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Board Meeting

*USKH Boardroom, 2515 A Street, Anchorage
Saturday, May 10, 2003*

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Tuck Maakestad called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Those in attendance were:

A. Roll Call:

Attendance as follows:

President	– Tuck Maakestad
Past-president	– Mike Fretwell
President-elect	- (vacant)
Treasurer	– Dean Cimmiyotti
Secretary	– Martin Gutoski (absent)
WestFed Delegate “A”	– Bud Campbell
WestFed Delegate “B”	– Paul Whipple
NSPS Governor	- George Strother (absent)
ACSM President	- Sam Best

Chapter Presidents:

Anchorage	- Pat Kelly
Fairbanks	- Martin Shurr
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	– Tim Mullikin
Student Chapter	– Steve Callahan (absent)

Standards of Practice	– John Bennett (absent)
Membership	– Ron Mitchell (absent)

APDC	– Paul Whipple
Legislative Liaison	– Pat Kalen
Executive Secretary	– Vicky Sterling
Appointee	– Michael Schoder
AELS Board	– Scott McLane (via teleconference)

2. Approve Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments to minimize Scott McLane’s time on the telephone: move up items 10c and 11b, c, and f for discussion after the Chapter Report. In addition, last 4 items on agenda re-numbered 11 – 14.

3. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 15, 2003, meeting were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

4. President’s Report – Tuck Maakestad

A written report was distributed for reference. Tuck mentioned that it is time to start planning next year’s conference and he needs volunteers to serve on the committee. A date in February has been secured with the hotel, and the kick-off planning meeting is set for May 19. Contact Tuck if interested.

5. Appointment of President Elect

Tuck thanked Mike Schoder for stepping up to fill the vacancy in the president-elect position, and acknowledged having received email concurrence on the appointment from those present. Motion to approve the appointment was approved by voice vote.

6. Treasurer’s Report – Dean Cimmiyotti

A written Second Quarter report was distributed. Dean worked with Paul Whipple to transition, and PJ Whipple will continue to provide bookkeeping support. Paul noted that a \$1,405 item under chapter disbursements was actually for the prior quarter; and that TrigStar has expended \$1,000 and has \$750 credited but not reflected: Two checks reported as donated at the meeting in Fairbanks have not been deposited/located and may be lost; the donors will be asked to reissue if the checks are not found. Income was noted from lapel pins, coffee mugs, and baseball caps; Tuck noted that he has them available – pins are \$10, mugs \$15, caps \$20. Also noted, the ACSM and chapter disbursements have not been made pending receipt of a conformed membership roster. The report was approved as presented.

7. Chapter Reports

a. Anchorage Chapter – Patrick Kelly

The chapter has been dealing with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to oppose a policy that encourages citizens to alter as-builts for the permit approval process. Having received no reply from first contact, a letter is being drafted to the director of public works and the new mayor in an effort toward resolution. The chapter counted ballots at last meeting, and Jerry Lewis is now both the acting and elected secretary/treasurer, with Ken Ayers as President Elect, to take office in January. Pat noted that the TrigStar program was very successful, and the Anchorage winner will have a chance at Nationals. Paul Whipple noted that the MOA draft Title 21 is on the MOA website for review, and includes survey related items.

b. Fairbanks – Martin Shurr

Access 2003 and TrigStar have been the main activities. TrigStar participation was up – one school went from 5 students last year to 26 this year. The chapter also assisted with proctoring the AKLS exam. Martin Shurr was re-elected president in recent election.

c. Kenai – Tim Mullikin

The chapter last met the 10th of April. They have been urging the local borough to reinstate the borough surveyor position complete with contracting powers, to no avail. The TrigStar program came at a time when the best candidates were in Florida with the band; they hope for better next year.

d. Mat-Su – Fred Schwaderer

The chapter recently had a program with two guest speakers from DOT; and has been working with the City of Wasilla to write plot plan regulations to avoid the problems we've seen in Anchorage with citizens marking up as-builts. The City of Wasilla has been very responsive to local surveyors' input. Mat-Su also had a successful TrigStar program, with 96 students in 3 schools participating. A student from Wasilla took 3rd place at state level.

e. Student – Steve Callahan (absent/no report)

7a. Revisions: Insert items from Committee Reports and Continuing Business

i. Legislative (agenda item 10c) – Pat Kalen

HB 252 introduced by Anchorage Rep. Lesil McGuire grants authority for the AELS Board to regulate continuing education (CE); and fixes the problem where serving part of a term on a board counts as a full term toward term limits. Pat is hopeful of seeing it get through the Senate next session. The Code Revision Task Force was weighted toward labor as proposed, so a focus has been lobbying for balanced representation. Finally, HB148 by Rep. Harris would require the AELS Board to draft regulations to govern survey standards, with control of mortgage surveys the motivation. Pat feels they've made progress in showing Rep. Harris that the issue is complicated. Scott McLane found short, straightforward regulations from Ohio to provide as an example, and they are hopeful the legislature will assume responsibility for draft regulations.

