

ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
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Board Meeting
Feb. 13, 2002

Portage Room
Hilton Hotel, Anchorage

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Portage Room of the Hilton Hotel located in Anchorage by President Tuck Maakestad at 1:42 p.m.

A. Roll Call:

Attendance as follows:

President	- Tuck Maakestad
President-elect	- (absent)
Treasurer	- Jamie Milton (absent)
Secretary	- Martin Gutoski
WestFed Delegate "A"	- Bud Campbell
WestFed Delegate "B"	- George Strother
Past-president	- Mike Fretwell
NSPS Governor to ACSM	- (absent)
ACSM President	- Sam Best

Chapter Presidents:

Anchorage	- Pat Kelly
Fairbanks	- Martin Gutoski
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	- Tim Mullikin
Student Chapter	- (absent)

Standards of Practice	- (absent)
Membership	- Ron Mitchell
APDC	- Paul Whipple
ACSM Director	- Curt Sumner
Legislative Liaison	- Pat Kalen

2. **Approval of November 17, 2001, Board Meeting Minutes:**

It was moved and approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2001 Board meeting with no changes.

3. **President's Report:**

Tuck reported that he is looking forward to the Board's contribution on issues in the next two years.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Tuck noted that Jamie Milton got married on Sunday and was on her honeymoon in Denver, so there is no report. He will get with her when she gets back.

5. **Chapter Reports:**

The chapter reports were dealt with earlier at the annual general membership meeting. Tuck indicated that he would try to find out who is the student chapter contact person.

6. **Delegate Reports:**

The delegate reports were dealt with earlier at the annual general membership meeting. However, Paul Whipple added to his report about APDC developing a vehicle whereby effective enforcement of all building and life safety codes can occur in the rural communities of Alaska. Fire Marshall typically only performs plan review and field checks when there is an existing problem in a village that has caused him to be there. Paul indicated this is also true of the Labor Department for the electrical and mechanical codes.

B. West Fed: George Strother wanted to add an item not dealt with at the general membership meeting regarding a request from the West Fed states for a \$500

matching contribution for a September 11th scholarship fund. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of removing \$500 from our general fund for a scholarship contribution. It was generally felt that, although the Twin Towers tragedy deserves funding for scholarships to the children of victims, there have been enough outside contributions from other sources to assist the families, and the surveying profession in the western states has little direct connection with the event. **It was so moved to contribute \$500 to the West Fed scholarship fund but the motion failed to pass.**

7. Committee Reports:

- A. Constitution and Bylaws:** This committee report was dealt with earlier at the annual general membership meeting.
- B. Membership:** Sam Best reported that two deceased surveyors, Charles Parker (LS #237) and Henning Johnson (LS #268), are nominated for honorary membership. **It was so moved and approved.** Pat Kelly wanted to make sure these honorary members don't get mailings for dues and other ASPLS notices. Tim Mullikin remarked that Henning used to open the chapter meetings with a song at the beginning. *George Strother suggested having a short biography be prepared of honorary members for the newsletter and the annual report. Tuck indicated he would put this as an action item under continuing business for upcoming agendas.* Mike Fretwell reported that a Hall of Fame nomination has been submitted for Richard Davis to be awarded at the next Anchorage chapter meeting May 3rd. Fred Schwaderer submitted a life membership request from Edward J. Palmer (LS #4575). **It was so moved and approved.**

Ron Mitchell added a request for \$500 to fund a membership drive to mail out notices to all registered surveyors. Ron wanted to include the brochures and a letter from the ACSM president outlining the benefits of membership. *Pat Kalen noted he would get a current list of registrants from the AELS Board.* Paul Whipple thought the list he had for APDC was old. Paul also noted that businesses can be sustaining members and perhaps Ron could mail them packets too. Ron remarked that the newsletter has business cards shown that are not currently sustaining members and he will need an additional \$300 to make plaques for those who are still. Ron may give a free Standards of Practice CD with new membership. Ron has found the original disk of the ASPLS brochures. George Strother noted that the brochures are copyrighted so Ron would need to check the 1994 minutes about distribution rights. **It was so moved and approved unanimously to amend the previous policy of distribution rights for the ASPLS brochures.**

George Strother asked about retrieving ASPLS ball caps and cups from Mike Olson to take to the April 2002 NSPS conference. George asked about getting more lapel pins as the last pins were a few decades ago. Mike Fretwell and Ron will work on this by

the May ASPLS Board meeting.

