



# CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF LAND SURVEYORS

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## MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2009

### *GENERAL BUSINESS*

The meeting was held at the Wethersfield Community Center. **President** John Wagenblatt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present included: **Immediate Past President** Andy Tupper; **First Vice President** Kevin DaRos; **Second Vice President** Dave Palmberg; **Secretary** Jason G. Racette; **Treasurer** Alan Fenrow; **Directors** – **Hartford County** Reese Roberts; **Litchfield County** Gary Giordano ; **New London County** Bob Baron; **Tolland County** Larry Geissler; **Land Surveyors in Private Practice** Mark Lebow; **Midstate Association of Private Practicing Surveyors** Ken Pudeler; **South Central Proprietors Council** Bob Jackson; **Public Sector Council** Scott Neff; and **NSPS Board of Governors** Rick Howard.

**MOTION** - made by Alan Fenrow, seconded by Andy Tupper, to approve the September 2009 Minutes.

**PASSED**  
14 – yes  
2 - abstained

**MOTION** - made by Gary Giordano, seconded by Rick Howard, to approve the September 2009 Financial Statement.

**PASSED**

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

**MOTION** - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Kevin DaRos, to approve the following applications for membership:

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| 1) Andrew J. Flanagan, Glastonbury, CT | Surveyor Member   | Endorsed by Jason G. Racette |
| 2) Kevin D. Franklin, Colchester, CT   | Associate Member  | Endorsed by Jason G. Racette |
| 3) Bludy Sajous, Stamford, CT          | Associate Member  | Endorsed by Ken Frattaroli   |
| 4) Andrea Smith, IMAGINiT Technologies | Sustaining Member | Endorsed by Kevin DaRos      |

**PASSED**

**MOTION** - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Larry Geissler, to reinstate two members, without a break in their membership, who paid their dues to date.

**PASSED**

**MOTION** - made by Alan Fenrow, seconded by Kevin DaRos, to approve the following application for a change in membership status:

Richard Frawley                      Surveyor Member to Life Member

**PASSED**

**MOTION** - made by Dave Palmberg, seconded by Jason Racette, to move item #8 to the beginning of the agenda due to time constraints.

**PASSED**

### **2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

First Vice President Kevin DaRos reported that he and Kathy met with a representative at Mountain Ridge in October to review final preparations for the Annual Meeting. This year, in addition to the exhibitors and seminars, CALS will run a video of the History of CALS throughout the day.

Jason G. Racette has been working very hard to coordinate a line of clothing, with the CALS logo, that we can offer to our members at a reasonable price. He has developed a program with Triple Crown, a high quality clothing company ([www.crownquality.com](http://www.crownquality.com)) from which you can select from a variety of manufacturers. Anyone interested can go to the Triple Crown website and select any item of clothing along with either a screened (two-color) or embroidered (three-color) CALS logo. Orders can be submitted through the CALS office and at the Annual Meeting. CALS will place orders two times each year; once immediately after the Annual Meeting so that items will be in before Christmas, and in April before the field season. We encourage you to combine your orders with co-workers, friends, and family to take advantage of the quantity discounts offered by Triple Crown.

Jason will be available throughout the day in the publications booth at the Annual Meeting to take orders. He will have a laptop so you can browse the Triple Crown website and select the clothing you want. All orders must be paid for in advance. We will also have CALS new baseball hats at a phenomenal price of \$10 each. They will make great Christmas presents for your staff and crew.

### **CODE REVISION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

President Wagenblatt reported that inconsistencies to the revision of the code have been corrected.

**MOTION** - made by Reese Roberts, seconded by Andy Tupper, to adopt the code with the corrections.

**PASSED**

The approved draft is available on the CALS website at [http://www.ctsurveyor.com/code\\_revisions.htm](http://www.ctsurveyor.com/code_revisions.htm).

All voting members of CALS will have an opportunity to vote on approval of these changes at the Annual Meeting, November 6, 2009.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Tolland County Director Larry Geissler reported that he is waiting to hear from Bob Dahn regarding his discussion with Kevin Reynolds at Updike, Kelly & Spellacy about addressing the Freedom of Information Act as part of the 2010 legislative agenda.

