

PLSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 2007

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Linscheid at 8:36 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, Pendleton, Oregon. Introductions followed.

Officers Present:

- Chair Dan Linscheid
- Chair-elect (vacant)
- Past Chair Pat Gaylord
- Executive Secretary Ed Graham

Board Members Present:

Chris Yotter-Brown	President	Central
Dan Wobbe (excused)	President-elect	Central
Clell Goodwin	President	Midwest
Jonathan Oakes	President-elect	Midwest
John Putnam	President	Pioneer
Paul Galli	President-elect	Pioneer
Bob Neathamer (for Jim Hibbs)	President	Rogue River
Logan Miles	President-elect	Rogue River
Mason Marker	President	South Central
Jack Butler (excused)	President-elect	South Central
Mark Hoyer (for Tom Hoesly)	President	Southwest
John Minor (for Clyde Mulkins)	President-elect	Southwest
Romey Ware (excused)	President	Umpqua
Ron Quimby (excused)	President-elect	Umpqua
Ed Graham (for John Newberg)	President	Willamette
Bill Lulay	President-elect	Willamette
Robert English	President	Blue Mountain
Leland Myers	President-elect	Blue Mountain

Committee Chairs Present:

Brent Bacon	Constitution & Bylaws	Southwest
John Minor	OGUG	Southwest
Sue Newstetter	Budget	Blue Mountain
Gary Anderson	OSBEELS Liaison/EGAC/PPI	Pioneer
Lloyd Tolbert	NSPS Governor	Midwest
Herb Farber	Strategic Planning	Rogue River
Steve Haddock	Scholarship	Blue Mountain
Bob Neathamer	PLSO Liaison	

Guests Present:

Curt Sumner	Executive Director	ACSM/NSPS
Cael Neathamer	Legislative Committee	Rogue River
Tom Smith	Past President	Blue Mountain
Denny DeMeyer	Historical Society	LSAW

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

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended to add Executive Secretary Replacement and Election of a Chair-elect under New Business plus the addition of the Salary Study under the EGAC report. There were no other changes. It was moved and seconded (Minor/Miles) to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved and seconded (Myers/Putnam) to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2007 minutes. The motion passed.

Secretary’s Report:

Finance:

Checking	\$85,211.96	
Conference	\$119,577.48	
Money Fund	\$112,258.10	(Up \$688.12 from January)
Total Assets	\$317,047.54	

(That was before paying the conference bills. A more conservative report will follow in May.)
On March 1, 2006, the total stood at \$107,253.73 not including Conference.

Membership by class:	2004	2005	2006	2007 (to date)
Corporate	632	609	592	540
Associate	106	107	120	114
Special	25	22	19	16
Student	37	19	31	45
Life	14	19	29	26
Retired	9	10	15	13
Totals	823	786	806	754

The renewal process is complete as of March 15. At the time of this report, 754 individuals have paid through 2007 leaving 147 delinquents. The count looks like this:

Corporate	81
Associate	35
Special	6
Student	17
Life	3
Retired	5
Total	147 delinquents

If all of those “delinquents” were to renew, the total would be 901. As soon as the activity related to this conference is over, work will begin on the 2007 Directory.

Communications:

OSBEELS will be hosting the NCEES Western Zone meeting this April 12, 13 and 14 at Salishan. I will work with the OSBEELS staff to find a spot for PLSO to wave our banner. I'm open to suggestions as to what more the organization should do. Work will soon begin on the 2008 conference in Eugene. The Midwest Chapter will host the event. (End of Secretary's Report)

It was pointed out that 2009 will be the 50th anniversary of PLSO and the Pioneer Chapter was strongly encouraged to host that event in Portland. With that being said, the Pioneer Chapter stepped forward and will try to find a location in Portland.

OLD BUSINESS

David Thompson Bicentennial:

Chair Linscheid invited Denney DeMeyer to comment on the traveling exhibit and symposiums related to the Bicentennial. It was decided earlier that PLSO would contribute \$2,500 to the event with annual contributions to follow. There was some concern regarding the level of funding and DeMeyer was able to shed more light on the matter. It was concluded that PLSO would follow through with the original contribution, but the annual donations would be reduced for the \$1,000 first suggested. It was moved and seconded (Putnam/Neathamer) to contribute \$500 per year to the program over the next 5 years. The motion passed. *The Executive Secretary will process the \$2,500 check as originally approved by the Board.

