



Meeting of the PLSO Board June 27, 2009

Deschutes County Road Department, Bend, 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; Harvey Christensen, (Proxy for Renee Clough, President-Elect)

Pioneer (3), Joe Ferguson, President-Elect

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

South Central (5), Mason Marker, President Elect

Southwest (6), Edith Forkner, President; Clyde Mulkins (Proxy for Walter White, President Elect)

Umpqua (7), David Beedle, President; Romey Ware (Proxy for Randy Smith, President-Elect)

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

Blue Mountain (9), Bob Butler, President-Elect

Committee Chairs: Bob Neatham, Professional Practices; Tyler Parsons, Website; Gary Anderson, EGAC/OSBEELS Liaison; Tim Kent, Conference; Dan Linscheid, Geocache & Legislative

Guests: Jean Ferguson, Christopher Maples

Absent: J. Edward Henricks, Past Chair; Lloyd Tolbert, ACSM/NSPS; Brent Bacon, Bylaws; Logan Miles, Awards; Renee Clough, MidWest President; Bert Mason, Historian; Oran Abbott, Oregon Surveyor; Roger Galles, Archives; Shaun Fidler, Pioneer President; John Nemecek, Finance; Greg Crites, WESTFED; Steve Haddock, Scholarship; Walter White, Southwest President-Elect; John Minor, GPS Users Group; Paul Galli, OACES Liaison; Pat Gaylord, OACES Liaison; Tom Hamilton, Geocache; Wendell Harness, Website; Evelyn Kalb, President South Central; Jack Burrell, Willamette President-Elect; Sue Newstetter, Oregon 50/150 Tim Simons, Blue Mountain President; Randy Smith, Umpqua President-Elect

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Gary Johnston. Attendees made self-introductions.
- b. Agenda for meeting was reviewed and approved. (Out of agenda Order) VIII i. Linscheid would cover the PLSO liaison to OSBEELS.
- c. Review and approval of May 2, 2009 minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Farber to approve the minutes as published. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

d. Executive Secretary VanNatta provided a report: **Finance:** The PLSO accounts stand **as of June/09** as follows: **Total Assets: \$146,696.43.** Total Membership is 733. VanNatta reported that they are finalizing forms for the online membership renewal process for 2010, which would work in conjunction with registration for the annual conference. Pilot for this should be available late summer. Staff is helping the conference committee meeting site arrangements have been made and staff is assisting the committee with various tasks as directed, including budgeting/coding, on-line registration, etc. A conference "Save the Date" advertisement was printed in the *Oregon Surveyor* and we are working with the committee to design more ads and distribute postcards to membership. Information was provided to the accountant in a timely fashion. The accountant filed an extension for 2008 and taxes have been file. Staff has completed and printed and updated copy of *Consider a Career in Surveying/Geomatics* brochure to reflect changes made in the Oregon education programs. The tradeshow booth is being used regularly and is available by reservation on the Google calendar or through contacting the office. The original PLSO tradeshow booth will be sent to the Rogue River Chapter for use in the southern part of the state. Staff helped with Oregon 150 Celebration at the Willamette Stone with press, event planning and follow up thank-you's for the many organizations and individuals who made the event a complete success. Legislators, city officials and VIP's were invited to the event. Regular processing of checks, membership data updates, promoting sales of logo merchandise, reorganization of the storage unit. Secure recycling and shredding of documents. OSBEELS registrant list has just been received, and will be distributed to chapters in the near future.

e. Report from the Chair: Johnston reported that he attended the Blue Mountain and Southwest chapter meetings for the purpose of visitation and addressing the strategic plan. He will continue outreach visits to the chapters in the fall. During June, he testified at the SB 344 hearing, spoke at the Polk County Historical Society on the history of surveying, and delivered a presentation about PLSO at the OACES conference. He mentioned that Ed Henricks' wife passed away from cancer and she was honored. Shaun Fidler was unable to attend because his father was having open heart surgery. Clyde Mulkins stated that Gary Smither passed away after a fight with cancer. The board will send a card. PLSO made a request to OSBEELS to get the written attorney general opinion on right of entry notifications. OSBEELS will not respond until after their board meeting in July. Renewal for Executive Secretary contract will commence in July. The review committee will consist of Fassbender, Johnston and another member of the selection committee.

f. Report from the Chair Elect: Fassbender reported that he was looking at the travel policy. Discussion around how the GIS community relates to surveyors was held. He had observed

situations where GIS practitioners were possibly engaged in the practice of surveying. He would follow up on this issue by providing written examples to OSBEELS.

