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Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting
May 19, 2007
DOT McKinley Bldg, Fairbanks

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

President Gutoski called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

a. Roll Call:

President	Martin Gutoski	Present
Past-President	Michael Schoder	Telecom
President Elect	Tim Sprout	Present
Treasurer	Dean Cimmiyotti	Telecom
Secretary	Michael Spangler	Present
NSPS Governor	George Strother	Telecom
WestFed Delegate "A"	Paul Whipple	Telecom
WestFed Delegate "B"	Richard Heieren	Present

Rich is also AELS Board member

Local Chapter Presidents:

Anchorage	Michael Miller	Telecom
Fairbanks	Larry Durfee	Present
Kenai	Tom Latimer	Present
Mat-Su Valley	Fred Schwaderer	Excused
UAA student (non-voting)	Kay Tanner	Absent

Guests:

NCEES Model Rule Comm.	Patrick Kalen
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Eleven of the twelve voting members were present or attending telephonically, therefore a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Board minutes of March 22, 2007:

Motion to approve the March BOD minutes with no changes passed unanimously.

3. Presidents Report: Gutoski noted the extra BOD meeting held at the ASMC in March.

4. Treasurers Report: Cimmiyotti said that the tax forms were submitted to the IRS on May 8. He noted that the executive secretary travel was reduced from \$1500 to \$500. Michael Schoder needs reimbursed for the website fees that are charged to his personal credit card each year. Schoder does not have a problem with continuing with this arrangement as there is not an easier way to pay the charge.

5. Chapter Reports:

Anchorage: Miller noted that the anchorage chapter has made the ASPLS annual report available on the DNR/DOT ftp website:

<ftp://ftp.dnr.state.ak.us/dot-cadastral/TRANSFER/>

The chapter has formed a statute of limitations committee. Miller noted that a couple of the members had been trying to contact Pat Kalen about the GIS/Photogrammetry committee. He also noted that the ANC CORS station was down but with new hardware is now up and running again. Member Tom Knox will be chairing an education/short course committee with the idea of offering a one day course this fall. Additional work is being done on the U/G utility locate and copyright issues.

Fairbanks: Durfee reported that they had the TTR-GPS Alaska training at their April meeting. He said the Fairbanks Northstar Borough gave all the plats that had been scheduled for destruction to the chapter. They are currently at Design Alaska's office in Fairbanks.

Kenai: Latimer said the Kenai chapter has had two meetings this year and intends to meet on the first Thursday of the even numbered months. In February they discussed adverse possession law. In April they had a report from the ASMC and talked about the Kenai Peninsula Borough plans to require roads to be built prior to a subdivision plat being approved. They are hoping to discuss wetlands issues at an upcoming meeting. They had 2 schools participate in Trig-Star. Other possible future topics will be the change in DNR regulations concerning public hearings for a lot line change and DNR platting fees.

Mat-Su: Schwaderer submitted a written report. Strother said that the Mat-Su Borough is still requiring the final plat to exactly match the preliminary plat. He also noted that MSB road inspections are now being done by "trained" engineers not borough staff.

UAA Geomatics Student Association: Gutoski noted that ASPLS local chapters donated \$2800 to the GSA for student attendance at the ASMC.

6. Delegate Reports:

NSPS: Strother has correspondence concerning sending ASMC exhibit winners to national competition.

Gutoski will take idea to future ASMC meeting.

WestFed: Heieren reported on WestFed San Diego meeting which was held jointly with CALIS (California Society). He noted that Alaska has about the same attendance as most states. He said some societies handle the disciplinary actions for the state. He also reported that the certified floodplain program has been dropped by FEMA.

