

**ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**  
**AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING**  
**AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**  
**MEMBER OF WESTERN FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

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**Board Meeting**  
**November 18, 2000**

**ARR Board Room**  
**327 Ship Creek Ave, Anchorage**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Fretwell at 10:05 AM at the Board Room of the Alaska Railroad Anchorage headquarters building located on Ship Creek Ave.

**A. Roll Call:**

The following attendees were present at the teleconference as noted:

President	- Mike Fretwell
President-elect	- Tuck Maakestad
Treasurer	- Paul Whipple
Secretary	- Martin Gutoski
WestFed Delegate "A"	- Bud Campbell (absent)
WestFed Delegate "B"	- George Strother
Past-president	- Bruce Brown (absent)
NSPS Governor to ACSM	- Craig Savage

**Chapter Presidents:**

Anchorage	- Patrick Kelly (arrived at 10:40)
Fairbanks	- Martin Gutoski
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	- Scott McLane
Student Chapter	- (absent)

2. **Approval of September 23, 2000 Board Meeting Minutes:**

George Strother, Craig Savage and Mike Fretwell noted minor changes to the draft minutes.

**Motion:** It was moved and approved to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2000 meeting with the changes as noted.

3. **Presidents Report:**

Mike Fretwell reminded the board that we must get ready for officer elections for the Treasurer and West-Fed Delegate, Seat B. Tuck Maakestad is getting the nominees list of members who have indicated they are willing to serve in either of the two positions.

Mike noted that Rick Brown, Mat-Su Borough Platting Officer, died last week. Mike called for a minute of silence to remember his helpfulness.

Mike reported on the ASMC committee meeting for the upcoming conference and called for volunteers to help with the agenda.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Mike had hoped Paul Whipple could make it to this meeting but had learned from Paul that his wife was undergoing surgery today and would be unlikely to come. George Strother noted that we may already have a draft from the August 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting to review.

5. **Chapter Reports:**

**A. Anchorage:** Pat Kelly reported that their chapter is still dealing with the record of survey problem with the Anchorage Municipality. The chapter is also trying to coordinate the Trig Star exam earlier this time. He needs to get with the volunteers in other chapters to set the statewide date for the exam.

**B. Fairbanks:** Martin Gutoski reported that his chapter is still trying to get NGS up here in the spring to measure and calibrate the baseline monuments set nearly two years ago. He hopes to coordinate with Mat-Su valley chapter to get at least two baselines measured if the NGS can get up here from Virginia. The board discussed holding a certification class in both Anchorage and Fairbanks with partial support from ASPLS statewide and financing from the sponsoring chapters to offset the cost of bringing the NGS calibration technician and equipment to measure the baselines.

**C Kenai:** Scott McLane reported that his chapter hasn't met since August but will meet again in December to take up the topic of platting issues at the borough. They will invite the Kenai Borough platting officer and surveyor to that meeting.

**D Mat-Su:** Fred Schwaderer reported that the valley chapter has reset the baseline monument which was out of position and would like to have it certified along with the

baseline established in Fairbanks as reported earlier by Martin Gutoski. Phyllis Johnson from the Alaska Railroad presented right-of-way access issues for surveyors and land developers. Mat-Su platting considers legal access for subdivisions to be allowed using the ARR right-of-way because the trains used to make whistle stops to let off passengers anywhere along the line. But with the ARR canceling that service, that access is no longer available. The Mat-Su Borough is considering this and other issues in their current rewrite of the platting regulations which are about 2/3rds done, but is slowed down with Rick Brown's recent death. The Valley chapter has supported having an LS on staff as platting officer, and now with a new mayor and assembly members from the recent election, Rick Brown's replacement may be a professional land surveyor.

