

**ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**  
**AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING**  
**AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**  
**MEMBER OF WESTERN FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

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**Reconvened Board Meeting**  
**September 23, 2000**

**Teleconference from ARR Board Room**  
**327 Ship Creek Ave, Anchorage**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Fretwell at 10:15 AM telephonically from the Board Room of the Alaska Railroad Anchorage headquarters building located on Ship Creek Ave. *Mike Fretwell noted that the meeting was reconvened from Aug 26<sup>th</sup> because the Board lacked a quorum to vote on any items.*

**A. Roll Call:**

The following attendees were present at the teleconference as noted:

President	- Mike Fretwell
President-elect	- Tuck Maakestad (absent)
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

Chapter Presidents:

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

Standards of Practice - John Bennett (absent)

*It was determined that there were enough Board members present to establish a quorum.*

2. **Approval of February 23 and August 26, 2000 Board Meeting Minutes:**

George Strother noted changes to pages 2 & 3 of the draft minutes from Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. Also the prior minutes of the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were submitted as amended at the Aug 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** It was moved and approved to accept the minutes of the February 23 and August 26, 2000 meeting with the changes as noted.

3. **Presidents Report:**

Mike had nothing new to report.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Paul Whipple noted that his budget report was given at the Aug 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The only new information since then was the revised figure for the reimbursement from the ASMC paid out to the society. Paul noted that the student chapter gets \$5 per student for reimbursement as discussed at the August 26<sup>th</sup> ASPLS Board meeting, but he needed to know if the student rebates would be retroactive to FY 99. Craig Savage asked about the Geomatics Student Association knowledge of the status as the student chapter. George Strother noted that the billing period for FY 1999 is for the year 2000 and recommended that the student rebates be effective for this cycle only.

**Motion:** It was moved and approved to provide the \$5 student rebate for FY 1999.

5. **Chapter Reports:**

A. **Anchorage:** Pat Kelly had nothing to report.

B. **Fairbanks:** Martin Gutoski had nothing new to report since the August meeting.

C. **Kenai:** Scott McLane reported that they had a floodplain workshop on the new FEMA forms May 5<sup>th</sup> with Kristi Miller and Harlan Leguire of the Army Corps of Engineers. Paul Whipple remarked that there is a similar workshop scheduled for the ASMC.

D. **Mat-Su:** George Strother had nothing new since the August 26<sup>th</sup> report.

6. **Delegate Reports:**

- A. **NSPS:** Craig Savage reported on the building sale and debt retirement for the national ACSM headquarters. They are now out of debt and have established a line of credit. At a teleconference on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> it was announced that ACSM is now approximately \$10K in the black. NSPS now contracts with ACSM for labor. *ACSM.net* is now the new web address. The next ACSM conference will be at Providence, Rhode Island in a joint conference with the five northeast states on Dec 2-6. Craig wanted to know if members have received the ACSM bulletin with the AutoCAD map of Cincinnati.
- B. **West Fed:** George Strother reported that the next meeting is on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Sparks, Nevada. George needed a letter saying that a \$500 check is going to West Fed. Paul Whipple said he will get with George before he goes in October.
- C. **APDC:** Paul Whipple said they interviewed the new candidates for lobbyist and have narrowed it down to the two finalists, Amy Dougherty and Charlie Miller. Paul noted that APDC is running short on funds for the meet the candidate forums. They are asking for member organizations to sponsor \$160.

**Motion:** It was moved and approved unanimously to provide \$160 to APDC for sponsorship of eight seats at the upcoming meet the candidate forum.

- D. **ASMC:** Mike Fretwell attended the executive board meeting on Monday and asked for a reduction in registration fees for members per the request of Bud Campbell at the Spring ASMC. Mike managed to get the fee for registration to be \$320 for ASPLS members, a savings of \$70 from the normal rate. This registration reduction rate will be available for those who sign up for the whole week of courses only. In order to get this Mike agreed to a smaller disbursement from the proceeds of the conference. Hopefully the reduction will net more new or renewing members to the ASPLS treasury in the long run. They will put a check box on the registration form for members or they can logon to the website to take advantage of the ASPLS discount.

Mike noted that he wanted to make the ASMC a surveying and mapping conference first. It has become a GIS/GPS conference with less emphasis on the hands on aspect of surveying tools for field work. He needs volunteers to help with the support of this objective. Craig Savage noted that GIS/GPS are tools not professions and added his support for what Mike has done for the rebate to members for the registration.

Paul Whipple added that he intends to have a short course on wetlands determination and flood plain requirements of the Army Corps of Engineers. Also planned is a field identification guide for cultural resources since so many surveyors are out in bush areas or native Alaskan villages. Paul has lined up various speakers from the government sector to present this topic. George Strother and Martin Gutoski remarked that they also know a few archaeologists who may be interested in

participating. Paul also suggested having a mock trial set up for a case of using GPS for survey line retracement.

Mike reported that the ASMC budget showed a \$10K profit with the ASPLS supposed to get \$2K for this year's, but with the member rebate for early registration deal worked out, he agreed to reduce the ASPLS share to \$1500. A better marketing effort this year will be made to get all the booth spaces rented because last year they had 25 exhibitors but only 13 were used.