The board took a break from 10:10 to 10:20 a.m. to re-establish teleconference link with Scott McLane.

ii. AELS Board (agenda item 10b) – Pat Kalen/Scott McLane

Pat reminded that his term on the AELS board ends in 2004 and Scott's in 2005 – it is time to think about candidates/volunteers for orderly transition. Pat circulated a sign-up sheet for subject matter experts for next exam workshop. The test will be reviewed by Test, Inc. and administered Nov. 15-16. Craig Savage asked if anyone has spoken to the board about ExpressMap, being used by First American Title as an alternative to a mortgage survey – is this practicing survey without license? Pat said nothing has been brought to the board, and suggested it would better be referred to the examiner through Attorney General's office, which can be done without going through the board.

iii. NCEES Model Law (agenda item 11c)

Pat and Scott got the AELS Board to start looking at the NCEES model law. The model law was about to be adopted at the national level when California issued an objection in the form of an amendment that Pat considered might not be acceptable. Mike Schoder related insights he heard from national DOT photogrammetric folks who said that the application of the model law in Virginia seemed to be splintering the disciplines; and that in Florida, which has had a law in effect 6 or 7 years, they have been unable to build a license pool for photogrammetrists, who basically are failing before they get to the discipline-specific portion of the test. Comity is also a problem. Pat agreed that Florida presented an example of what not to do. Pat asked for funding toward his attendance at the West Zone NCEES meeting; it was noted that the budget includes travel funds and Pat was invited to submit costs for consideration by the board.

8. NSPS National Report – Craig Savage

Issues are outlined in detail on the web at www.acsm.org. An important ballot is coming soon concerning changes to the by-laws and constitution that would make the member organizations of ACSM into autonomous organizations, and Craig urged a Yes vote. Craig will be installed as national president of NSPS in April.

9. Delegate Reports

- a. NSPS – George Strother (absent; no report)
- b. WestFed – Bud Campbell/Paul Whipple

The next meeting is June 21, and final minutes are not available from previous meeting so a formal report was not available. Paul Whipple noted that he has found advantages in the idea sharing available as a member of WestFed.

- c. APDC – Paul Whipple

A written report was provided for reference. Paul noted that APDC is still focused on the building safety code issues. This issue has moved fast, especially in the House as HB 62. The CE bill HB 252 also is moving quickly through committees in the House, but the companion SB 206 is stalled in the Senate and may carry over to next session. The adverse possession bill, SB 93, is moving fast but lacks a companion bill. Design/Build regulations are still with the Attorney General's office for review. Paul provided a note about Qualifications Based Selection, which apparently is less problem for surveyors than engineers based on feedback; and noted that APDC is looking into presenting a workshop for member organizations about the responsibilities of serving on a board.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution and By-laws – Sam Best

No issues have arisen.

- b. Membership – Ron Mitchell

In his absence, it was noted that second notices for dues need to be sent. Vicky was asked to coordinate with Ron to accomplish this.

- c. Legislative (moved to 7a)

- d. Standards of Practice – John Bennett (absent/no report)
- e. TrigStar – George Strother (absent/no report)
- f. Raffle Committee – (no report)
- g. Training Committee – Ken Ayers/Mike Fretwell

Mike has a report in PDF format he will send to Tuck.

- h. Safety Committee (ideas for this year) – Mike Fretwell

Mike noted that he is working to simplify permit requirements for working in the railroad right-of-way, that would incorporate a web-based course in Railroad Protector Liability Laws to earn certification to apply for a permit that would be good for a period of years, rather than having to apply for a permit (and pay a fee) for each entry. Craig advised Mike that a safety video is still a topic at the national level, as well.

- i. 2003 ASPLS Annual Meeting Report – Martin Gutoski (Marty Shurr)

A written report was distributed for reference. Proceeds were split 50/50 between IRWA and ASPLS, and were more than expected. A motion was passed to distribute \$1,000 each to ACSM and the Fairbanks Chapter for their extra efforts in support of the meeting, and the balance will be deposited to the state treasury. Fairbanks chapter members were commended for great work.

- j. 2003 Joint Conference ASPRS Annual Conference Report – Mike Fretwell/Tuck Maakestad

The conference was a great success, and proceeds of \$2,000 each are expected for ASPLS and ACSM. More than 1,100 people attended, and proceeds are projected around \$200,000 at the national level. Success was credited to a great deal of hard work at the local level.

- k. 2004 ASMC Conference – Tuck Maakestad

First committee meeting is May 19. Pat noted that he is working to secure 2 speakers, and needs to confirm the dates.

11. Continuing Business

- a. ASPLS Newsletter – Mike Zieserl

Tuck noted that winter and spring issues have been sent, and urged everyone to join in extending compliments to Mike.

- b. AELS Board (moved to 7a)

- c. NCEES Model Law (moved to 7a)

- d. Alaska Center of Population Monument – Ken Ayers / Fred Schwaderer

Fred reported that the planned Visitor Center location is being displaced by the new valley hospital, and neither the visitor center nor monument has a new location identified.

- e. Executive Secretary for ASPLS – Vicky Sterling

Need to coordinate with Ron Mitchell to assume responsibility for membership roster and sending invoices. Craig also noted the opportunity to get on an NSPS executive committee distribution; Vicky will follow up.

f. CE for Surveyors (moved to 7a)

12. New Business

a. Appoint Committee to Study Minimum Standards for Mortgage Surveys Issues

Mike Fretwell will form a committee. Volunteers included Pat Kalen, Scott McLane, Tuck Maakestad, Martin Shurr, and Tim Mullikin; Jim Colver also was named.

13. Announcements

a. Next Board Meeting will be in Anchorage August 23, 2003, location to be announced.

b. AELS Exam Review Nov. 15-16, 2003, in Anchorage – Ron Mitchell and Pat Kalen will coordinate

c. Following Board Meeting in Anchorage November 17 (Monday) – Tentative
Start time tentatively about 4 p.m., pending winter flight information to accommodate
afternoon arrivals.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its August 23, 2003 Meeting.