Report from the Chair: (presented out of agenda order)

Chair Linscheid attended the ISPLS conference in Idaho and the LSAW conference in Washington. Chair Linscheid discussed the highlights of both events. (Secretary's Note: A copy of Chair Linscheid's report is included in the file with these minutes.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards:

No report.

Budget:

Newstetter distributed a revised budget document with the total expenditures reduced by about \$20K. This revised edition more closely reflects actual figures. Newstetter pointed out that PLSO has been relying too heavily on proceeds from the annual conference. There appears to be a need to develop a standard policy for conferences in the future. Newstetter also distributed a Profit & Loss summary for 2006 and a summary for the first quarter of 2007 through March 12. As a gentle, but blunt reminder for the Executive Secretary, another copy of the Revised Income and Expense Codes was handed out. It was also suggested that the Board take another look at the annual dues. The dues have remained the same for a number of years. Following a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Putnam/Neathamer) to increase the annual dues by 5% for the 2008 renewal period. The motion passed. (Secretary's Note: Based on the current rates, the new figures would be as follows: Corporate -\$126; Associate, Special & Retired -\$68.25; Student -\$23.10. This ES would suggest the Board consider these figures to be the maximum and adopt a succinct rate schedule for each of the membership classifications.) It was pointed out earlier that the signature card process at the chapter level is still a problem. The bank continues to impose different requirements and branches don't always keep up with the changes in officers. Following another brief discussion, it became clear that a totally different process has to be introduced. This matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Conference 2007:

It's too early for any report on this item. A summary will be provided for the May meeting in Salem.

Marker noted that a conflict exists with the September 15 meeting in Klamath Falls. If possible, the meeting should be changed to September 22. There was no opposition to this change.

Constitution and Bylaws:

Nothing to report until the committee receives a new assignment, according to Committee Chair Bacon.

EGAC:

Anderson distributed new CD's with updated information to each of the chapters represented. He also distributed a draft salary study format for review and consideration by the Board. The Committee is looking at updating the Education Brochure in the near future. Input now would be good. Action is needed to flesh out the details and definitions for the mentoring program. Anderson also mentioned the sale of "Lasting Impressions" from Berntsen. The book is available through the Executive Secretary at \$37.95 a copy. Anderson has developed a sticker for those who wish to buy the book and donate it to a school or library. Trig Star handouts are also available. The California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA) has compiled a promotional packet that they will sell to any non-profit for \$500. Anderson also reported on a successful negotiation with Washington County and ODOT regarding the moving of a roadside sign that the agencies placed directly on line between calibration monuments at Jackson School Road in Hillsboro. The sign was moved off line.

Salary Survey Discussion: Galli explained that the survey, aka "business survey", is ready to move forward if the Board approves. The survey will have a number of uses; one of which is by the parents of potential surveying students concerned with earning power. After discussing some salient details, it was moved and seconded (Neathamer/Miles) to approve the concept and draft format. The motion passed.

OIT Update: Marker reported that students are going out to conferences in Idaho and other states. They have also received invitations from other organizations such as the Hydrographic Society event.

It was reported that the program at UCC is on the chopping block. One of the engineering professors is retiring and the position will not be filled. This may adversely impact the survey program, especially with transfer students. This problem needs to be explored further. Gaylord also noted that the Boy Scouts of America may be dropping the Surveying Merit Badge. NSPS is investigating.

Legislative:

Chair Linscheid reported on each of the bills that PLSO currently has in play. Each bill was read into the record and discussed in great detail.

HB 2712 – Property Line Adjustments: The proposed "Task Force" concept has been approved by the Committee. A letter from Ware was also read into the record. Following a fair amount of discussion, it was moved and seconded (Neathamer/Putnam) to approve the task force approach. The motion passed with two (Southwest) opposed. The option to kill the recommendations from the Task Force if not acceptable to PLSO was also discussed. It did not appear necessary to add any language to make this clear.

