

Meeting of the PLSO Board, May 2, 2009

Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR

Attending:

Gary Johnston, Chair

Tim Fassbender, Chair-Elect

Mary Louise VanNatta, Executive Secretary

Central (1), Brian Reeves, President; Scott Freshwaters, President-Elect

MidWest (2), Kent Baker, President; Renee Clough, President-Elect

Pioneer (3), Joe Ferguson, President-Elect

Rogue River (4), Herb Farber, President; Craig Claassen, President-Elect

South Central (5), Evelyn Kalb, President

Southwest (6), Edith Forkner, President; Walter White, President Elect

Umpqua (7), David Beedle, President; Randy Smith, President-Elect

Willamette (8), Tyler Parsons (by proxy for Dave Malone, President); Jack Burrell, President-Elect

Blue Mountain (9), Tim Simons, President; Bob Butler, President-Elect (via videoconference in Pendleton)

Committee Chairs: Bob Neathamer, Professional Practices; Tyler Parsons, Website; Greg Crites, WESTFED; Steve Haddock, Scholarship (via videoconference in Pendleton)

Guests: Clay Baumgartner; Brent Knapp, Umpqua Community College; Technical staff; Jean Ferguson; Dave Krumbein (via videoconference in Pendleton)

Absent: J. Edward Henricks, Past Chair; Lloyd Tolbert, ACSM/NSPS; Brent Bacon, Bylaws; Logan Miles, Awards; Dave Malone, Willamette President; Tim Kent, Conference; Mason Marker, South Central President-Elect; Bert Mason, Historian; Oran Abbott, Oregon Surveyor; Roger Galles, Archives; Shaun Fidler, Pioneer President ; John Nemecek, Finance; Gary Anderson, EGAC/OSBEELS Liaison.

Teleconference with Pendleton at Blue Mountain Community College

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Gary Johnston.

II. Welcome and Introductions.

Introductions were conducted. Simons, Haddock and Butler by Teleconference were welcomed.

III. Umpqua Community College Presentation.

Representatives from Umpqua Community College reported on the set up of the teleconference and to provide an update on the Community College improvements. Clay Baumgartner reported they received some stimulus money for the College. Brent Knapp reported that at the end of January, they met with Chemeketa and found that they had a good number of (the same) classes (7). They have developed a drafting pathways certificate. They

encouraged people to promote Umpqua for students who want to get into surveying. The PLSO Board gave Clay and Brent and their student volunteers a round of applause for their presentation and for hosting this meeting.

IV. Review and Approve of Agenda.

Agenda was presented by Johnston and approved.

V. Minutes of the March 14, 2009.

Minutes were distributed. It was noted that Bob Butler is President-Elect, not the President of the Blue Mountain Chapter.

MOTION: Farber moved and Ferguson seconded that that the Minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

VI. Executive Secretary Report

1. Membership Summary & 2009 Directory. There are 727 members. Membership recruitment has been completed and Membership Directory is completed and available online in the member's only section. We are working with Lori from Action Registration to develop an online membership renewal process for 2010, which would work in conjunction with registration for the annual conference

2. The combined PLSO accounts as of 4/29/09 have total assets of \$176,183.47. At the same time last year, the organization had \$193,296.69. Bank signers are in transition of being updated to current officers. Chapter presidents have been provided updated chapter financial reports to review. Visa gift cards were purchased to provide for TrigStar winners. Contact the office if you would like to request cards for prizes as the office cannot make reimbursement for cash payments. The tradeshow booth has been a successful addition to our outreach efforts. The tradeshow booth is available by reservation on the Google calendar or through contacting the office. A "Legislative Updates" link has been added to the member's only section of the website to keep members informed of pertinent legislative issues.

3. We are in the process of updating the, *Consider a Career in Surveying/Geomatics* brochure to reflect changes made in the Oregon education programs. Education Brochure will be going to print. The group discussed whether to include out-of-state schools in the brochure.

4. Tales of a stolen check. Stolen checks from the former chapter checking account have been reported to the Salem Police Department who will continue their investigation. The US Bank branch manager in Salem is writing a report and applying an alert to the closed account to help avoid future instances. VanNatta reported on the check theft issue from the old account. Ferguson reminded the group to destroy any old check or copies of checks that might be still be in files.

5. 2008 taxes have been submitted to the accountant.

