

**Unapproved Minutes**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**Divot's Center**  
**Norfolk, Nebraska**  
**4:00 pm January 29, 2015**

- 1) Meeting called to order by President Wayne Dietz.  
Meeting called to order at 4:03 P.M. by President Wayne Dietz.
  
- 2) Roll Call:
  - President – Wayne Dietz (P)
  - Vice President – Doug Stevenson (P)
  - Treasurer - John Berry (P)
  - Secretary – Warren Headlee (P)
  - Directors
    - Robert Heese (P)
    - Glenn Hicks (P)
    - Jason Headley (P)
    - Brian Langenberg (P)
    - Duane Katt (P)
    - Dan Martinez (P)
    - Steve Cobb (A)
  - Guest – Mike Geier, Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa
  
- 3) Review and approve agenda.  
Motion to approve by Doug Stevenson, second by Jason Headley.  
Motion: Pass.
  
- 4) Review and approve minutes of February 13, 2014 General Assembly Meeting.  
Motion to approve by Duane Katt, second by Robert Heese.  
Motion: Pass.
  
- 5) Review and approve Treasurer's report and 2015 Budget.  
See attached Treasurer's Report dated January 12, 2015 and attached 2015 Proposed Budget.  
  
Motion to approve by Brian Langenberg, second by Kent Kennedy.  
Motion: Pass.

**Old Business**

- a) Legislation Report/Professional Engineers Coalition for 2015: Todd Whitfield.

Todd Whitfield reported that the State Legislature resumed a couple of weeks ago with approximately 350 bills introduced in the first week and a half. Whitfield stated that the LB 138 is of importance to surveying and was brought forth by the Board of Examiners. Whitfield explained that the bill is being called the "Surveyors Act" and gives the Board of Examiners a path to enforce the procedures of land surveying.

Jim Hawks, agreeing with Whitfield's explanation, added that the bill would also give the board the ability to enforce these procedures through the board's rules and regulations. Hawks continued by stating that a lot of the complaints that the board is receiving, fall outside of anything the board has authority over now. He added that by following suit of what the engineers passed a couple of years ago, and moving some of this to our rules and regulations and creating a code of conduct will allow the board to address some of the complaints that have approached the board over the past few years.

Whitfield reported that PSAN is a member of the Professional Engineers Coalition (PEC) and that PEC testified before the legislature on PSAN's behalf in support of the bill. Whitfield further reported that Senator Bloomfield asked if we thought the passing of this bill would restrict anyone from entering into the profession of surveying. Whitfield stated that his simple answer is "no". Whitfield explained that everything stated in the code of practice is basically the same thing that is on the Nebraska surveyor's application form.

Hawks added that the legislative intent that was filed by Senator Johnson clearly states that the passing of the bill should not create a fiscal impact on land surveyors, clients or the state and would truly allow the Board of Examiners to better protect the public's health, safety and welfare.

Whitfield stated that Joe Kohout with Kissel, who testified on behalf of PEC, would get together with Senator Bloomfield to answer his question.

b) NSPS Governor's Report: Dan Martinez.

Dan Martinez reported that the NSPS 100% membership program has been very successful. Currently there are four states (West Virginia, Arkansas, Colorado and California) still in the evaluation process with no states rejecting the 100% membership. Two other states (Iowa and Texas) have approved their membership but as of today still haven't signed their M.O.U.

Martinez further reported that the area directors and Board of Governors will hold its final meeting during the April Business Meeting. Going forward it will be referred to as the Board of Directors meeting since every state that is a 100% member has a voting member on the Board of Directors. Martinez continued that the April Business Meeting will be held in Arlington, Virginia. The general

membership meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> is Capitol Hill Day when each of the NSPS directors will be meeting with their state senators and/or representatives. Martinez asked that if any PSAN member has a relationship with their representative to please let him know. Martinez added that the Board of Directors meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Martinez asked that if any PSAN member has not received a NSPS membership packet or is not receiving emails from NSPS to please let him know.

Martinez concluded by stating that PSAN may want to consider using some of the resources offered by the NSPS to help define the structure of our future conferences, incorporating speakers and discussion of topics important to the profession as suggested by the NSPS.

c) PSAN Website – update: LaVern Schroeder.

LaVern Schroeder asked that if anyone sees anything needing corrected or would like to have changed to please contact his office.

Fred Franklin asked if a direct link could be added for the events on the website. Schroeder said he would look into it.

d) Administrative Secretary Report: Connie Arnold.

See attached January 2015 PSAN Administrative Secretary's Report.

Don Pettigrew asked that an effort be made in the future to get the PSAN announcements out earlier. Pettigrew added that he felt four to six weeks prior to the event date would be appropriate.

e) Approve First Amendment to the Constitution of Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska

Wayne Dietz reported that the board had approved the amendment at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dietz explained the amendment states that if a member of the board misses three consecutive board meetings without just cause, the rest of the board members can remove that member from the board.

LaVern Schroeder reported that the reason for the amendment was because of a situation that came up last year in which the president elect moved out of state and the board didn't have any way to fill that position.