g. Chapter Activities:

- Harvey Christensen was introduced as proxy from Mid-West.
- Reeves reported that there was a Right of Entry presentation by Dan Linscheid and Pat Gaylord at their latest meeting.
- Anderson reported that there will be a picnic for the Pioneer Chapter on August 15 at Cook Park in Tigard.
- Baker reported the Midwest Chapter cancelled their scheduled workshop, but will work to reschedule. Only four had signed up.
- Forkner reported it was quiet in the Southwest Chapter.
- Butler reported that they were having trouble getting people together for the Blue Mountain chapter meetings. They appreciated Johnston's visit.
- Ferguson reported on the picnic and he would request that Paul Galli send an email out about the event to other PLSO chapters.
- Beedle reported that the Umpqua chapter was in recess. They got together to look at the live streaming video on SB 344 and thanked Johnston for his testimony.
- Malone reported that the Willamette Chapter had hosted surveying students at a chapter meeting for the 10th consecutive year. They had double the number of students vs. the number of members. They listened to a presentation from David Evans on the mobile scanner.
- Farber reported that Rogue River had its last chapter meeting of the season. A workshop is planned September 11 on Water Boundaries.
- Marker reported the South Central Chapter is in recess for the season. They did a refurbishment of the baseline as a service project with involvement of OIT students.

II. Old Business

- a. Common charity for PLSO. Discussion for a charity that would be a central one for PLSO. There was no broad support expressed for this effort and the topic was closed. A benevolent fund was discussed. Fassbender said this was considered in the past, but it was difficult to determine criteria or administer it.
- b. BOD Operating Manual and Travel Policy. Fassbender worked on the travel policy keeping most aspects the same, but adding mileage calculation using Google maps and updating reimbursement amounts for lodging and meals to be referenced to the current US GSA.

Motion: Farber moved the Travel Policy be accepted with the words "or submitted odometer reading: be submitted after "portal to portal" in Section E. and the words

“destination with a rate of \$70 for lodging and \$39.00” be removed from paragraph three of section F. be replaced with the word “rate.” Motion seconded. Motion passed.

c. Other BOD Operating Manual Drafts

The conference committee is working with a comprehensive draft of different functions. The manual will continue development through this year. The financial policy is in the works. Nemecek was absent.

d. The old trade show booth will be provided to Farber.

III. **New Business**

- a. Dues relief for members. Ferguson suggested no further action be taken.
- b. Next meeting. Johnston proposed we move the Sept. 12 meeting to Eugene and November to OIT. Fassbender recommended that travelers make hotel reservations early because of the college football game scheduled in Eugene that night.

IV. **Strategic Planning Session**

Farber wanted to review the action plan and puts names with the actions. He sought input on the document. Anderson volunteered to put his name under Strategic Direction #1 and Fidler would be assigned to Direction #1. Claassen asked to be assigned to outreach. Charting progress was discussed. Reporting at the board meetings was encouraged to monitor what is happening on the chapter level. Freshwaters shared an example of outreach he has provided by presenting an informational program about surveying to real estate agents and other professionals for them to get CE's.

V. **Break** at 11:40 to set up projector; resume with presentation at 11:45

VI. **Christopher Maples, PhD, President of OIT.** His presentation would be made available on the PLSO website. His gave an informative talk about OIT and the support he pledges for the geomatics program. That program is strong and is looking to expand its curriculum. Adjourned for lunch at 12:15.

VII. **Meeting reconvened** at 1:07. Information was circulated regarding the Pioneer Chapter's August 15 picnic. It will be at Cook Park 3:30-7 at Pavilion #4.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

- a. Finance: Nemecek was not in attendance
- b. Conference: Kent provided a final report for the 2009 Annual Conference. He reported that the single largest problem was the extra cost and separate registration for the Thursday dinner. This issue will be handled differently in 2010. There were 529 total attendees at the conference including several VIPs, 7 charter members, 35 exhibitors and 42 speakers. The

conference net income was \$52,338.42. The group will want to stay with Action Reg. for registration. The conference hit the mark on a lot of areas. Kent complimented VanNatta on the behind the scenes work with the venue.

