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Board Meeting

February 11, 2004, Anchorage Hilton Hotel, Portage Room

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

President Michael Schoder called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Those in attendance were:

A. Roll Call:

Attendance as follows:

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

Chapter Presidents:

Anchorage	- Ken Ayers
Fairbanks	- Tim Sprout
Mat-Su	- Fred Schwaderer
Kenai	– Tim Mullikin
Student Chapter	– Steve Callahan (absent)

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

APDC	– Paul Whipple
Legislative Liaison	– Pat Kalen
Fairbanks Past President	– Martin Shurr
Member	– Richard Heieren
Executive Secretary	– Vicky Sterling

1. Approve Agenda

In absence of printed agenda and interest of time, the following agenda was proposed and approved verbally: Budget; Mortgage Survey HB 148; AELS Board Recommendations; and Quarterly Meeting Schedule.

2. Budget

The following adjustments were made during discussion of the treasurer’s draft budget:

- Income: increase membership income to \$20,000; increase conference disbursement to \$3,000
- Expenses: increase NSPS dues to \$8,700; increase awards/plaques to \$500

These adjustments reduced the operating shortfall to \$8,040.

The possibility of asking chapters to forego their disbursement from the state organization was rejected without a formal motion in favor of efforts to raise money and recruit additional membership in an effort to balance the budget.

Reinstatement of the raffle permit was discussed as a necessary step for fundraising; historically, raffles have netted about \$2,000 profit. However, any income generated from this year’s efforts would reach the coffers next year, so the 2004 budget was not adjusted to reflect income from the activity. It was noted that sufficient seed money exists in the raffle account to pay for the prize.

The revised budget was approved unanimously on a motion by Tuck Maakestad and second by Martin Gutoski.

Paul Whipple noted as a point of information that the disbursement from state to chapters for 2003 has not been made, so \$2,100 is still owed; the entry on that line in treasurer’s report reflects replacement of a check the Anchorage chapter lost.

3. HB 148 related to Residential Mortgage Surveys

Rep. Harris’s proposed bill to set standards for residential mortgage surveys was discussed in the general membership meeting previously, where Jim Colver proposed language to rewrite lines 6-9 to delete reference to “defensible boundaries” and proposed a definition of the term, Residential Mortgage Survey. Discussion favored the language suggested for lines 6-9 as well as the definition of the term, and focused on the title of the bill. Alternatives such as “Mortgage Location Survey” were considered, as well as consistency with the Standards of Practice.

Fred Schwaderer made a motion to endorse the bill, as long as the revisions enumerated by Jim Colver are adopted; Martin Gutoski provided the second.

Tim Mullikin offered a friendly amendment to delete the word “Residential” from the title of the bill and from the definition of “Mortgage Survey.” Fred and Martin accepted the amendment. The amended motion passed unanimously. Relevant language is reprinted below:

Replace lines 6-9 with: (a) The board shall adopt regulations that establish minimum technical standards for the performance of residential mortgage surveys to ensure the achievement of not less

than minimum degrees of accuracy, completeness, and quality in order to show the location of improvements on a residential parcel of real property. In ... [revert to original language]

Add to bill: (b) For the purposes of this section, “mortgage survey” means a survey by a professional land surveyor of residential improvements upon a parcel of real property which are illustrated on a drawing sealed by a professional land surveyor licensed in the state of Alaska.

4. AELS Board Recommendations

Two members present have applied for seats on the AELS Board and requested endorsement by ASPLS: Applicants Paul Whipple and Richard Heieren were asked to leave the room for this discussion. Sam Best stated that status as an active, participating member of ASPLS was of primary importance for an endorsement. George Strother also stated that single-registration applicants should be preferred, and Pat Kalen reinforced George’s opinion that it can be very difficult for a PE/LS to take off his PE hat in some issues. Both applicants were acknowledged as active, participating members, and single-discipline registrants.

Tuck Maakestad, with second by George Strother, made a motion that ASPLS write a letter of endorsement on behalf of both Richard Heieren and Paul Whipple for a seat on the AELS Board. The motion passed with one abstention (Ken Ayers).

5. Quarterly Board Meeting Schedule

President Schoder suggested a series of Saturday meetings in May, August and November; Ken Ayers requested weekday meetings in the summer, at least. Coordination with board members’ travel schedules and AELS board meetings was discussed and there was insufficient information to agree upon dates for August and November.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 20, at 4 p.m., in the USKH board room, 2515 A Street in Anchorage (to be confirmed, assumes availability). Subsequent meeting dates will be confirmed at that time.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Spangler, Secretary ASPLS

These minutes are as approved by the
ASPLS Board at its May 21, 2004 Meeting.