concerning funding the Bert Mason Grant. “The bottom line is I (Fassbender) recommend that PLSO establishes an advisory committee or uses the Scholarship Committee and places the duty of working out a funding plan for the Bert Mason Grant. The PLSO Board of Directors would review the report generated from said committee and make a decision from there. A separate committee would be a better solution since this committee could be made up of PLSO members and local equipment vendors.” From the report, a copy of which is made a part of this file.

Strategic Planning:

Farber distributed a draft agenda and support information for the Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled for January 13 and 14 at the Valley River Inn, Eugene. The material was reviewed by the group. Linscheid suggested including the January Board of Directors Meeting on the agenda. Time constraints are the major concern.

Webmaster:

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

WFPS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Denny DeMeyer introduced the information related to the “North American David Thompson Bicentennials 2007 – 2011” event and requested PLSO participation through a representative and donations, now and over the next five years. It was moved and seconded (Hill/Neathamer) to adopt action bullets 1, 2, and 3 as follows:

1 – Appoint a DT200 Committee; 2 – Commit at least \$2,500 to support conversion of the existing museum exhibit to a traveling exhibit; 3 – Commit \$1,000 per year for 5 years to help sponsor the Annual Meetings of the American DT200 Committee. The motion passed with 8 in favor and 6 opposed. *To the best of their ability, Chapters are to find a DT200 Committee person as called for in the motion.

Nominations for Awards:

No action at this time. Nominations should be considered at the January meeting.

Good of the Order:

There was a discussion regarding a search for sustaining members. Those with adds show up in the Oregon Surveyor magazine. The Bylaws do not distinguish between “sustaining” and “special” members.

Adjourn:

It was moved and seconded (Graham/Hoesly) to adjourn the regular meeting. The motion passed.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING:

The Extraordinary Meeting was called to order by Chair-elect Linscheid. The 2007 Officers were assembled for the sole purpose of selecting a Chair-elect for 2007. The nominations were opened with three candidates: Lee MacDonald – Willamette Chapter; Paul Landau – Pioneer Chapter; Tim Fassbender – Midwest Chapter. All three met the deadline, but one was in the possession of the Executive Secretary having been received by US Mail rather than electronically. Since Fassbender was one of the candidates, he was asked to leave the room. After counting the written ballots, Paul Landau was elected to the position of Chair-elect for 2007.

Next Meeting:

There was nothing in the notes regarding the next meeting date.

Adjourn: The 2006 Extraordinary Meeting was adjourned.