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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING JUNE 25, 2009

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting was held at the Wethersfield Community Center. **President** John Wagenblatt called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Those present included: **Immediate Past President** Andy Tupper; **First Vice President** Kevin DaRos; **Second Vice President** David Palmberg; **Treasurer** Alan Fenrow; **Directors - Hartford County** Reese Roberts; **Middlesex County** Angus McDonald, Jr.; **New Haven County** Larry Fisher; **New London County** Bob Baron & Susan Camp; **Tolland County** Larry Geissler & David Riordan; **Midstate Association of Private Practicing Surveyors** Ken Pudeler; **Public Sector Council** Scott Neff; **South Central Proprietors Council** Bob Jackson; **NSPS Area 1 Director** Bob Dahn; **NSPS Board of Governors** Rick Howard and **CALS Member** John Stonkus.

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Larry Fisher, to approve the May 2009 Minutes.

PASSED
1-ABSTAINED

Treasurer Alan Fenrow reported that the Positional Tolerance & Accuracy Seminar, held May 22, 2009, netted a profit of \$756.20 with 25% going to the Scholarship Fund.

MOTION - made by Larry Fisher, seconded by Angus McDonald, Jr., to approve the May 2009 Financial Report.

PASSED

APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS

MOTION - made by David Palmberg, seconded by Larry Fisher, to approve the following applications for change in membership status:

- 1) John D. Conklin Surveyor Member to Life Member
- 2) John L. Heagle Surveyor Member to Life Member

PASSED

2009 CODE REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Larry Fisher reported that the Code Revision Committee met with the GNSS Committee in June to review GNSS Accuracy Standards that will be included in the update of the current code. Modifications of the existing regulations are almost complete. However, most of the original document will stay the same. The committee is on target to have a draft available for the Board of Directors to review in July.

GIS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Baron reported that a letter from the Department of Consumer Protection regarding the filing of data in digital format has been sent to all municipalities. A copy of the letter can be seen on CALS website <http://ctsurveyor.com/DCP%20letter%20regarding%20digital%20filing.pdf>.

The GIS Committee is seeking opinions from members of CALS Board of Directors with respect to changes to the "white pages" of the code.

Mr. Baron also reported that the Town of Old Lyme has prepared "Standards for Digital File Submissions." The purpose of these standards is to reference surveys into the town GIS data. These standards have not yet been adopted. Mr. Baron has recommended that CALS formulate a set of GIS standards for filing digital maps that can be introduced to representatives from various towns so that there can be uniform requirements throughout the state.

2009 LEGISLATION

Legislative Chairman Bob Dahn reported that the 2008 budget has been closed and the legislature is currently addressing a budget for 2009. Thus far, there has been no specific changes affecting land surveyors, i.e. an increase in licensing fees or a sales tax on land surveying services. Kevin Reynolds from Updike, Kelly & Spellacy is monitoring the session closely and will advise CALS of any changes as they occur.

GEOGRAPHIC DATA COMING TO DANBURY'S WEBSITE

On June 17, 2009, the News-Times reported that the Town of Danbury will begin providing a new GIS system initiative via its official city website. Website visitors will now be able to access a general 3D map of their parcel through the Geographical Information System (GIS). A new link located on the city's homepage, www.danbury-ct.gov, will take web users directly to the system, with 6 to 8 mouse clicks a 3D map of a parcel will appear including assessor and tax information. The new 3D maps were designed to showcase refreshed data collected from recently updated Fly-Over property information.

Tolland County Director David Riordan is working with a company that is setting up this system in Danbury. He believes that some of the claims of the accuracy and other features of the GIS system were not reported correctly in the article. The consultant has discussed the article with Town staff.

President Wagenblatt will draft a letter to town officials in Danbury advising them that Assessors' mapping exists for the purpose of assessment only. The suggestion that the property lines are accurate to "within plus or minus five feet" is an extremely dangerous statement.

CALS 2009 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CALS Scholarship Chairman Jay Doody has advised the Board of Directors that two applications were received this year. The Scholarship Committee will meet and evaluate the applications and submit the recommended names to the Board of Directors for approval for the July 30th meeting.

NSPS BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

As part of its annual efforts with the National Boy Scout Jamboree and the Surveying Merit Badge, the ACSM/NSPS Youth Outreach Committee has organized a fund raising campaign for the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree. Each the Committee arranges for college surveying students to volunteer as counselors. The committee hopes to raise enough funds to offer "scholarships" to each of these student volunteers. A donation of \$695 from each of the 50 state affiliates would provide the Committee sufficient funding to cover costs such as, housing, food, registration, etc. as well as a small stipend to each of the student volunteers. Anyone wishing to make a contribution of any kind be it monetary or as a mentor, should contact NSPS.

MOTION - made by Kevin DaRos, seconded by Andy Tupper, that CALS donate \$695 to ACSM/NSPS to sponsor a 4 year surveying student to participate as an on-site counselor for the Surveying Merit Badge at the National Scout Jamboree July 26-August 4, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

PASSED

CONNECTICUT HIGH TIDE LINE

President Wagenblatt reported that on June 23rd, he, Bill Giel, and Jay Doody met with Brian Thompson, Director of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Long Island Sound Programs, and some of his associates to discuss the case for adopting CALS method or establishing a High Tide Line in Connecticut. In the presentation, CALS representatives explained how the report was established and the methods used to determine the High Tide Line. They noted that the biggest difference between CALS results and what the DEP recognize as the High Tide Line is east of New London. Because of pending litigation, the DEP's discussion with CALS was limited.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Chairman Jay Doody has announced that there will be a GPS Post Processing Hands-On Workshop July 22nd, at Central Connecticut State University. The cost is \$200 for members. Seating is very limited so register today. [http://ctsurveyor.com/GPS%20post%20Processing%20Hands%20On%20\(1\).pdf](http://ctsurveyor.com/GPS%20post%20Processing%20Hands%20On%20(1).pdf).

The Legal Aspects of Surveying course for Charter Oak should be up and running for the Spring of 2010.

CALS CLOTHING

CALS Secretary Jason G. Racette submitted a report regarding jackets, vests, and jerseys for sale in the CALS office and recommended that, CALS no longer maintain an inventory of clothing except for hats.

MOTION - made by Ken Pudeler, seconded by Bob Baron, that CALS phase out the current clothing inventory and take prepaid orders for items advertised on the CALS website. In addition, 144 hats will be ordered and available for sale at the annual meeting in November.

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Bob Dahn reported that Eunice Dibella, Public Records Administrator is going to revisit the approved processes for maps accepted for filing.
- 2) The Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association is offering a 200th Birthday Special Edition Book, Abraham Lincoln: The Boy, The Man. This book contains eleven Lloyd Ostendorf Lincoln surveying prints. Books are \$35 per copy. Please contact IPLSA's office at 217-528-3053 or email info@iplsa.org. MasterCard, Visa and checks will be accepted.

MOTION - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by David Palmberg, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

PASSED

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Kurland

Next Meeting – July 30, 2009