APDC: Whipple reported on the indemnity clause legislation. He said that some agencies are trying to pass all responsibility for a project on to consultants. He noted that the copyright issue is ongoing. Schoder reported on the successes of the APDC Owner-A/E Contracts Committee chaired by Boyd Morgenthaler in getting responses by contracting agencies in listening to the concerns and modifying the contract language. Schoder also brought up the concerns of the Contracts committee in some of the onerous indemnity and ownership of document issues contained in proposed contract language in RFPs and solicitations. HB151 solves this in part by using standard language similar to what ADOT&PF has adopted in concert with the design community. He said APDC is very happy with their new lobbyist. He noted that APDC meets the first Thursday of each month.

7. Committee Reports:

Membership: Jim Sharp submitted written report. Total membership of all types is 232 with 147 regular members. One goal of the committee is to verify that all life and honorary members are listed in the current membership roster.

Legislative: Whipple said this was a disappointing session. No additional funding for the UAA School of Engineering was approved. Schoder noted that next year will be hectic with the shorter session. Statute of Limitations laws were also discussed.

Standards of Practice / Website: No report. Whipple noted that he has had inquiries from people looking for work and noted that he directs them to the links on the website.

Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference: Gutoski said there were 335 attendees and the conference about broke even. A minor issue with the cost of the museum was taken care of by the International Polar Year group. Next years conference will be in Anchorage at the Sheraton the week of February 23. Gutoski said the Hilton has become too expensive.

Trig-Star: Miller reported that 394 students participated in Trig-Star. The winner was from Fairbanks and attends Monroe Catholic High School. There was discussion about the difficulty of the test and worries that students could actually be scared away from a surveying career because of it.

Miller and Gutoski will send a letter to NSPS about the societies concerns.

Copyright Issues: There was discussion about this ongoing issue. The possibility of having a standard letter to send out was brought up. Latimer said that Mary Toll of KPB has questioned him about the proper use of an As-Built. In Anchorage the MOA is still allowing re-use of old as-builts as plot plans. There was a meeting yesterday (May 18) but no report yet. Schoder said there was a letter three or four years ago from the State AELS board to the MOA concerning this issue. It was noted that actual cases of harm being done to the public need to be documented.

GIS/Photogrammetrist NCEES Model Rule: Kalen said that Ken Ayers and Pat Kelly volunteered to help as well as Tom Duncan of the FNSB. Kalen will send out proposed to do items later. He said it is important but not urgent. He wants something by November. Heieren said it would be good to have a Photogrammetry representative. He added that Washington State just went through this also.

8. Continuing Business:

AKLS Exam Review: The exam review workshop will take place on June 2 in Anchorage at the Atwood Building. The issue of travel expenses will be covered later.

ASPLS Newsletter: Gutoski noted that we are still relying on the APDC newsletter and that to do one would cost about \$1000.

AELS Board: Heieren is in the technical review committee of the investigative process. The board is also working on the field adaptation issue. Concerning how much a set of plans can be altered without the seal and signature also being changed or updated. Heieren noted that reference to the NCEES model law has been removed from the administrative code. There are 575 surveyors licensed in the State now. Eleven candidates took the FLS in April. Sixteen sat for the AKLS.

The committee to define survey coursework is working on quantifying what would qualify a candidate who does not have a survey degree to sit for the AKLS exam.

The AELS board requests input from the Society and the general public. Gutoski will work with chapter presidents and Geomatics Advisory Board. Gutoski will include item in newsletter also.

UAA Geomatics Advisory Board: No Report. Schoder suggested adding the board to ASPLS e-mails.

9. New Business:

By-Laws change: The membership committee requested the requirements for life membership be changed to require 20 years of membership.

The chapters will discuss and report back at August BOD meeting.

Education Committee: No committee. Miller said that Eagle River High School has a survey curriculum and that the society may want to become involved. Heieren said that any society sponsored “classes” would qualify in the eyes of the AELS Board.

10. Announcements:

a. Whipple asked if we should set a final point monument for Bradford Washburn.

Gutoski will look into it.

b. Next BOD meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2007 in Anchorage at a location to be determined. Meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. November meeting will be on the 10th.

5. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Michael Spangler
Secretary ASPLS