



PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY



**P.O. Box 10243
Trenton, N.J. 08650**

Minutes of General Meeting:
Fezziwig's Warehouse Grill & Bar
November 22, 2005

Persons Present:

Ken Raike	Dawn McCall	Dave Downs
RJ Kruger	Dennis Smith	Mark Mayhew (B)
Jonathan Tabas (B)	Christie Hicks	Michael Geoffedo (G)
Wendy Lathrop	Fred Czepiga	Max Raffaele
Andy Relak	Andrew Relak (G)	David Lucchi
Bob Snyder	Gerald Coppa (G)	Lou Marchuck (W)
Jake Rigelon	Ken Schilling	Roberto Hernandez (G)
Jim Gresavage Jr.		

(B) Denotes Bucks Chapter Only
(W) Denotes West Jersey Chapter
(G) Denotes Guest

Minutes:

Minutes were received via email.

Ken make the motion to approve the minutes as emailed second by Andy Relak, motion passed.

Introductions

Treasures Report:

We have not had a real treasures report for a year. Actual receipts to date \$995 for the year. We are looking for a \$1230 check from NJSPLS dues. We have not received the new check from Rona yet.

Checking Balance..... \$ 1,846.00

Savings Balance.....\$ 5,616.43

For the Year to Date.



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Motion to approve Treasures Report by Dennis seconded by Fred, motion passed.

Communications:

Jim motion to make a \$250 contribution to the NJSPLS scholarship fund to the Core fund seconded by Jake. Motion carried.

Discussion: Wendy has been on scholarship committee for 17 years and is stepping down. The foundation will be standing more on its own. \$24,000 per year and the money requests always exceed the amount so Wendy would like to increase funds for both scholarships and COR funds. Wendy is offering \$500 **plus** another \$1000 if 10 other matching contributions are donated or another \$2000 if 20 other matching contributions are donated. There was some discussion about Maximum and Minimum for scholarship amounts and the thought that it was previously voted with maximum of \$3000 now there are different amounts being awarded, discussion on funds.

Volunteer for Planning retreat from our chapter December 2nd and 3rd. PLSANJ will not be sending a volunteer.

Committee Reports:

GIS Committee Report: There is currently voting of NJGF with the Federal, Regional and Surveyor positions open this year. Dawn urges you to vote if you received a ballot. Also the next meeting of the NJGF is December 2nd.

Directors Report will be emailed: Jake Question. In minutes our organization stormed out of a meeting with Garden State Surveyors Alliance. It was discussed briefly but all in all it was seen as a “set-up” and it was not as dramatic as this.

Website Committee: We have an issue that must be handled. Our consultant is no longer able to continue for next year and we got no proposals to do maintenance. Dawn is willing to attempt to maintain the site, but the software and books must be purchased.

Motion for up to \$300 by Max and Jim seconded for Software and any necessary items for the website. Motion passed

Old Business:

Bring Technicians out to meetings from time to time and get new people out to meeting.



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If anyone has a suggestion for Presenters please contact Max via email
MRaffle@aol.com

New Business:

PLSANJ XMAS Party/Meeting Dec 13th with limited selections from the menu

Searcher Girls

Searcher Girls were at the meeting. They wanted to let us know that they have representative in every court house in NJ. Main service Deed searches. Pull maps as well. Up to 24 hours service for most counties, including Mercer.

Questions: What do you require from the surveyor when requesting deeds? Majority of clients provide block and lot and address as well as a time frame. But name and address is all that is required. Update to current owner....it's called "a bring down" search but is a different request. You get the entire deed 1st to last page. If deed is not clear then we will look for the last clear deed. Is the pricing on website? Generally yes but normally \$25 – \$18 per deed / parcel but there could be a volume discount; in addition to the cost there is a copy fee \$0.25 per page generally. Can you get scanned imaged? Yes in tiff or pdf. No additional cost. And they bill with every deed for ease of tracking the work. If a deed references a filed map do you automatically get the filed map? You need to ask for the map separately. What you get depends on the wording on the request. If you ask for all the maps associated with it, we will get it. We are not really in the surveying field, so we don't read deeds for a living so we can not insure that you will have everything you need.

Question: Do you do change in title search? Limited. We only go to the prior deed/owner, if requested. However they are not title searches. They can not ensure title accuracy.

West Jersey would like a presentation. They will get back to Lou. Will you add the FAQ to the website with our questions? We are willing to expand out website.

Meeting Attendance: We thought we would have more turnout with less meetings but that did not happen. In fact we had 2 of the 6 meetings that were not meetings. Now we are reverting back to monthly meetings for 2006.



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Scheduling of meetings for 2006:

Dec 13th 2005 X Mas party

January 17th

February 28th

March 28th

April 25th

May 25th

June 22nd

July 27th - Tech Meeting

August Off

September 21st

October 24th

November 16th

Xmas to be scheduled

Election of Officers:

Discussion: We do not have a nomination for treasurer. Possibility of Amending By-Laws to let Affiliated Member to be Secretary or someone needs to set up so we will have enough officers. It was decided that Jake will take the title of Secretary with assistance of Dawn typing and taking minutes, until a review of the bylaws can be made for Dawn to hold the position or a replacement can be found.

Nominations:

Dennis President

Max Vice President

Jake as Secretary with assistance by Dawn.

Ken as Treasurer

Any other nominations for the offices? No more nominations

We have no alternatives. Secretary cast ballot.

Lou noted that New Jersey Geodetic Survey nominated as Friend of the society. Lou thinks that PLSANJ should support Fred.

Linda Meyer (Formerly Marks) did get appointed to the Scholarship Committee.



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On December 10th there is a meeting with Eminent Domain as a topic. Contact Lou Marchuck for additional information.

If anyone is going to the conference the booklets will be mailed out this week. Lou noted that there may be an addition to the SurvConf workshop list: Kirk Summer will be added to the workshop list and may not be in booklet as it was mailed

Directors Report:

Is attached as a separate document

Good and Welfare:

None

Fred motion to adjourn, RJ second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Kenneth R. Raike*

Kenneth R. Raike, PLS