

# PSAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Kinkaid Brewing - Barrel Room  
316 N Pine Street, Grand Island, NE  
10:00 a.m., September 13, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Whitfield

## 2. Roll Call

President – Todd Whitfield - P

President Elect - Jeremy Feusner (2019) - P

Vice President – \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer - John Berry - P

Secretary - Warren Headlee (2019) - A

Administrative Secretary – Gwen Bowers - P

Directors -

Jerry Penry (2019) - P

Brian Foral (2019) - P

Eric Schaben (2019) - A

Matt Tinkham (2020) - P

Boni Edwards (2020) - P

Jay Dubs (2020) - P

Casey Sherlock (State Surveyor) - A

Denny Whitfield (Affiliate - SENLSA) - P

## 3. Review and approve agenda

Motion to approve by: Jeremy Feusner

Second by: Boni Edwards

Motion: Pass

## 4. Meeting Minutes

4.1 Review and approve the minutes of the June 7, 2019 PSAN Quarterly Board Meeting.

Jeremy Feusner, we need to remove the dial in number and access code from the minutes.

Motion to approve with edits by: Boni Edwards

Second by: Brian Foral

Motion: Pass

## 5. Reports

5.1. Treasurer: (John Berry)

5.1.1. Review and approve Treasurer's report dated 8-31-2019

John Berry, we've had an expensive couple of months, had to pay our lobbyist and the Summer Seminar didn't make any money and it's all caught up to us.

Motion to approve by: Jeremy Feusner

Second by: Jay Dubs

Motion: Pass

## 5.2. Administrative Secretary's Report: (Gwen Bowers)

### 5.2.1. Administrative Secretary's report dated 9-7-2019

Gwen asked the Board their thoughts on emailing/publishing 2020 PSAN membership cards to the website to expedite members receiving their cards and as a way to be more cost effective. The Board decided that electronically publishing the membership cards would be acceptable.

## 5.3. Conference Committee: (Jeremy Feusner)

### 5.3.1. 2019 Summer Conference – summary –

#### 5.3.1.a. Earned PDH discussion

Todd Whitfield opened the discussion on how many PDHs we should give for the Summer Seminar since the BLM was unable to present. After the seminar, a webinar was made available put on by the BLM. Do we give hours to people who told us they attended the webinar, as there is no way for us to track that people actually did attend the webinar?

There was a lot of discussion among the Board on how to grant PDHs based on the honor system without actually being able to verify attendance. Eventually, the question was posed to Dennis Whitfield, How would the Board of Examiners handle this in an audit situation? D. Whitfield stated that it is the duty of the licensee to seek out his/her hours, not that of the PSAN to provide the PDHs.

The discussion then moved to, what do we do for the people who paid to attend and receive eight hours, but PSAN was only able to provide four hours?

After much discussion, a motion was made to offer a \$40 credit towards the 2020 Conference for the 4 PDHs.

Motion to approve by: Jeremy Feusner

Second by: Matt Tinkham

Motion: Pass

Todd Whitfield will work on a letter to send to attendees of the Summer Seminar.

### 5.3.2. 2020 Winter Conference, Kearney (Jon Carrell / Jeremy Feusner) - No report

### 5.3.3. 2020 Summer Seminar - Jeremy is contacting people, but we still need a volunteer.

### 5.3.4. 2021 Winter Seminar, Kearney (Dan Martinez)

Dan is working to secure David Doyle as the main speaker and should have confirmation for break-out session speakers at the next Board Meeting.

### 5.3.5. 2021 Summer Seminar - Need a volunteer

## 5.4. Officer Reports:

### 5.4.1. President – Todd Whitfield

Brent Jorgensen sent Todd and Jeremy an email. Brent is concerned about the Datum shift with elevations and the NGS. NGS wants as much information on benchmarks as

possible. Brent has offered to lend out his GPS units to help people. His concern is that there are not enough benchmarks around Nebraska.

J. Feusner stated that the benchmarks with elevation and NGS data sheets are based on the webinars.

T. Whitfield, noted that B. Jorgensen is worrying about FEMA updates and Jorgensen is trying to be proactive and thinking about how this will pan out in the future.