## 6. Delegate Reports:

- A. **NSPS:** Craig Savage reported that on the new web site at *ACSM.net* is a letter from ACSM president Kurt Sumner about the benefits of the joint membership between the state surveying societies and ACSM. Craig announced that Kevin Flynn, NSPS (?) Government Affairs Director, is going to work for the BLM and will need to be replaced. Now that ACSM is in the black the year 2000 the budget will be revised at the Rhode Island conference in December. Under the new ACSM/NSPS memorandum of understanding, a new arrangement has been established under the reorganization for ACSM to be contracted for administrative functions with NSPS. Craig also reported that the revision to the NCEES model law for surveying has incorporated GIS/LIS influence which may include GIS functions into the practice of land surveying boundaries. Craig will check the membership list when he and George Strother goes to Rhode Island in December to see why the joint ASPLS/ACSM members are not getting their bulletins. NGS now has bluebooking of recovered monuments and access to the database on line at their website.
- B. **West Fed:** George Strother handed out a written report from the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at Sparks, Nevada. George noted that at the next West-Fed conference March 17-21, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada, he would have membership applications for ASPLS so others can take advantage of the joint ACSM dues reduction that Alaska and New Jersey currently enjoy.
- C. **APDC:** Paul Whipple was not present but Mike Fretwell noted that he did not see anything in the recent APDC newsletter affecting surveyors.
- D. **ASMC:** Mike Fretwell and Paul Whipple have attended every executive board meeting for the ASMC. They have put together most of the program but still have a few technical sessions open. Martin Gutoski handed Mike a flyer from a Fairbanks archaeological firm interested in participating in a session on archaeological and historical issues for surveyors. Mike reported that the First Aid class is still in limbo and will discuss this further at the next meeting before the conference.

## 7. Committee Reports:

- A. Membership:** George Strother handed out an alpha sort of the latest members and noted that he still wants to resign as the membership chair but no one has come forward to relieve him of his seven year job so far. George reported that he has the invoices for renewal ready for mailout. We have about 30 less members than last year. George has also faxed the most current membership additions list to Paul Whipple. Paul will then write the check and forward with the list to ACSM national headquarters for the joint dues membership. George will also contact ACSM to ask why they have not included all ASPLS paid members on the ACSM mailing list.
- B. Legislative Committee:** Pat Kalen reported that the AELS sunset legislation was extended to 2005. The director of Occupational Licensing handed out a recommendation to eliminate the Mining Engineer seat on the AELS Board. Pat indicated that the Legislative Audit Committee recommended mandatory continuing education like 24 other states. Scott McLane clarified the move toward continuing education and the AELS Board's asking for authority for input into the legislative process if it is made mandatory. Pat will report at the next AELS Board meeting in February about other states position on continuing education. Pat noted that the AK LS exam meetings will change regarding funding by adding \$8K for travel in March for participants travel.

Hydrographic surveying may be done by statute to accommodate licensure, which is a topic Pat wants to take up at the ASMC. George Strother noted that there is a similar specialization for the engineering profession in Alaska, which licenses multiple practices for engineers. Colorado registers engineers without a specialty, and they are to practice within their area of expertise.

Pat remarked that program receipts is funding the NCEES travel for both himself and Scott McLane to attend the Eastern Zone conference. Representative Jeannette James is now Majority Leader, and was originally against funding program receipts, but came around with much lobbying from AELS.

Pat outlined the history of the current challenge the AELS Board is facing from opposition for a rejection of an application for a person to sit for the LSIT exam. The applicant's rejection was based on the Board's interpretation of the education requirements newly adopted by statute for a minimum 2 year degree in the field of land surveying. The applicant had a four year degree in math and felt that it should satisfy the two year minimum education requirement under the new table.

- C. Standards of Practice:** Mike Fretwell said he is getting quotes for the cost of 225 CD dupes. George Strother asked if the disks are copyrighted. Mike said he will check

with John Bennett on this issue.

- D. Raffle:** Mike Fretwell said Don Black is handling this and will be giving a status report Tuesday night at the Anchorage chapter meeting.
  - E. Trig Star:** This topic was previously discussed under the Anchorage chapter report by Pat Kelly.
  - F. Newsletter:** Mike Fretwell reported that the newsletter editorship was taken over by former student president Mike Zieserl. George Strother remarked that with the drop in sustaining members the advertising the students are hustling is making up the difference.
- 8. Continuing Business:** Mike Fretwell remarked that his promise of having the statewide ASPLS involved in local chapter issues is coming into play as evidenced with our action on the platting issues and baseline calibration sponsorship.
- 9. New Business:**
- AELS Board Self Rule:** Mike Fretwell noted that this issue was well covered in Pat Kalen's legislative report earlier.
- 10. Announcements:**
- Pat Kalen handed out a copy of the AELS Board meeting schedule for 2001 and recommended we schedule our next ASPLS Board meetings after the one at the ASMC Annual meeting to coincide with his schedule.
- Next Board Meeting:** will be held at the Surveying and Mapping Conference right after the General Membership meeting. The schedule and location will be announced when the ASMC schedule is finalized in January.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the  
ASPLS Board at its February 5, 2000 Meeting.