### **OFFICE OF LONG ISLAND SOUND NEW REGULATIONS**

President Wagenblatt reported that he has received a response to his letter regarding new proposed dock regulations from the Office of Long Island Sound (OLISP). In her letter, Betsey Wingfield, Bureau Chief, Water Protection & Land Reuse thanked Mr. Wagenblatt for his informative package of information concerning the definition of high tide line as it may have an impact in considering these regulations.

### **NSPS/ACSM FALL MEETING REPORT**

Rick Howard, NSPS Board of Governors Representative submitted the following report:

The NSPS/ACSM fall business meeting was held in Gaithersburg, Maryland from September 24 – 28th, near the administrative offices of ACSM and its member organizations. I attended a number of committee meetings, as well as The Board of Governors on Saturday and The Board of Directors on Sunday.

Of general note, I would offer the following highlights of new items and progress of old business:

- Lobby day has continued to be a huge success. NSPS members met with thirty-five state representatives to discuss survey related issues.

- ACSM/ALTA committee continues to consider modifications for the next revision of the Standards (2010-2011), based on input from the survey community. ACSM maintains an excellent resource at <http://www.acsm.net/alta.html> of the standards with published articles by Gary Kent.
- The Private Practice Committee has been tasked with the development of a Crisis Management Manual to assist its members with theft, natural disasters, fire, health hazards etc. as well as updating the ACSM Contract Manual.
- A monthly email by the Executive Officers and NSPS Staff “News and Views” has been circulated over the last 6 months or so and has been well received, providing timely information on current events and issues within the organization.
- For the history buffs out there, The Historical Committee has published a 112 page book on the first 28 years of NSPS that should be available on the ACSM eStore soon.
- A number of NSPS governors attended a ceremony at the Department of the Interior celebrating the unveiling of the new *Manual of Instructions for Surveying the Public Land Survey System*. Obviously, Land Surveyors in Connecticut may not be rushing out to purchase a copy for their practice here ... however its impact on our profession has been significant and worthy of note.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Howard, NSPS Board of Governors

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Andy Tupper reported that, on October 22, he attended a meeting at the Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) in Dayville, CT. Mark Geotz, NECCOG Administrator of GIS is currently working to create a working area wide GIS System for the 12 of 15 towns in Windham County that are in NECCOG. NECCOG has received a grant of about \$800,000 from OPM for this project, although it is doubtful that the funding will cover all expenses necessary to complete the plan. The GIS department has a 42" wide Scanner and is going to each town hall in NECCOG and imaging all maps in each towns land records. Mark is not sure if or when this data would be available to the public. As many town hall budgets rely on charging for copies this could pose a problem if the data could be obtained on a CD or on line as this type of information is in most of Massachusetts. The GIS department has four hand held GPS receivers for inventory and general location of data. They also have a high quality survey grade antenna and fixed height rod for location of town line monuments (L1 only). It was said that this was for informational purposes only and not authoritative data. Some local surveyors at the meeting are hoping some of this work could be subbed out, but it appears that there is little money available for that. Upon completion, this endeavor will provide useful data for surveyors doing record research in these 12 towns and hopefully there will be access to the digital mapping archives. Mark is asking for any surveyors with knowledge of, or records of, town line monuments and boundaries for these towns to contact him at NECCOG as there are a lot of issues with conflicting or uncertain lines.

2. We were very sad to report the passing of Donald Strong recently. Don was a member of the Board of Directors, serving as a director from New London County, for many years. He ran the CALS summer outings, chaired the Annual Meeting and volunteered for any project that needed assistance. Don was an honorable and gentle man.

**MOTION** - made by Kevin DaRos, seconded by Andy Tupper, to donate \$100 to the American Brain Tumor Association in memory of Donald Strong, our dear friend and colleague.

**PASSED**

**MOTION** - made by Andy Tupper, seconded by Kevin DaRos, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**PASSED**

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Kurland - **Next Meeting – November 19, 2009**