Feusner said that he's forwarded Brent's concerns to Dave Zenk.

5.4.2. President Elect – Jeremy Feusner - No report

5.4.3. Treasurer – John Berry - No report

5.4.4. Secretary – Warren Headlee - No report

5.5. Directors:

5.5.1. Jerry Penry (2019) - No report

5.5.2. Brian Foral (2019) - No report

5.5.3. Eric Schaben (2019) - No report

5.5.4. Matt Tinkham (2020) - No report

5.5.5. Boni Edwards (2020) - No report

5.5.6. Jay Dubs (2020) - No report

5.5.7. Casey Sherlock (State Surveyor) - A

5.5.8. Denny Whitfield (Affiliate - SENLSA)

D. Whitfield mentioned a seminar on October 12th on Resurveying and Retracement

5.6. Standing Committees:

5.6.1. Education Committee (Matt Tinkham)

5.6.1.a. Wayne State College – Surveying & Mapping (Matt T)

Last year at the GIS Symposium M. Tinkham talked to Lesli Rawlings, Associate Professor of Geography at Wayne State College. She is working on putting together a Geography and Mapping and Surveying minor at Wayne State. She wants to try to help get more kids into the world of surveying. Wayne State does have a surveying class as part of their Into to Engineering and Computer Mapping classes. Tinkham thinks they could make it a BS degree if they add more math and science courses, and a technical writing class to this program.

J. Berry asked when will they be starting this program?

Tinkham thinks it could be as soon as within the next year. He added that this would be great if we could get Kearney, Hastings, and Lincoln, to start looking at this as a template. Metro CC is trying to add some surveying classes to their Engineering Tech program. Tinkham will be going in October to their Career Fair and will talk to Geography students at that time.

#### 5.6.2. Historical Committee (Jerry Penry)

J. Penry, the 6<sup>th</sup> PM got some good attention with the plaque rededication. The plaque looks really nice. They got the crack sealed in the intersection of the concrete slab. Kansas is taking care of the maintenance now. We will continue to promote the site to the public. Penry also noted that we're fortunate the site hasn't been vandalized.

Penry will be speaking in late October for the Blackhills Digital Mapping Association

Ryan Lorenzen found an 1880's monument and J. Penry is going October 25<sup>th</sup> to move the capped pipe. Lorenzen is getting the BIM involved, this will be good exposure.

Regarding B. Jorgensen's concerns about the data sheets, Penry stated that he doesn't think the data sheets will be going away.

#### 5.6.3. Legislative Committee – PEC Report (Todd Whitfield)

T. Whitfield said that in June there was one meeting before the legislative term was over for the year. He said the 2019 session has been dubbed the "do nothing session".

#### 5.6.4. GIS Committee (Erik Hubl) - No report

#### 5.6.5. Nominations and Membership Committees (Brian Langenberg)

Brian Langenberg sent Todd Whitfield a list of who he had from last year that said they would be interested in serving PSAN and then he asked to be removed from the committee. This morning, T. Whitfield asked Boni Edwards if she would head up the committee this year and she said she would do it.

#### 5.6.6. Publications (Gwen Bowers) - No report

#### 5.6.7. Ethics and Standards Committee (Jerry Penry, Chair)

(Committee - Jeremy F., Brian F., Jay D., Casey S., Virlyn Bolte (SENSLA))

J. Penry began by explaining this review to make changes has been more complicated than he thought it would be. Penry has talked to Casey Sherlock about this and the language about reference ties. When we start changing wording, do we need to change the Land Surveyors Act? The Board of Examiners can change Rules and Regulations, but cannot change Standards. Sherlock wants to revise the language about reference ties, but an attorney told Casey that he has no authority to do that.

Todd Whitfield asked if we need to write up a draft and send it to a lobbyist or does it go through the State Surveyor's office?

Penry stated that he doesn't know where to go with this, he's at a loss.