## 7. **Committee Reports:**

- A. Membership:** George Strother reported he sent out the second invoice and noted that we have received income was of \$1140 from the second invoices already. Membership is less this year due possibly to the ACSM joint membership deal. George said he got a letter from one of the board of directors of the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado, who asked about the benefits of the combined dues structure. George has gotten five rejections from prior members in protest to the higher fees for the joint ACSM dues. Mike Fretwell noted that if we want to be professionals we must support the national organization in order to see what the overall picture is nationwide.

George has been contacted by a stateside member who was already an ACSM member. George told him that he will need to show proof of prior dues from another chapter since right now only Alaska and New Jersey have approved the joint dues structure. Craig Savage noted that when more states join they will have a dues checkoff to handle that situation, but for now he will get with Denise Calvert or Curt Sumner about this. George needed to get with the executive secretary, Donna Barr about the next mailouts. George had one final note about the resolution we made at last year's general membership meeting to include a free Standards of Practice CD with every new or renewing membership application. He wanted to know how this was being done since John Bennett was not producing the manuals now. If we are going to spend the money we should do it now. Martin Gutoski suggested we look at the cost to duplicate the CD's with the same company that produced the ASMC meeting abstracts last year.

Mike Fretwell reminded the Board that at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting we had a sponsorship for Hyatt Hobart as an honorary member. Mike will need a description as to why the deceased member should be considered for honorary status since the position is to acknowledge someone who has advanced the standing of professional surveyors. Craig noted that Lyle Jones, Greg Frasier and Roy Eklund have recently passed away, both of whom have done service to the surveying profession here too.

- B. Legislative Committee:** Pat Kalen was not present to give the report.

**C. Standards of Practice:** Mike Fretwell said he will check on the cost of CD dupes.

**D. Raffle:** Mike Fretwell said has not heard back from Don Black about the gaming permit expiration. Mike had heard from Mike Zieserl who also took the gaming permit class from the State and thought that Don had taken care of it.

**E. Trig Star:** Mike Fretwell will check again with John Kerr about the upcoming tests, but has not heard back from him in some time. George Strother asked that the scheduling be done by the November Board meeting so he can work on contacting the participating schools. Craig Savage remarked that the national Trig Star coordinator did not get the Alaska state winners.

**F. Teller Committee:** Paul Whipple noted that the Teller Committee should be changed Nominations Committee since the Teller committee is appointed at the ASMC annual meeting for the election ballot counts only. The duty of the president-elect is to obtain nominations by the November Board meeting, so the ballots can be mailed out and then counted at the ASMC general membership meeting.

**G. Newsletter:** Mike Fretwell reported that the newsletter editorship was volunteered to be taken over by former student president Mike Zieserl. Paul Whipple remembered that we had promised to pay the newsletter editor \$250 and if we will continue to pay Mike Zieserl as an associate member to help offset some of his time.

**8. Continuing Business:** Mike Fretwell asked about the status of the Record of Survey problem with the Anchorage municipality. Paul Whipple replied that there is a meeting scheduled in October with the Anchorage Assembly on this issue. George Strother noted that the Mat-Su Borough is rewriting their zoning and subdivision regulations.

**9. New Business:**

**AELS Board Self Rule:** George Strother asked about the status on the move toward an autonomous Board of Registration. Scott McLane replied that there is now funding for both an LS and PE to attend the NCEES workshop from the AELS Board for both a PE and PLS Board member. Scott also said he will provide a newsletter article about this item for the planned winter workshop.

**ASMC Alternate:** Mike Fretwell noted that Paul Whipple was appointed as the alternate to ASMC. Mike also noted that the ASMC Executive Board approved giving themselves free registration at the conference if a conference committee member attends 51% of the board meetings.

**NSPS:** Craig Savage announced that the NSPS Foundation is having a fundraiser at their December conference in Rhode Is. They will be auctioning baskets of items from each

state. Craig asked for a \$50 contribution from ASPLS to help pay for the basket of Alaskan items to be donated.

**Motion:** It was moved and approved unanimously to provide \$50 for the NSPS Foundation fundraiser basket items from Alaska.

**10. Announcements:**

George Strother announced that the membership list will be e-mailed in order to get local chapter presidents to contact members for renewal.

Craig Savage announced that he has accepted the nomination to run for Vice President of NSPS. The ballots will be coming out this fall. Craig asked for support from ASPLS. He noted that if elected he could no longer continue to serve as NSPS Governor. If he is elected he will have to be replaced. Craig noted that Alaska will be well represented at the national level if he becomes VP because Sam Best will become President-elect of ACSM and Pat Kalen will be the Chairman of the Council of Section at the December conference in Rhode Is.

**Next Board Meeting:** Mike wanted to have the next Board meeting to coincide with the AELS. Scott McLane indicated that the AELS meeting in Anchorage will be on November 16 and 17. Mike set the next time for the ASPLS Board meeting will be **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in the ARR Anchorage office building.

**11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted

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Martin Gutoski, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the  
ASPLS Board at its November 18, 2000 Meeting.