Motion to approve by Todd Whitfield, second by Jim Hawks.  
Motion: Pass.

f) Officer's Report

i) President: Wayne Dietz.

Wayne Dietz stated that he would just fill in what he had as the meeting went along.

ii) Vice President: Doug Stevenson.

Doug Stevenson spoke on the importance of getting young people involved in the profession. Stevenson reported on the Custer County Government Day in which he usually has six to eight kids attend his presentation. Stevenson stated that last year he had three attend and this year he had only one. Stevenson stressed that we need to let kids, teachers and guidance counselors know what it is that we do.

iii) Treasurer: John Berry – No Report.

iv) Secretary: Warren Headlee – No Report.

v) Director's Report

1) Robert Heese

Robert Heese reported that there is a flyer on the registration desk describing the lodging in Fort Robinson for the Summer Seminar.

2) Glen Hicks – No Report.

3) Jason Headley – No Report.

4) Brian Langenberg – No Report.

5) Duane Katt – No Report.

6) Dan Martinez – No Report.

7) Steve Cobb – No Report.

g) Election Results & Install New Officers.

Doug Stevenson announced the following election results.

Results:

President Elect – Dan Martinez

Treasurer – John Berry

Board Members

- 1) Casey Sherlock
- 2) Jeremy Feusner
- 3) Matt Tinkham

**New Business**

a) 2015 Summer Conference hosted by Phil Curd & Jay Dubs at Ft. Robinson in July.

Jerry Penry reported that during the 2015 Summer Conference they are planning on remonumenting the remaining military reservation cast iron monuments. Penry stated that in 1920 when the GLO decided to put their own brass caps in next to them there were about 30 left. Penry added that now there are very few left. In addition to the remonumenting effort, Penry stated that a chaining competition is planned for the conference.

b) 2016 Winter Conference hosted by Casey Sherlock in Grand Island.

Jerry Penry reported that a speaker has not yet been announced.

c) 2016 Summer Conference hosted by Boni Edwards & Jerry Penry at Halsey Forest.

Jerry Penry reported that in 1915 the GLO resurveyed all the townships in this area setting brass caps. Penry said that they are considering having a competition during the conference to see how many of these brass caps can be recovered.

d) 2017 Winter Conference hosted by \_\_\_\_\_.

Wayne Dietz asked for volunteers to host the 2017 Winter Conference.

Jason Headley volunteered.

e) 6th P.M. Monument Repair – Doug Stevenson.

Doug Stevenson reported that Steve Johnson is hoping to have a work day this spring to address needed repairs. Stevenson added that when Johnson has a

better idea of needed repairs and associated cost, Johnson will approach us again at which time we'll bring it before the board for approval. Stevenson asked that people let him know if they are interested in helping.

For annual maintenance, Stevenson reported that Johnson is asking for the same monetary support PSAN has given in the past which has been \$150 from PSAN and \$150 from SENLSA.

Tom Tremel reported that the VFW may be willing to donate some money to help with monument repair. Tremel added that he would follow up with the VFW.

f) State Fair.

Wayne Dietz asked for feedback on what everyone's thoughts are in regard to PSAN having a booth at the State Fair. Dietz went on to say that we need 44 people to sign up to work the booth and that there is a sign up sheet at the registration desk. Dietz stated that the board would make a decision at the next quarterly board meeting on whether or not to have a booth.

g) Honorary Members.

Was approved at September Board of Directors meeting.

Wayne Dietz reported that honorary members can attend the conferences without paying the registration fees.

h) Page NE Monument – Jerry Penry.

Jerry Penry gave a brief review of the history of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian survey and the associated base line at Page, NE. Penry explained that the residents of Page would like to purchase a historical marker sign commemorating the monument and are planning on holding a fund raiser to raise the estimated \$3,000 needed. The locals are going to help fund it but Penry wanted to know if PSAN would be interested in assisting. Penry added that they are planning on having the sign dedication on Memorial Day.

**Committee Reports**

i) Publications: Sandy Maillie.

Sandy Maillie reported that she had been putting together the newsletter for the past couple of years and asked that if anyone has any articles, pictures or stories they would like to have included to please let her know.

Sandy Maillie can be reached at:  
Schroeder Land Surveying  
1004 Norfolk Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
Phone 402-371-7400  
Fax 402-371-7351  
[lschroeder@cableone.net](mailto:lschroeder@cableone.net)

ii) Nominations: Glenn Hicks.

Glenn Hicks stated that Brian Langenberg is now the contact person for the Nominations Committee. Hicks and Langenberg agreed that there is no further report.

iii) Education: Matt Tinkham.

Matt Tinkham reported that they have moved away from the daylong pre-exam workshop format and are now holding it as a breakout session during the Winter Conferences. Tinkham explained the move was due to low turnout at past workshops and the amount of material now available on line. Tinkham concluded by stating that both his and Jon Carrell's contact information was available under the education tab on the PSAN website.

iv) Legislation: Todd Whitfield.

Todd Whitfield stated that he had nothing further to report.

v) Membership: Glenn Hicks – No Report.

vi) Historical: Gene Thomsen.

