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Board Meeting

Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge

March 15, 2003

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Tuck Maakestad called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Those in attendance were:

President	- Tuck Maakestad
Past President	- Mike Fretwell
President Elect	- (vacant)
Secretary	- Martin Gutoski
Treasurer	- Dean Cimmityotti
WestFed Delegate "A"	- Bud Campbell
WestFed Delegate "B"	- Paul Whipple
NSPS Governor	- George Strother
ACSM President	- Sam Best
Chapter Presidents:	
Anchorage	- Pat Kelly
Fairbanks	- Martin Shurr (absent)
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	- Tim Mullikin
Student Chapter	- Steve Callahan (absent)
Standards of Practice	- John Bennett
Membership	- Ron Mitchell
APDC Delegate (Past President)	- Paul Whipple
Legislative Liaison	- Pat Kalen

1a. Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments: Items after item 1; report items 8a and 8c consecutively; replace 9c with First Quarter Treasurer Report; change 9c to Executive Secretary; add 9e, Disbursement of Funds from March Workshop.

2. Previous Minutes: Board Meeting of November 23, 2002

Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

3. Agenda items 3 - 7 and 8b are adapted to the record from the General Membership Meeting.

8. Continuing Business

a AKLS Workshop

Pat Kalen noted that there was a flood of late applicants for the recent AKLS exam, so the AELS board was expecting a higher no-pass rate than usual. He noted that it took about 2 hours to get the exam under way. Twelve candidates sat for the exam, and 50% passed; the prior pass rate has been around 80%. Mike Fretwell asked Pat if the results may be skewed because of the change in the regulations for education experience in 2002 and that the quality of the applicant pool may increase with time. The answer was yes.

Pat handed out his written report on the two day December exam review workshop in Anchorage. They Angoff rated 58 new exam questions and tossed out two. Pat reported that there are now three exams on the shelf and ready to go, and that every domain has at least five questions, with a total of 299 questions in the pool now. The next workshop will be November 15-16. There were 14 volunteers to assist with the previous exam, and the board will be looking for at least 18 next time.

c AELS Board (Legislation)

Pat Kalen reported that legislative issues have been hot. A bill by Rep. Harris setting standards of practice for title surveys (plot plans) is a particular concern and one the group cannot support. Pat is especially interested in a bill that would allow the board to regulate continuing education (CE) for disciplines that want CE as a requirement of ongoing registration, and urged officers to discuss the issue with the chapters. Sam Best asked Pat if he wanted some direction from the ASPLS Board. Pat remarked that he will talk to Rep Harris about the need for some survey standards to be adopted, but he (Pat) is more concerned with CE and asked to be sent to Juneau to lobby. Tuck noted that we should put this issue to the chapters for review.

d Adoption of By-Law Amendment

An amendment to Article X Section 2 of the by-laws was presented for discussion. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement for the state treasurer to be bonded and, if the treasurer were not bonded, would require a second signature on any check greater than \$1,500. The amendment further empowered the board to authorize persons other than the treasurer to sign checks and vouchers if it is determined to be in the best interests of the society; that power previously was limited to when the state treasurer is not available. Two amendments to the main motion were offered in discussion: to change the amount requiring to signatures from \$1500 to \$500, and to insert "for any individual expense." A vote on the

amendment to change the limit to \$500 failed; a vote to insert “for any individual expense” passed; and the amended motion passed.

The Board took a break from 2:52 to 3:09

e Executive Secretary

Discussion was tabled until after the budget is discussed.

9 New Business

a Review and Approve 2003 Budget

Paul Whipple noted the change to the line for secretarial expenses down from \$2,750 to \$2,250. The proposed budget was amended to delete the West Fed income line item, and approved as amended.

b First Quarter Treasurer Report

Paul Whipple reported, and noted that membership is behind, at about \$13,000, and it is time to send second invoices. The report should be revised to reflect the current budget. A motion passed to approve the report as amended with notations from the approved budget.

c Executive Secretary

A motion passed to hire Vicky Sterling of Sterling Touch as executive secretary to work within the amount budgeted.

d NCEES Model Law

This issue was continued.

e Disbursement of Funds from March Workshop

Excellent work by the Fairbanks chapter to coordinate the workshop was acknowledged and a disbursement of some of the proceeds to the chapter was discussed and dismissed. Martin Gutoski noted that ASPSL could expect to get at least \$2500 for their half of the proceeds from the joint workshop held with IRWA.

10. Announcements

a Next Board Meeting

Meeting dates for 2003 were set for May 10, August 23, and November 17 in Anchorage.

b Issues for NSPS

George Strother invited people to submit issues for the next NSPS meeting.

c By-Laws Change

It was noted that a corporate resolution is needed to authorize signers. A motion was introduced and passed to remove Jamie Milton Shields and add Dean Cimmityoti, George Strother, Mike Fretwell, Craig Savage, and Paul Whipple.

d AELS Board Meetings

Pat Kalen noted that the 2003 board meetings will be May 21-22 in Fairbanks, August 21-22 in Juneau, and November 17-18 or 18-19 in Anchorage (tentative).

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its May 10, 2003 Meeting.