HB 2713 – Partitions, etc.(one foot from monuments): The proposal was discussed by the group. It was moved and seconded (Myers/Neathamer) to support the bill as currently amended. Additional discussion followed the motion. It was decided that the value of the monument rests with the property owner, therefore, it was suggested that a letter to property owners providing guidance might be a better approach. On the motion to support the bill, the motion passed with one (Neathamer) opposed.

Legislative (continued):

HB 2714 – Paved-over Monuments: Negotiations are currently under way with OACES. The bill is proposed to be amended to extend the ODOT notice to cities and counties. The bill has taken on a life of its own and no longer resembles the original. It was moved and seconded (Putnam/Yotter-Brown) to withdraw this bill. The motion passed.

HB 2709 – Statute of Limitations: It was reported that the engineers oppose this bill. Since the issues and/or benefits appeared to be unclear, it was moved and seconded (Graham/Myers) to support the engineers in their quest for clarity with this measure. The motion passed with two (Goodwin and Putnam) opposed.

There was a discussion prompted by a letter from the Midwest Chapter regarding what appears to be a “disconnect” between the Legislative Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Chapters concerning the exchange of information. It became clear that greater involvement and continuous participation would resolve most of this dilemma. It was also decided that the e-mail list should include members of the Board as well as the members of the Legislative Committee in a effort to improve communication.

Strategic Planning:

An updated report is forthcoming from Tammy Roberts who has been out of the country. The material will be made available as early as possible; hopefully by May 2 according to Farber.

OSBEELS Liaison to PLSO:

Neathamer announced that the next examination is scheduled for April 20 and 21 at the Lane County Fair Grounds. The Western Zone meeting is set for April 11 through 14 at Salishan and OSBEELS is looking for door prizes. New rules have been adopted. All practitioners should be aware of these rule changes. There are 36 cases before the Law Enforcement Committee; five with settlements are being monitored. Neathamer’s appointment ends June 30 and his last meeting is May 10. The Committees will meet on April 4 and 24. The Photogrammetry Examination is still pending. Neathamer is hoping to acquire an examination for that professions from the Colonial State group currently formulating it.

NSPS:

Tolbert reported on the meeting in St. Louis. The museum is moving to Springfield and the Membership Development Committee is offering free membership to new licensees. Regarding the joint membership poll, 52% are in favor, 46% opposed, 2% provided less than encouraging compliments. In the future, action taken at the regular meetings will be distributed to the state societies. Sumner explained the joint membership options. If 100% join NSPS, the annual dues are \$106 or 50% of the full dues. The sliding scale program is based on 10% increments up to 100%. The states collect the funds and pay NSPS. There’s also an optional joint billing process. If you are licensed in more than one state, your NSPS membership is based on the state in which your business is located. A letter from NSPS is to follow.

Tolbert also mentioned the Federal Prison Industries matter that was discussed in St. Louis. Abandonment of railroads and monumentation was another issue. Also mention was the Western State Governor’s Council and the Student Competition. Trig Star is looking for a grant from the Legislature to fund a full-time staff. Volunteers are not always well equipped to handle the program. They are also looking at the NSPE program, Math Counts as a model. Judges are needed for next year in Washington. The event will either be in Spokane or Seattle. More schools are requiring degrees and are looking for reciprocal agreements with existing schools. The Certified Technician program needs help in Oregon. Tolbert offered to visit Chapter meeting regarding NSPS. Contact Tolbert for additional information.

OGUG:

Minor announced there would be a meeting in June in Bend and the Coast Guard will be attending. A date will be announced later.

PLSO Liaison to OSBEELS:

Anderson reported that he is still representing PLSO at OSBEELS meetings and will continue. Neathamer also noted that Anderson is well received at those meetings. PLSO is fortunate.

Publications:

On behalf of Oran Abbott, Graham reported that a new contract with LLM Publications is ready for Board approval. The only difference in the new contract is the increase in the maximum charge per edition from \$3,600 to \$4,000. It was moved and seconded (Neathamer/Miles) to approve the new contract and to authorize Graham to sign. The motion passed.

Chapter secretaries are reminded to send chapter meeting minutes to LLM for publication in The Oregon Surveyor. Some chapters have not been sending minutes at all.