MOTION: Farber moved that we limit the education brochure to Oregon universities and community colleges offering surveying programs as well as links to regional organizations that can direct people to other surveying programs, Freshwaters seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Report from the Chair

1. Johnston reviewed the calendar of events. The 50/150 group is working on the Willamette Stone today. June 27, Bend is the next board meeting. Mid West is tentatively setting up a workshop for June 8. Trade Show booth was discussed. Crites noted that at the Chemeketa show, the booth was never set up, but was on site. PLSO members who volunteered to assist did not show up. Follow through is important.
2. CLSA Event. Fewer members attended the California meeting than the Oregon one. Johnston has shared some of his observations with the conference committee.
3. Chapter Visits. Johnston has visited Mid-West Chapter during the last quarter.
4. Johnston has the brass caps and will experiment with putting them on wood bases.

VIII. Chair Elect Report

Fassbender reported that there is a lot of stimulus money out there. Crites reported they have been awarded some projects and there will be a lot of construction this summer.

IX. Chapter Activity Report.

South Central: Kalb said the group is doing well. They are placing concrete for monuments on the baseline.

MidWest: Baker invited people to their meeting on 2nd Tuesday in May to hear about underground locates.

Willamette: Burrell said they have the Oregon State Meeting coming up where the chapter will host a number of students and faculty. Crites added that there will be a presentation on mobile scanning. Many of the members are serving on the conference committee.

Umpqua: Smith reported on plans to participate in "Explore Engineering and Surveying Night" at UCC May 14, and the Harold Stockhoff memorial golf tournament underway May 2.

Rogue River: Farber reported on their meeting that will be on water boundaries. Claassen said Grants Pass High School has a career day scheduled this month.

Central: All is well. A chapter meeting was held last week.

SW Chapter: Next meeting is the second Wednesday of May

Pioneer: Ferguson reported that the Camp 18 meeting is coming up next month. There is a career fair next week.

Blue Mountain: Simons reported May 28 there is a meeting in LaGrande. They usually do an all-day workshop on December 5. There was a technical student conference in which they sponsored students.

Break for lunch at 11:25, return at 12:11

X. Old Business

1. Common Charity efforts for PLSO in 2009. Ferguson mentioned finding a charity that PLSO could get behind and support statewide. Food bank and Habitat for Humanity were mentioned. Farber said it was an idea worth exploring. He recommended a statewide organization. Simons said they didn't bring it up at their meeting. Baker said his group considered Red Cross or Big Brother, Big Sister, Salvation Army. Ferguson will

make some recommendations to the chapters and bring it up at the next board meeting. Claassen suggested a poll of the members. Johnston urged all chapters to discuss a possibility prior to the next board meeting.

2. Lodging costs. Fassbender presented a suggested travel policy. He asked the board to be frugal. This was presented as a board policy. How to calculate mileage and hotel rates was discussed. Whether to use state charts or MapQuest was considered. Using the rates that are available at a conference was mentioned. The draft policy will be revisited at the next board meeting.

XI. New Business

Tradeshow Booth: Johnston asked if the association needs another trade show booth. Fassbender suggested the old one go on Craig's List. Farber suggested that the old one be stored in Southern Oregon to be more available in that region. Johnston will look at the booth and consider its condition. Crites will assist.

Machine Control: Ferguson asked the Board if PLSO wants to take a stand on machine control and does that apply as surveying based on 672. A discussion about "what is surveying" needs to be held. This is being dealt with all over the country. Neathamer suggested the issue is that the contractors doing their own surfacing layout. Larger firms are doing it all the time. Crites will draft a letter to the OSBEELS board for the Chair's signature requesting the board's interpretation of when professional surveying is practiced in the conduct of machine control.

XIII. Strategic Planning Session (Seek Herb's feedback regarding this section in particular)

Farber reported on the status of the strategic plan and updated the group on the history of the planning. He noted that there were too many plans and we are streamlining the process. Claassen said we need to educate the members on the contents of the plan. Farber had the group review Figure 5. The PLSO Board divided into four work groups aligned with the four Strategic Directions to develop a list of initiatives. Following is a summary of results:

1. Inspire Members

Johnston reported that they will work to inspire members by polling members at Chapter Meeting, study successes of other chapters. Person-to-person with businesses and agencies and get their help. Get the OSBEELS list to get the list of non-members. Mary Louise can request a current listing of licensed surveyors from OSBEELS. We want to encourage the support of associates.

2. Conduct Outreach

Clough said the group wanted to see how effective TrigStar is as an outreach activity. Ferguson will do a presentation at the next conference to promote the professionalism of the TrigStar presenters. Need new ways to contact students in related majors. Better communication with Title Companies and GIS groups should occur.