For 2010 the group has been meeting in Wilsonville. The theme is “Invest in the Future, Invest in Yourself.” A postcard will come out in July. A discussion about having the conference for two years at the same location was suggested. Kent explained why a meeting two years in a row may be a good idea. Malone added that the permanent committee helps prevent the group from re-creating the wheel and brings continuity to the committee. There were concerns that chapters in other parts of the state may want the opportunity to sponsor or contribute to the conference. Farber said that the last conference that Rogue River Chapter did was in Corvallis. The biggest challenges are the facilities themselves. Location doesn’t keep other chapter members from being involved. Signing a date commitment with the SCC would not require any funds at this time; it would just hold the date. Baker and Butler said they wanted to run it by their chapters.

MOTION: Farber moved that the Conference Committee sign a commitment at the Salem Conference for the date for 2011. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Butler voted no.

For 2012 conference planning, GIS in Action has approached the committee to partner with them and have an event in Portland. Farber said it is a great idea. Kent will pursue conversations.

- c. TrigStar – The Oregon state winner was from Phoenix, Rafael Castrejon. The original statewide test was cancelled due to containing one problem that was unsolvable. A revised test was reissued with a new solvable problem added. The national test has been received. The award winners at each high school receive between \$50 and \$150, depending on which chapter administered the test. Ferguson will review this issue and make recommendations for standardizing awards. We touch 300-400 kids with the program. Ferguson recommended a TrigStar workshop at the conference.
- d. TwiST: Kent reported that the TwiST program for 2009 was just finished yesterday. Twenty one spaces were filled. There were three TwiST registrants from Oregon. The evaluations proved that the program hit the mark. All the teachers received *Choose Your Path* DVD’s and heard about OIT. A discussion about budget investment in TwiST was held.
- e. Scholarship. Haddock did not attend, but a summary report was circulated. There were 13 survey scholarship applicants and two Pete Maring applicants.
- f. Legislative. Linscheid discussed SB 344 that would make the County Surveyor an appointed position. SB 274 related to administrative law judges. Makes it an administrative appointment. This bill is ready for signature. Freshwaters reported that there have been legislative updates on the website. He sent out information on surveyor-I about solicitation

of website. There were some comments on the lobbyist and the value of the contract. Farber noted that it is important that we have a lobbyist. He recommended we open an RFP and review the position. Ware suggested the contract be terminated. Freshwaters said some investigation should be done first. Other comments were considered. Freshwaters and the legislative committee will begin reviewing the current lobbyist agreement and performance. Recommendations will be prepared for the board in the next few weeks. The committee will also begin reviewing possible legislative topics for the next session.

- g. EGAC – Anderson said that there is supposed to be a contact from each chapter on the committee and we will need to get those people identified. BLM will be giving 10 total stations to schools. Anderson arranged for those donations. Anderson asked that the board support the Tualatin Historical Society by renaming/double naming of the Meridian baseline with a letter.

MOTION: Claassen moved that the board support the renaming/double naming of roads along the Willamette Meridian and Baseline to Meridian or Baseline. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Johnston asked Anderson to go back to the chapters to get feedback on having an outreach person, like LSAW. Nemecek and Marker would serve on a task force with Anderson.

- h. Oregon 50/150: Newsletter was not available. Anderson thanked those involved with planning and presenting this program. Nearly 200 people attended.
- i. PLSO Liaison to OSBEELS: Linscheid reported that the Governor would be considering in special session or 2011 session pulling OSBEELS in with architects. There is an effort under way to consolidate multiple boards under four “super” boards to provide additional revenue to the general fund. License fees would most likely be increased.
- j. Webmaster: Parsons said that Chapter officers should use the Google Calendar to show meetings, workshops and other activities that are scheduled.
- k. Membership: Fidler was not in attendance.
- l. Professional Practice: Neathamer had no report, but supported the OIT President in his attendance.
- m. NSPS: Tolbert was not in attendance. Anderson said NSPS was working on preservation of railroad right of way monuments. DeFazio is on this committee.
- n. WFPS: Crites was not in attendance.
- o. OSBEELS Liaison to PLSO: Linscheid said the machine control issue would be discussed at the next meeting.
- p. PLSO Liaison to OACES: Gaylord was not in attendance.
- q. Oregon GPS Users Group: Minor was not in attendance.
- r. Constitution and Bylaws: Bacon was not in attendance.

- s. Publications: Abbott was not in attendance. Johnston reported that Chuck Wiley had volunteered to assist with *The Oregon Surveyor*.
- t. Awards: Miles was not in attendance.
- u. Other.

IX. Good of the Order. Johnston asked the board's guidance regarding sale of a directory to a nonmember. It was emphasized that PLSO does not permit public distribution of its directory,

X. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.