Scholarship:

Haddock announced that \$9,400 is available for scholarship awards this year. Based on the proceeds from contributions during the renewal period and the results of the scholarship auction, the amount will easily reach \$10,000. He also noted that the Blue Mountain Chapter purchased items that were sold during the auction generating more than was spent. It was suggested that some funds be retained for this purpose at future conferences. There were no objections to this practice as long as it went through the Chapter Budget process.

Haddock also opened a discussion on the new Federal Pension Protection Act of 2006 that has a direct impact on the way PLSO awards scholarships. A copy of Haddock's guidelines was provided to each chapter represented at the Board meeting. Additional copies can be obtained from the Executive Secretary. In brief, PLSO will no longer be making the "final" decision on awards. That task will be assigned to an official committee consisting of the Chair of the Scholarship Committee and two people from the Oregon Community Foundation. Temporary procedures are in place for this year, but the process will have to be changed in our bylaws. The new procedure is that PLSO will have a "working group" to do the initial review and make recommendations, but the Official Committee will have the final say. *The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will need to address the matter. The deadline this year is June 10; therefore, it was moved and seconded (Myers/Miles) that the Board of Directors authorized Steve Haddock and the other two members of the official committee to act on behalf of PLSO. The motion passed. It was suggested that PLSO look to vendors as a source for members of the official committee in the future.

Webmaster:

No report, but photos are needed for the website revamp project. Contact Tyler Parsons if you have photos.

WFPS:

No report. There has been no meeting since PLSO last met.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of a Chair-elect:

Chair Linscheid announced that two candidates had submitted resumes: Tim Fassbender and Ed Henricks. The resumes were read into the record and distributed to the members of the Board for consideration. Written ballots were cast resulting in Hendricks being elected to the post. *(Secretary's Note: Since Graham was serving as an alternate for John Newberg, Chair Linscheid invited Pat Gaylord to collect and count the ballots.)*

Executive Secretary Replacement/Reorganization:

Putnam reported that the Committee is focusing on the ES position at this time. It is proposed that the new position will be expected to take a more active role in accounting and bookkeeping as well as being an “advocate” for surveyors in other venues. The ES will be playing a lesser role regarding the conference. A standing “Conference Committee” is suggested in lieu of a Conference Coordinator. The Committee will seek input from other state societies before making any final recommendations. They intend to develop a position description for the Executive Secretary soon with the hope of filling the position in October.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

May 19 – Salem (Red Lion Hotel on Market Street)
July 21 – Bend/Redmond (Location to be announced)
September 22 – Klamath Falls (OIT Campus)
November 17 – Roseburg (UCC Campus)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Graham indicated that banking supplies (checks and deposit slips) are available through the Executive Secretary. It only creates panic at the bank when someone else orders supplies.

ADJOURN

The meeting, and an outstanding meeting it was, adjourned at 14:00.

Annual Business Meeting and Conference:

In the interest of completing the record, the official annual business meeting of PLSO was called to order at 12:48 on Thursday, March 15 during lunch. Chair Linscheid acknowledged the work of the conference committee, thanked them for a great conference, recognized Denny DeMeyer with the LSAW Historical Society and invited Oran Abbott to announce the winners of the Article of the Year contest. Pat Gaylord and Doyle Anderson tied and split the \$500 prize. Chair Linscheid called for any PLSO business from the floor. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55. This 7 minute meeting may not be a record, but it has to be in the top three!

In addition to the other activities during the conference, on Thursday, March 15, awards for service throughout 2006 were bestowed upon worthy individuals beginning with Chapter Presidents (in Chapter order: Brian Reeves, Tim Fassbender, Chuck Wiley, Kerry Bradshaw, Keith Rhine, Aaron Graham, Herman Pieske, Royce Hill, Tom Smith), followed by the State Chair (Pat Gaylord), the outgoing Chapter Secretaries (Kevin Samuel, Andrew Plett, Paul Galli, Tony Brooks, Logan Miles), the Outstanding Associate of the year (Renee Clough), and the Surveyor of the Year (Patrick Gaylord). It should also be noted that L. Brian Weigart was granted Life Member status for his work with the scholarship fund and his career long dedication to PLSO.