3. Legislative Agenda

Fassbender said that we can create a legislative 101 and how we can communicate what is happening in Salem with the members. A legislative day or website page was suggested.

4. Foster Excellence (This section needs further clarification or edits from other participants)

How do we develop a library or syllabus to share information and put it on the website to share? Tricks of the trades, etc. Videotaping presentations. Haddock added that we would produce a uniform system to share knowledge. Topic of the month might be included and feature it on the website.

Farber asked each area group to send him a report of their private session and give a report at the next board meeting.

XIV. Committee Reports

1. Finance – Nemecek was not present, but he is looking at reallocating some funds to a CD. He is monitoring the checkbook and transactions for proper coding. Some chapters did not receive a detailed transaction report. In the future, reports will be furnished to the President and Vice President of each chapter.
2. Conference – Kent was not present. Burrell reported that the committee plans to meet monthly. The auction was an issue and the conference committee is asking each chapter to put together a major gift. Use your imagination. The committee will also bring an auction item. The conference netted about \$52k. Kent put together a conference process guide. Burrell said the location looks great.
3. Scholarship – Haddock reported that he attended the Idaho conference and got some great ideas on making the auction livelier. Idaho raised \$11k at their live auction. Individual surveyors contributed a lot of good items. Haddock talked to OSAC and he has received the information on the students who qualify. Applications should be received by the end of May.
4. Legislative – Freshwaters said he calls Gallagher at least once a week. Beedle wanted to discuss timely communications with the lobbyist. Smith expressed frustration about the direction of some legislative measures. The corner preservation fund proposal appears dead for this session. SB 344, the bill to appoint rather than elect surveyors, was discussed. It appears headed for the house. PLSO will monitor closely and attempt to retain the election of surveyors. HB 2339 was brought to the board's attention. It is concerned with publicly disclosing personal information of public board or committee members. It was decided this is not an issue for PLSO's legislative committee.
5. Education Goals and Actions – Anderson is at Willamette Stone. The 2009 Twist enrollment application is out for distribution. May 9 is the state TrigStar exam. Memorial benches at the Willamette Stone will be installed on May 13. May 30 at the Willamette Stone will be the public event commemorating improvements. Concerns about contacting Kent for scheduling the students for the state test for TrigStar was noted. Ferguson said they just need to show up in Vancouver. If the state test can be offered at another location was discussed. Members who need to schedule testing for the state exam should contact Tim Kent.
6. Oregon 50/150 – Today is the clean-up of the site.
7. PLSO to OSBEELS – Anderson – Absent; no report.
8. Geocache – Linscheid provided a written report. First PLSO geocache site was set up in Lincoln County and they had their first visitor in a day.
9. Membership – Fidler was absent. No report.
10. Professional Practices – Neatham reported that three inquiries had been received alleging unlicensed practice of surveying, but only one was likely to be presented to the OSBEELS Law Enforcement committee. There were 23 candidates who took the surveying exam on April 25. Preliminary test scores indicate 30-40% passed, results should be available by late this summer. OIT Geomatics Industrial Advisory Committee is meeting next Friday, May 8 on campus in Klamath Falls.
11. OSBEELS to PLSO – Linscheid provided a written report that the Law Enforcement committee is investigating a new complaint out of Washington County. They also received an 8-page opinion from its AAG which states that simply mailing written notice of entry will not comply with law. Johnston will send a letter from PLSO to OSBEELS requesting a copy of the opinion.
12. WFPS – Crites reported that there may be legislation enacted at the federal level regarding railroad monumentation. He is asking members to share stories of how railroad monumentation was removed. He

asked that members write either to Kurt Sumner or to Trish Milburn at ACSM. Send emails to trisha.milburn@acsm.net.

13. NSPS – Tolbert was absent. No report.
14. PLSO Liaison to OACES – Gaylord and Galli were absent. No report.
15. Oregon GPS Users group – Meeting and free BBQ at Hollingshead Barn in Bend on 6/19.
16. Constitution and bylaws – Bacon was absent. No report.
17. Publications – Abbott was absent. More articles are still needed from membership for *The Oregon Surveyor*.
18. Awards – Miles was absent. No report.

XV. Good of the Order – Johnston expressed appreciation for the board’s efforts working on the Strategic Plan.

XVI: Next Meeting – June 27 at the Deschutes County Road Department in Bend.

XVII. Adjourn at 3:07 p.m.

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