T. Whitfield said he will call Kissle to see what to do/where to go.

Penry feels that C. Sherlock really needs to be involved. We need to figure out what we can do and how to get it done.

Matt Tinkham noted that if the legislature has to be involved, this is not going to be a quick process. We have to start thinking about the 2022 Datum Change.

Denny Whitfield said the main intent is to update addendum a and b, right? If yes, work on that updated language and then take that to the PSAN Board, then to the Winter Conference to have the General Assembly vote on it.

#### 5.6.8. NSPS: (Danny Martinez)

Danny is traveling to Orlando to attend the NSPS fall business meetings and will then submit a report to the Board when he returns.

#### 5.6.9. Nebraska State Surveyor: (Casey Sherlock)

Denny Whitfield talked about one of the focus items for the Board of Examiners regarding the need for a Certificate of Authorization and business certificates for Surveyors. When an LLC is issued by the Board of Examiners it must employ a Licensed Surveyor. But, an INC (filed with the Secretary of State) does not have to employ Licensed Surveyor. The Secretary of State's office could add Licensed Surveyors as a Professional Corporation and they are working on what route would be best. Also, a Direct Supervision Definition should be added to the Statutes.

D. Whitfield also asked, how do we make it easier for Registered Land Surveyors to file a complaint/issue? We need to make sure we protect the public. We also need to figure out how to bring this topic up to the membership.

J. Penry suggested having a group of people that reviews filed surveys, not 1 or 2, but several to create a consensus.

### 6. Old Business:

#### 6.1. Winter Seminar Contract 2021 (Jeremy F.)

Jeremy Feusner sent out RFPs to Kearney, Grand Island and York.

- York does not have a one-stop-shop, no hotel w/ conference and food. We'd have to contract and coordinate each vendor separately. Because of the logistical and additional planning challenges, Feusner didn't even ask for an RFP from anywhere in York.
- Kearney Ramada can handle us, lodging, conference space, food.
- Grand Island Ramada can handle us with pretty good rates. The downside is room sizes for breakouts are small, 40 ppl max.

M. Tinkham said that the last time PSAN was at the Ramada the break out rooms and vendor space were cramped

J. Feusner said the Kearney Holiday Inn is working on getting all the repairs done from the flooding. In 2021, we will be in the new Holiday Inn (which is currently under construction). The Kearney Holiday Inn is more expensive and they don't offer as many comps, but they have superb customer service and have the space for a conference our size. The owner of the hotel is very much part of events and present. Feusner recommends Kearney Holiday Inn and reevaluate again in three years.

The Board agreed with this proposal.

Motion to accept the Kearney Holiday Inn proposal thru 2024 was made by: John Berry

Second by: Jerry Penry

Motion: Pass

## 7. New Business:

### 7.1. 2020 Budget

John Berry said the budget reflects the dues changes and additional to NSPS. This has been the worst year for PSAN as far as money. Increases the Board has made and not passing that to membership. Paying Gwen monthly vs Connie quarterly, the Kissle bill was due in summer, there was a loss on Winter Conference a few years ago, the loss on this year's Summer seminar. All the additional bills have caught up to us. Per Berry, increasing the dues should really help.

Jeremy Feusner noted that having had the Winter Conference in Kearney at the Holiday Inn the last few years has given the conference committee a good budget to work from.

Motion to approve the 2020 budget: Brian Foral

Second by: Matt Tinkham

Motion: Pass

### 7.2. Scholarship – MCC Foundation Scholarship – (Warren H)

### 7.3. Nominations – PSAN has three board members, Secretary and Vice President openings

T. Whitfield said he would like to have two people help Boni, Jay Dubs volunteered and Eric Schaben was nominated to help as well.

## 8. Board of Director 2019 meeting schedule:

Friday April 5, 2019 (meeting, Lincoln)

Friday June 7, 2019 (conference call)

Friday September 13, 2019 (meeting, Grand Island)

Friday December 6, 2019 (conference call)

## 9. Motion to adjourn

Motion by: Matt Tinkham

Second by: Brian Foral

Meeting adjourned at 12:10p.m.