

PSAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Country Inn & Suites

5353 North 27th Street Lincoln, Nebraska

10:00 a.m., April 5, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 09:59 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 – P
 - Administrative Secretary – Gwen Bowers – P
 - Directors –
 - Jerry Penry (2019) – P
 - Brian Foral (2019) – P
 - Eric Schaben (2019) – P
 - Matt Tinkham (2020) – P
 - Boni Edwards (2020) – P
 - Jay Dubs (2020) – P
 - Casey Sherlock (State Surveyor) – P
 - Denny Whitfield (Affiliate - SENLSA) – P
3. Review and approve agenda
 - Warren Headlee, change 7.2 to specify Article 4
 - Motion to approve with changes by: Jeremy Feusner
 - Second by: Brian Foral
 - Motion pass: Y
4. Review and approve minutes of the December 7, 2018 PSAN Quarterly Board Meeting.
 - Will review at the next meeting
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Treasurer: (John Berry): See attachment
 - 5.1.1. Review and approve Treasurer's report dated 03/29/2019
 - Motion to approve by: Boni Edwards
 - Second by: Matt Tinkham
 - Motion Pass
 - 5.2. Administrative Secretary's Report (Gwen Bowers)
 - 5.2.1. Administrative Secretary's Report dated April 1, 2019
 - Gwen will look into the cost of fees for more 2 years using WordPress as the website platform.
 - Casey Sherlock made a motion to allow Administrative Secretary Gwen Bowers to move to WordPress and negotiate cost
 - Second by: Jay Dubs
 - Motion Pass
 - 5.3. Conference Committee: (Jeremy Feusner)
 - Conference Attendance Chart – Really good numbers this year
 - Post Conference Survey Summary:

- Too far, too close
- Dessert, healthier snack options
- Trying to get speakers for upcoming conference

5.3.1. 2019 Summer Conference, Norfolk, NE (LaVern Schroeder)

5.3.2. 2020 Winter Conference, Kearney (Jon Carrell & Jeremy Feusner)

5.3.3. 2020 Summer Seminar, (need volunteer)

5.3.4. 2021 Winter Seminar, Kearney (need volunteer)
Danny Martinez volunteered

5.4. Officer Reports:

5.4.1. President – Todd Whitfield

Todd received a Thank you card from Connie Arnold for the gift PSAN gave to her for her years of service to the association.

Rex Heiden is in attendance at this Board Meeting. He had a glass and coaster made with the PSAN logo. Would there be any interest in having some made for the auction? Can Rex have permission to use the logo? The Board is in favor of having a few of the glasses made with the logo etched and has agreed to allow Rex to use the logo.

5.4.2. President Elect– Jeremy Feusner: No report

5.4.3. Treasurer – John Berry: No report

5.4.4. Secretary – Warren Headlee

Warren mentioned that PSAN should consider supporting the Metro Community College program.

5.5. Directors:

5.5.1. