

ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
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Board Meeting
August 26, 2000

ARR Board Room
327 Ship Creek Ave, Anchorage

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Fretwell at 9:45 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	- 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 (absent)
ACSM Vice President	- Sam Best (absent)

Chapter Presidents:

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

It was noted by George Strother that the board lacked a quorum to conduct business but could defer any vote on an item until the next available meeting at which a majority of the board is present.

2. Approval of February 23, 2000 Board Meeting Minutes:

George Strother noted changes to pages 2 & 6 of the draft minutes.

Motion: It was moved to forward the minutes of the February 23, 2000 Board meeting with the changes as noted to the consent agenda at the next board meeting.

3. Presidents Report:

Mike Fretwell had nothing to report except that his health prevented him from having the May meeting in Fairbanks as planned.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Paul Whipple handed out copies of the third quarter report from the period ending Aug. 26th. Paul noted that he had received no report from Don Black about the raffle and the state has pulled the permit for late filing on the proceeds of the raffle. *Mike Fretwell indicated he will get with Don on this matter.*

Paul Whipple reported that he has made two payments to the Executive Secretary, Donna Barr of \$500 and \$775 for services rendered. Paul also has the chapter disbursements but cannot distribute the checks without Craig Savage's signature. Paul called attention to the \$195 expense he had made from a matching income received from a member who mistakenly made a payment to ASPLS for an AELS late registration fee. Rather than send the check back to the registrant Paul deposited it and wrote out a check to the State for the late fee.

Mike Fretwell noted that he had an unused airline ticket he had purchased for the trip to Fairbanks for the cancelled May meeting. Mike also noted that the student chapter gets \$5 per student for reimbursement.

George Strother asked Paul about the Surveying and Mapping conference proceeds distribution to which Paul replied that it will come later before the next ASMC. George also noted that he will be sending out 65 renewal notices for ASPLS membership. **George requested that a letter from ASPLS be given to himself or Bud Campbell to give to the West Fed Board meeting on October 7th in Nevada.** George recommended that the Treasurer's report be recommended for approval at the next available Board meeting.

5. Chapter Reports:

A. Fairbanks: Martin Gutoski reported that their EDM calibration baseline certification had to be postponed from this August to next Spring because the NGS technician from Virginia had a heart attack in July and had to put off traveling for two months. Martin asked George Strother if it would be possible to coordinate for next May to have the training session at Wasilla to calibrate their baseline too. Martin also reported that at

their last noon meeting they had a tour of the CORS GPS site at the NOAA tracking facility outside of town.

- B. **Mat-Su:** George Strother reported that the **USDA/NRCS (the old Soil Conservation Service)** had 150 CD's of the 1964 SCS maps with the renamed soil horizons, topo maps, and borough tax maps of Palmer and upper Susitna district available for free. George stated that **several valley surveyors attended the FEMA class in Anchorage** on the FIRM **maps** and BFE's. **In the class it was brought out that** the biggest flood in 1974 caused by the outwash from the glacial breakout at Granite Creek.
- C. **Anchorage:** Paul Whipple reported on the Record of Survey flap going on with the platting authority at the municipality City of Anchorage. The muni now requires a certificate of ownership and approval on the ROS. Tuck Maakestad indicated he had experience with ROS in other states and volunteered to work on a committee to present ASPLS position to the Anchorage Assembly. George Strother noted that California has high fees and stringent requirements for ROS recording.

6. Delegate Reports:

- A. **NSPS:** Craig Savage was not present to give the report.
- B. **West Fed:** George Strother handed out a written report from the May 20th Board of Directors meeting in Nevada. The next meeting will be in Sparks, Nevada in five weeks. The position of executive secretary was added with the hiring of Dorothy Calegari, who is also working for the California Land Surveyors Assoc.
- C. **APDC:** Paul Whipple said he is still waiting to get a letter from Mike Fretwell appointing Tuck to the membership committee. There has not been much activity for surveyors lately. The ICBO is fighting about the State Fire Marshall versus the Municipal Fire Chiefs (NFPA) international code which is being used to replace the UBC by NAFTA. Paul reported that Sharon Macklin is leaving the APDC. Paul noted that APDC revenue has fallen short on their meet the candidate forums due to low attendance. They were about \$5k short on paying their lobbyist this year.
- D. **ASMC:** Mike Fretwell handed out a tentative conference agenda. He wants to identify the chairs of the various committees from ASPLS volunteers. Mike will get the vendors, awards, technical chairs, short courses and students lined up. Mike wants Paul Whipple to setup the GIS/LIS sponsors. Paul noted that the conference will be Feb 20-23 at the Hilton again this year. Paul will be working on the 16 hours of short courses put on by ASPLS for which the abstracts are due by Oct 2nd. Possible courses include issues involving wetlands, antiquities, flood plain and RS 2477 rights-of-way. Martin Gutoski noted that the IRWA put on an RS 2477 seminar a few summers in Anchorage. Paul also thought about having a Red Cross training session for those who must get their first aid cards current. *Mike Fretwell indicated he will contact the Red Cross trainer for that.* George Strother asked about the question Bud Campbell had at the last Board meeting concerning giving members a discount for a lower fee to attend the conference this year.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Membership:** George Strother handed out the list of 165 current members and gave disks to the Board for distribution. Also included are the page at the end showing the 1999 members who have not renewed. George noted that the number of sustaining members has not changed and that new PLS are invited to join ASPLS free for their first year. He also reminded us that with the ACSM-ASPLS joint dues agreement this year, Article 6, Sec. 3 of the By-laws will need to be changed. Paul Whipple noted that Hyatt Hobart died and was up for honorary membership, *which will have to be taken up at the next Board meeting.*
- B. **Legislative Committee:** Pat Kalen was not present to give the report.
- C. **Standards of Practice:** *Mike indicated he may need to contact John Bennett about the cost of reproducing updated SOP manuals provided on CD's only.*
- D. **Raffle:** *Mike Fretwell will call Don Black about the gaming permit expiration.*
- E. **Trig Star:** *Mike Fretwell will check with John Kerr about the upcoming tests..*
- F. **Teller Committee:** Paul Whipple reminded Mike Fretwell that the Teller Committee is only appointed at the ASMC for the election ballot counts.
- G. **Newsletter:** Mike noted that the newsletter by Tony Hoffmann is non-existent. *Mike will talk to Ron Cothorn about merging the ASPLS and UAA Geomatics Student newsletters.*

8. **Continuing Business:** Mike Fretwell and George Strother reiterated their frustration with attempts at contacting the new executive secretary we hired at the Feb Board meeting. It seems she has no email or office for messages. Martin Gutoski asked Paul Whipple about the duties specified for the executive secretary.

Mike Fretwell again reiterated his support for local issues such as the Record of Survey problems with the Anchorage municipality.

9. **New Business:**

Mike Fretwell noted that the new program receipts being undertaken by the AELS Board is a first good step toward an autonomous Board of Registration.

10. **Announcements:**

Mike Fretwell noted that the old 1995 brochures that George Strother handed out for how the surveying profession serves the public is good for business clients. *He wants to get more copies made and would like to budget an item for reprinting several hundred more.*

Next Board Meeting: Mike wanted to have another Board meeting before the next

quarter because the May meeting was cancelled and we did not have a quorum today to vote on any issues. He would like to setup a teleconference in September.

The next available time for a Board meeting will be **Saturday, September 23rd at 10 AM.** Mike will get the teleconference arranged using the ARR dedicated phones.

11. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its September 23, 2000 Meeting.