

ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
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Board Meeting
August 25, 2001

ARR Board Room
327 West Ship Creek Ave, Anchorage

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Fretwell at 9:26 AM in the Board Room of the Alaska Railroad Anchorage headquarters building located on Ship Creek Ave.

A. Roll Call:

Attendance as follows:

President	- Mike Fretwell
President-elect	- Tuk Maakestad (absent)
Treasurer	- Jamie Milton
Secretary	- Martin Gutoski
WestFed Delegate "A"	- Bud Campbell (absent)
West Fed Delegate "B"	- George Strother (absent)
Past-president	- Bruce Brown (absent)
NSPS Governor	- Craig Savage (absent)
ACSM Vice President	- Sam Best (absent)

Chapter Presidents:
Anchorage

- Don Black

Fairbanks	- Martin Gutoski
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	- Scott McLane
Student Chapter	- (absent)

Committees:

Trig Star	- Ron Schwind (absent)
Membership	- Ron Mitchell
APDC	- Paul Whipple
Standards of Practice	- John Bennett (absent)
Legislative	- Pat Kalen

Paul Whipple noted that it appeared that we did not have a quorum to conduct business. Martin Gutoski remarked that this happened last year when we had to conduct a later teleconference in September, but when he reviewed the bylaws later we forgot to include him as two bodies; one as statewide secretary and the other as Fairbanks chapter president. The bylaws state that the executive board consists of the five statewide officers (President, President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Past-President), two West Fed delegates, four chapter presidents and one NSPS Governor, yielding a total count of twelve voting members. Even if we interpret the non-voting status of the Student Chapter President as comprising a thirteenth member of the board, we have 7 of those present, therefore a majority is established.

2. **Approval of May 19, 2001 Board Meeting Minutes:**

Mike Fretwell noted changes to the draft minutes at pages 3 and 4.

Motion: It was moved and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2001 Board meeting with the changes as noted.

3. **Presidents Report:**

Mike Fretwell had nothing written to hand out since he, like everyone else this time of year, has been busy with projects. He has been working on the Surveying and Mapping Conference agenda and noted that the rebates for members who register for the full session will be in effect this year too. The classes and technical sessions have been lined up. They will have a technical session on the EDM calibration baseline results from the class put on by NGS. Mike noted that this year's conference will be put on by ACSM and Tuk Maakestad is the committee chair for the short courses. Mike remarked that the 2003 conference will held in May as part of the ASPRS international meeting, allowing ASPLS to sponsor the ASMC in 2004.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Jamie Milton did not have a written report but noted the following checks have been issued; \$8416 to ACSM for ASPLS membership dues, \$632 to West Fed for membership and \$33.60 for board meetings. Jamie deposited \$3,831 (\$2000 of which Mike Fretwell noted as coming from the Surveying and Mapping conference reimbursement). Jamie

indicated that we have a balance of \$11,886.17 in our treasury. Mike relayed a conversation he had with Pat Kalen at the ASMC committee regarding the reimbursement from the 2003 conference if ASPRS sponsors it instead of ASPLS. Mike told Pat that we will still get a share of the conference since each society gets about 5% of profit. *Mike will write up the results of the conference committee meetings he's attended for a newsletter article.*

Motion: It was moved and approved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

5. Chapter Reports:

A. Anchorage: Don Black reported that meeting attendance has been sparse with only five people present at the last meeting. They have not had a full meeting since July. They still continue with their committee to deal with the record of survey issue requiring platting approval at the municipality of Anchorage. Paul Whipple interjected about the record of survey problem creating easements, but Don has not seen any evidence of it, the only direct experience he's had is one of his taking nearly 180 days to approve. Don may leave this continuing item off his agendas if it is only a perception of a problem, not an actuality after nearly a year of discussion.

Don reported that Trig Star is involving more high schools and he needs a new statewide coordinator. Shishmaref and Unalakleet joined the Trig Star program. Don formed a committee on HB 227 for the minimum survey standards legislation coming up. He got a fax from Mike Olson recommending giving continuing education credit if surveyors belonged to ASPLS. Don still needed a raffle administrator if we are going to hold another one this year. Don still doesn't know who the student chapter members and officers are so he can invite them to a meeting.

B. Fairbanks: Martin Gutoski reported that the NGS EDM calibration baseline and the other four in Anchorage, Kenai, Wasilla and Juneau should have new published data by NGS soon. Martin is requesting the Fairbanks chapter to be reimbursed \$500 to refund the amount they paid to Bill Mendenhall and Larry King to attend the NGS calibration class at Anchorage in May. The Fairbanks chapter is the only one which had members travel for the three day class at their own expense. Martin felt that since we had budgeted \$2500 for the baselines, but only spent \$1000 so far, that Fairbanks could get reimbursed \$500 and we would still be \$1000 under budget.

C. Kenai: Scott McLane reported that their EDM baseline was remeasured by the some of the newly trained calibration technician from NGS class in Anchorage. The chapter has been meeting at the Ninilchik library. Paul Whipple asked about the Seward Meridian point initial. Scott replied that it is still in good shape.

D. Mat-Su: Fred Schwaderer reported that meeting attendance has also been sparse at

their chapter meetings. Their Wasilla EDM baseline was tied down with precision GPS measurements by Marty Williams of DOT. The next chapter meeting will be at the Windbreak Café this Wed.

- E. **Student Chapter:** No one was present to give the report. Mike Fretwell noted that the student chapter will probably rematerialize once the UAA Geomatics classes begin in a few weeks and students return.