Gene Thomsen reported that the Falls City Boy Scouts had an Eagle Scout project in which they put up a plastic fence around the cast iron monument. Thomsen added that, on behalf of PSAN, he attended a Boy Scout Code of Honor Ceremony where he gave a presentation on the history of the monument.

Thomsen also reported that the Falls City Historical Society asked him to come down to give a presentation regarding the cast iron monument.

Thomsen asked that PSAN try to come up with an amount today that would be pledged in support of the Page, NE historical monument discussed under item h. of New Business. Wayne Dietz pointed out that in the past these kind of decisions were usually left to the quarterly board meetings and asked Jerry Penry if that would be soon enough. Penry stated that if PSAN could commit today, that would help the Page community know what amount they would need. Dietz asked for a dollar amount from the floor and suggestions ranged from \$500 to the entire \$3000.

Doug Stevenson asked that we not forget about the initial point and the funds needed to preserve it. Stevenson pointed out the initial point is still in its original location and hasn't been moved as the Page, NE monument has been.

Motion to authorize the board to spend up to \$1500 for each of these projects (initial point repair and the Page, NE monument) by Gary Tinkham, second by LaVern Schroeder.

Motion: Pass.

vii) Ethics and Standards: Lee Wells – No Report.

viii) GIS: Jason Headley – No Report.

ix) Associate: Steve Cobb – No Report.

6) Adjournment Motion.

Motion to adjourn by Duane Katt, second by Warren Headlee.

Motion: Pass.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectively Submitted by Warren Headlee, Secretary.



**Budget**

**October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Membership Dues (includes NSPS Fees)	30,000	Winter Seminar	19,000
Winter Seminar	21,000	Administrative Secretary	16,500
Summer Seminar	6,000	Newsletter	4,000
Newsletter Advertising	700	Website	550
Edward Jones Acct	5,000	Board Meetings	500
		GIS Symposium	350
		Office Supplies	1,000
		Cast Iron Monument	200
		Income Tax Prep	350
		Summer Seminar	2,500
		Lobbyist	3,750
		Phone Bill	700
		Postage	1,000
		Miscellaneous	500
		Lawn Care at 6th P.M	150
		NSPS Governor	1,500
		NSPS Fee	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62,700</b>		<b>59,550</b>

**Treasurer's Report**  
1/12/2015

Washington County Bank Checking  
12/2/2014 thru 1/12/2014

Date	Num	Description	Category	Memo	Amount
<b>BALANCE 12/1/2014</b>					<b>32,112.47</b>
12/16/2014	1791	Kissell/E&A Assoc	Lobbyist 2014 payment		-3,750.00
12/22/2014	1792	Connie Arnold	Phone and Postage		-58.77
12/22/2014	1793	UNICO Insurance Group	Liability Insurance		-154.00
12/22/2014	1794	Holiday Inn Midtown Grand Island	Board Meeting luncheon		-208.79
1/12/2015	1795	American Broadband			-25.00
1/12/2015	1796	Ryan Luedtke	Website maint.		-400.00
			<b><u>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>		<b>-4,596.56</b>
			<b>CHECKING BALANCE</b>		<b>27,515.91</b>
			<b>EDWARD JONES</b>		<b>77,826.90</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>105,342.81</b>



## **PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA**

Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska  
Administrative Secretary's Report January 26, 2015

There isn't much new for the secretary report as things change very little here through the year. I do feel we need to be more prompt in getting items out to the members. It seems everything was a little late going out this year and it made a lot of things "run together" both going out and coming back. When dues notices, ballots and seminar flyers all go out at once, it really makes the me and the mailman work! I will be sending another reminder out to members who haven't paid their dues as we are still a little down in numbers. I am sure remitting dues is an oversight for some of them.

Keeping the addresses and e-mail addresses updated is always a challenge. Members change jobs, move to a new location, get a new e-mail address, etc. and do not always let us know. I had a few members state they hadn't gotten information from PSAN when others they know had and, upon checking, I find one of the previously mentioned items had not been reported. I know it's an easy thing to forget but it makes getting PSAN information out to them impossible. Also, when reporting addresses, post office boxes or suite numbers need to be included. The post offices will not deliver the mail without that information on the envelope. It takes a lot of postage throughout the year without having to send things out a second time.

On the bright side, there have been a few new membership applications to help boost our membership count. I know there are others that could be asked to join but are not. This would be a good way to get new, young members started in the organization and this is something PSAN needs. There have been a few more members retire this year so we lose them to Active Membership. Not all of them renewed their membership in PSAN while some moved to Retired Membership status.

This will be my twelfth year with PSAN and I have really enjoyed working with everyone. The good far outweighs the unpleasant things that go on in a year! It's always great to meet members or potential members via phone conversations or e-mail. I have hopes of being able to, some day, attend the meetings and not just prepare the paperwork for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to supply the answers. I am open for any suggestions for improvements that might make the office run more smoothly or that would make it more membership friendly.

Respectfully,  
Connie Arnold  
Administrative Secretary

Affiliate of American Congress on Surveying and Mapping