- C. **Legislative Committee:** Pat Kalen noted his report was given at the general membership meeting.
- D. **Standards of Practice:** John Bennett was not present but Tuck noted he had presented a great technical session on the SOP CD and had nothing more to add since John's report at the general membership meeting this morning.
- E. **Trig Star:** George Strother reported that he needs receipts for donations of prizes from sponsors for tax purposes. Tim Mullikin asked about cash donations too. George responded that at one time they had given savings bonds as prizes but high school seniors had little use for them, so Mat Su gave cash also.

8. **Continuing Business:**

- A. **AELS Exam Review:** Pat Kalen had already gotten confirmation from Mike Fretwell, Tim Mullikin and Karen Tilton that they will attend the next exam workshop in Anchorage, June 1st and 2nd. Martin Gutoski also volunteered. Pat will pass these names on to Craig Savage for confirmation of travel arrangements.
- B. **ASPLS Newsletter:** Mike Zieserl was not present to give a report.
- C. **AELS Board:** This report was already covered at the general membership meeting.
- D. **Proposed By-Law Amendments:** Sam Best said the new by-law changes that were adopted at the general membership meeting would probably need no changes for next year.

9. **New Business:**

- A. **Review and approve 2002 Budget:** Tuck noted that with Jamie Milton's absence to enjoy nuptial bliss, he had no report. Paul Whipple noted from Jamie's last treasurers report that we had about \$32K in the CD and checking accounts. Tuck estimated that we should get about \$18K income based on about 120 to 150 members. The \$900 Trig Star income is from donations run through the books as an expense item also. There was much discussion about the estimated \$2K income from the conference. The general office expense was approved but Mike Fretwell asked about the travel expense estimate for Board travel to the quarterly meetings. Pat Kalen noted that the second quarterly meeting on May 18th will dovetail with the next AELS meeting in Fairbanks May 16 and 17 so there should be some savings there. The line item for ASPLS Board

of directors travel was changed to \$2000. **It was so moved and approved to accept the budget as amended to have a projected net expense of \$29,650 with an income of \$22,600 for a net shortfall of \$7,050 for FY 2002.**

- B. Appointment of 2002 Committee Chairmen:** Mike Fretwell noted that Craig Savage wanted to form a training committee to put together an updated manual for officers. Tuck will ask Ken Ayers or past presidents for any input into changes to the policy and procedures manual that was done when Ken was the author.

APDC: Tuck indicated no action is necessary on this since the new President-Elect, Terry Irwin, will become the APDC Delegate.

Raffle Committee: Pat Kelly will look at the report of prior raffles from Don Black.

C. National Delegate Seats:

NSPS Governor: Since the NSPS Governor slot was vacated by Craig Savage taking over the Director of NSPS on Dec 31 this year, we must vote to replace him. Pat Kalen and George Strother both expressed an interest in filling Craig's former seat. Pat and George gave a brief synopsis of what they each would provide as benefits to ASPLS and NSPS. They left the room briefly while the Board voted. When they were summoned back, Tuck announced that *George Strother was elected as NSPS Governor.*

West Fed Delegate: Since George Strother now is the NSPS Governor; he resigned as West Fed Delegate Seat B because the bylaws prohibit any Board member from holding more than one position. We must vote to replace him. *Paul Whipple was elected West Fed Delegate for Seat B.*

- D. Non-Agenda Items:** George Strother asked for support for the ACSM Safety video. Curt Sumner explained that ACSM is in the process of getting sponsors to produce videotape on surveying safety training. Mike Fretwell was appointed to chair a safety committee for input into issues of surveying near railroads. Paul Whipple moved to support the national ACSM safety and training video. It was amended to work for financial support to be determined at a later date. **The Board moved and approved unanimously the amended motion as stated above.**

George Strother handed out a map of the area identified by the U.S.Census Bureau as the population center for Alaska based on the 2000 Census. According to the coordinates issued by them, the area fell in an area occupied by a glacier near Lake George. Since this is in the Municipality of Anchorage the Anchorage chapter will take action on placing a monument referencing this center. *Pat Kelly will take a request to the Anchorage chapter to work jointly on this project.*

10. The Board set the schedule for the next meetings to be in May 18th at the Alaska Railroad office in Fairbanks, with the next two being in Anchorage Aug. 24th and Nov. 23rd at either DOWL Engineering office or the Alaska Railroad headquarters. The date of the annual meeting has not been set since the 2003 Surveying and Mapping Conference will occur in May which will put the date beyond the end of the second quarter as required by our bylaws. *Martin Gutoski volunteered to chair a committee to investigate options to hold the annual meeting and subsequent second quarter Board meeting in Fairbanks instead.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its May 18, 2002 Meeting.