6. **Delegate Reports:**

- A. **NSPS:** Craig Savage was not present to give report but Mike Fretwell noticed there was an article in the recent ASPLS newsletter, The Alaskan Surveyor, from Craig about the Spring conference in March at Las Vegas.
- B. **West Fed:** Mike Fretwell report for George Strother and handed out a written report from the West Fed Board of Directors meeting in Seattle on Saturday, June 2. Included with that report was a color brochure from ACSM about a surveying and mapping career. George wants to buy two boxes of the brochures for \$240 for distribution at UAA and the Trig Star competition.

Motion: It was moved and approved unanimously to appropriate \$240 to buy 2400 copies at 10¢ (two boxes) of ACSM brochures for surveying and mapping careers.

- C. **APDC:** Paul Whipple handed out a written report on DOT's design-build projects. Paul wants to discuss the HB 227 legislation for minimum standards of survey practice and *wants to put it on the November ASPLS Board agenda*. Paul noted that there are no minimum standards to be performed for plot plans. There have been some complaints about bad plot plans in Mat Su which have been resolved by complaints to the AELS Board. Scott McLane noted that cribs from other states could be adopted. *Paul will write a letter in conjunction with Pat Kalen on HB 227.*
- D. **ASMC:** Mike Fretwell remarked that he gave some information at his prior report at the beginning of the meeting and *will provide a handout at the next Board meeting in Nov*. He is working with Chuck Aikens from the BLM for a two day short course on riparian boundaries. Chuck put on a similar class six years ago that was well attended, but new issues have come up which need updates. *Mike will fax or email a course list and timetable.*

The Board took a break from 11 to 11:15 AM

7. **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Membership:** Ron Mitchell reported that he converted everything he got from George

Strother on the membership database from Quatro Pro to Excel. Malcom Menzies from Juneau has applied for life membership status. The sustaining members need 500 copies to distribute of our surveying brochures and updated year tags for their plaques. Mike Fretwell indicated that Ron should contact Bill Cohen about getting the tags from "Time Frames" (?) Mike remarked that the copies of the membership certificates he tried to print out were poor. Don Black will send his blank copies to Ron for proofing to print the names onto. Ron noted that renewals for missing members were also sent by email. He will get a total membership count and by-law changes by the November meeting.

B. Legislative & AELS Committee: Pat Kalen handed out a written report on the AKLS exam workshop held on June 24th in Anchorage. A dozen surveyors showed up for the ninth workshop since the Warner Bros have been hired to rate the exam. The April AKLS exam had 21 passing out of the 28 that took the test. Pat may try to have a workshop in December with an October exam if there are enough applicants to warrant a second test. Pat also handed out a written report on the NCEES annual meeting at Little Rock, Arkansas August 1-4, 2001. Pat noted that August is a bad time for meetings with surveyors. The main topic was the inclusion of GIS and photogrammetrists in the definition of the practice of land surveying for licensure requirements. Vermont tried to include GIS practitioners in their regulations but failed in the legislature. Mike Fretwell asked about problems created with this if photogrammetrists are then allowed to then stamp plats. Mike also asked if the professional engineers have objected since they too use photogrammetry in their work. Pat apologized for the brief report but had to catch an airplane flight and he left at 12:02 PM.

Scott McLane continued with Pat's discussion on the topic of continuing education and consideration by the AELS Board. The subject was not brought up at the AELS board meeting but it is in the proposed regulations package as shown at the AELS website.

C. By-Laws: Sam Best was reached via teleconference about the revisions to Article VI, Sec. 3. c. concerning Dues and Assessments. George Strother thought that it would be better to add a subsection j. to that article for the ACSM joint dues at the Board's discretion since the affiliation may not be carried through next year if membership shows a decline due to the dues increase. Craig Savage noted that a change should be made instead for the dues to be set by the Board at the general membership meeting. Sam also talked about the change to Life Membership under Article III, Sec. 3.c. for the five year requirement. Sam also suggested changes to Article VIII, Sec. 1 for redundant language in the officers terms. Sam said he will work on draft language on these amendments to be submitted at the annual meeting for adoption.

D. Standards of Practice: No report was submitted from John Bennett.

- E. Raffle:** Don Black reported that they have not had any meetings yet, but the bank cards for the \$5532 proceeds to be transferred need to be signed since Craig Savage and Barb Hosier are still on the old ones. Mike Fretwell remarked that perhaps we should hire a contractor to administer a raffle and Trig Star operations similar to our conference organizer, Logistics. Paul Whipple noted that he recently got mail from the Pacific Office Center advertising their services. *Mike will check with them and have an item on this for the November Board meeting.*
- F. Trig Star:** Don Black covered this topic as part of his Anchorage chapter report.
- G. Newsletter:** Mike Fretwell noted that Mike Zieserl should be given an atta-boy for the quality of his newsletters.
- 8. Continuing Business:** Mike Fretwell noted he is still working on the ASPLS statewide organization helping with local issues and can give a presentation to other chapters on issues like the Record of Survey.
- 9. New Business:** Mike Fretwell remarked that there is nothing new on the Self Rule for an autonomous licensing board but issues like the NCEES Model Survey Law and continuing education are sure to start members talking.
- 10. Announcements:** Pat Kalen announced that the Fall AELS exam coming this October will be the last one before the new education requirements become effective Jan 1st.
- Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be Saturday, November 17th at the ARR Ship Creek office.
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its November 17, 2001 Meeting.