
Board for Professional Land Surveyors

Business Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 3, 2024

TIME: 11:00 AM

LOCATION: 1100 N. Eutaw St.
5th Floor Conference Room
Baltimore, MD 21201
(Teleconference via Google Meet)

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.J. Frazier, Chair
Tammy Rollins, *Vice-Chair*
Thomas M. Orisich, *Land Surveyor*
John V. Mettee, *Land Surveyor*
Jeanne Nebre, *Land Surveyor*
Derrick McLaughlin, *Consumer Member*

STAFF PRESENT: Zevi Thomas, *Executive Director*
Matthew Venuti, *Board Counsel*
Faith Green, *Board Administrator*

OTHERS PRESENT: Bryan Haynie, *Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)*

Meeting Called to Order

Chair Frazier called the business meeting of the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveyors to order at 11:02 a.m.

Approval of March 6, 2024 Minutes

Members of the Board reviewed the meeting minutes for March 6, 2024. Motion (I) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes without corrections.

Correspondence

West Virginia Board – 3D-Lasering in Maryland

Mr. Orisich stated, in response to West Virginia's correspondence, that it depends if the individual is using the tool to determine "Accurate and precise location". If that individual is not using it for the purpose of "authoritative" survey, then it is not considered surveying. An exemption exists when an individual holds an authorized certificate that is recognized by the Board.

Mr. Mettee stated that the Board licenses the individuals doing the work, not the tools being used. Mr. Orisich suggested to the Board that our response to the West Virginia Board should consist of Maryland's regulations and exemption clause.

NCEES – Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)

Mr. Orisich stated that the answer to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) inquiries regarding Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) fall under the Practice Act. In addition, the Board would have to review a Professional Engineer's education and work experience. He continued to state that NCEES is changing their model that Professional Engineers can only modify existing surveys, not create ones. This is different from Maryland's regulations.

Mr. Mettee explained that there are two parts to SUE, location/mapping and designation. The location/mapping aspect falls under surveying while the designation aspect can be deemed as civil engineering.

New Business

NCEES Awards

Ms. Nebre updated the Board on the NCEES Surveying Education Awards. The NCEES Education Committee decided to create a different criteria for 2-year colleges which would mean different awards. The Committee agreed that 2-year colleges stand to benefit more than 4-year academic institutions which typically receive the awards. Ms. Nebre continued to state that she is advocating for the motion to stay under the NCEES Education Committee instead of being moved to the Foundation, and for it to be included on the consent agenda.

Mr. Orisich stated that he believes it may be better to put the motion under the NCEES Foundation as the Education Committee has struggled in the past on what to do with discretionary funds.

Mapping Science Exam

Mr. Mettee stated that a member from the North Carolina Board created a request for a Mapping Science Exam through NCEES which he would like the Maryland Board to endorse. A member state needs ten additional member states before the request can be heard by the Council.

Motion (II) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Mr. Mettee, and unanimously carried by the Board to send the request letter.

Mr. Mettee stated that the Mapping Science Exam would be more advanced than the basics that are found in the current core exam.

Ms. Rollins inquired how many total exams a Maryland applicant would have to take with the proposed Mapping Science Exam. Ms. Nebre responded that nothing will change for future surveyors in Maryland.

Board Member Transition

Mr. Orisich suggested to the Chair that another board member be appointed to the Complaint Committee so they can sit in on his last two meetings as his tenure with the board ends in June 2024. Ms. Rollins nominated Ms. Nebre who agreed to sit on the Committee.

Mr. Orisich requested an emeritus status with NCEES upon his departure from the Maryland board.

Old Business

Ad-hoc Committee

Ms. Nebre reported to the Board that she will send a meeting reminder out this week. In this meeting, there will be final deliberations with recommendations ready by the next Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thomas stated that Board members should have received confirmation emails for the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying's (NCEES) zone meeting in the District of Columbia. In addition, Mr. Thomas inquired as to which board members would like to receive State funding for the annual meeting held in Chicago, IL. All board members responded that they would like to receive funding for the annual meeting either by NCEES or by State funding. Mr. Orisich suggested that Board Counsel also receive funding.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Venuti reported to the board that the fee increase bill was sent to the Secretary's Office, and is awaiting final review. The Criminal Trespass Exemption bill has passed the House, and has received favorable review in the Senate. The sunset review has been amended from 10 years to 3 years.

Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS)

Mr. Haynie reported the following:

- The Maryland Society of Surveyors has selected five individuals for recommendation for the board seat currently held by Mr. Orisich.
- The Criminal Trespass Exemption has received positive readings in the Senate, and is awaiting its' third reading.

Review of Applications

Ms. Nebre stated review of applications is ongoing.

Complaint Committee Report

Mr. Orisich stated no Committee meeting was held, therefore there is no report this month.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Motion (III) was made by Mr. Orisich, seconded by Ms. Nebre, and unanimously carried by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Chair's Signature: Signature on File *Date:* 05/01/2024