

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

**DATE:** August 5, 2015  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** 500 N. Calvert Street  
Room 308  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**PRESENT:** John Mettee, Chairman

Donald Ocker  
Daniel Lavelle  
Thomas Orsich  
Brian Dunne

#### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director  
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General  
Bill Orsinger, MSS

**ABSENT:** Pamela Edwards, Executive Director  
John Jensen

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

John Mettee, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

#### **MINUTES**

A motion (I) was made by Donald Ocker, seconded by Daniel Lavelle, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting as submitted.

#### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ocker noted that the Complaint Committee is investigating a new complaint, if accepted it will be assigned 16-LS-02.

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15-LS-04 OAH hearing scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2015.

16-LS-01 AAG will offer a Consent Order without a fine.

A motion (II) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by Dan Lavelle, and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee's report.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board revisited an email from Richard Smith from the New Jersey Board regarding a proposed revision to the Model Law definition of an engineering survey. Mr. Smith wants the Board to help endorse and support the motion. Tom Orisich stated that four states are needed to support this motion for it to be presented at the annual meeting. Milena Trust asked if the Committee has gotten four states to support. The Board agreed that this is an issue in New Jersey. John Mettee noted that the motion does not reflect what was discussed at the Zone meeting in Hershey. Don Ocker questioned whether or not an engineer would be capable of completing a topographic survey. Ms. Trust stated that the proposed definition does not benefit surveyors. Mr. Orisich made a motion (III) that the Board not endorse the proposed definition at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ocker and unanimously carried by the Board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom Orisich made a motion (IV) that the Board should endorse Gary Thompson as candidate for NCEES Treasurer. Milena Trust advised the Board to allow John Jensen and Tom Orisich to vote their conscience at the NCEES Annual Meeting in Williamsburg. The Board unanimously agreed.

Mr. Orisich met with Virginia Thompson, the Chair for Towson University's Geography and Environmental Planning Department. They discussed the possibility of starting a co-op program and hiring students who are interested in surveying as interns. Mr. Orisich stated that there needs to be better cooperation between Towson University and the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus. John Mettee stated that more outreach should be done to get more young people interested in the profession.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Mapping Science/GIS

The Board discussed the article from *Kentucky Engineer Quarterly Magazine* regarding mapping sciences written by the Kentucky Executive Director. The Kentucky Board worked with state surveying and mapping associations to develop a written understanding of what work products are not

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covered by the definition of the practice of land surveying. Tom Orsich recommended reconvening the Aerial Mapping Science/GIS Committee to address the definition of the practice of surveying and mapping sciences.

John Mettee asked if this could be covered under the minimum standards. Milena Trust said that this was a possibility or it may be included in business practices. Brian Dunne asked how changing the minimum standards would stop individuals from claiming authoritative source for products. Milena Trust suggested that a joint-memorandum of understanding could be issued as an interim step to address some of these issues, and for informational purposes to make the public aware. Dan Lavelle said that he likes the Kentucky Board's approach. The Board decided that this will be discussed when the Aerial Mapping Science/GIS Committee reconvenes.

## Review of latest draft of Education Bill

Milena Trust discussed the third draft of revisions to the education bill. The Board agrees that the updated criteria are correct. The Board reviewed the educational requirements. Brian Dunne made a motion (V) that the education and experience requirements don't have to be met in sequential order and Don Ocker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board. Mr. Mettee suggested that the CPC Committee meet next month.

Ms. Trust noted that the MSS will introduce the Education Bill in the legislature. Bill Orsinger said that the society will review it, make some (clean-up) changes, and submit it to the membership for comment.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

James Baseman reported that the vacancy for the Board Secretary has been filled by Leigh Hoyt. The Board welcomed Leigh to the unit.

## **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Milena Trust reported that H.C. "Skip" Harclerode, III is no longer chairman of the Engineering Board. He is now Vice-Chair.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Milena Trust had nothing new to report.

**MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS**

Bill Orsinger reported that Virginia Thompson, the Chair for Towson University's Geography and Environmental Planning Department also called him to discuss the possibility of creating internships.

Mr. Orsinger confirmed that the Fall Conference is set for October 8 - 9, 2015 in Baltimore. The society is working on questions for the Board to answer at the conference.

Mr. Orsinger also reported that September 11, 2015 is the examination preparation date and the Education Trust meeting is August 10. Also, MSS CPC Committee members will be attending the CPC Committee meeting to be held after the next Board meeting.

Mr. Orsinger asked for email addresses of recently licensed surveyors for the MSS exam preparation.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

PLS Exam

1. Lynne Kelly - approved

Two applications for reciprocity were denied because the applicants lacked the required amount of education or minor engineering experience.

Following a review of the above applications by a minimum of two board members, a motion (VI) was made by Tom Orsich, seconded by Dan Lavelle and unanimously carried to approve/deny the above applications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 at 10 A.M. There being no further business, a motion (VII) was made by John Mettee, seconded by Brian Dunne, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m.

Without Corrections

With Corrections



John V. Mettee, III Chairman

Date: 9/2/15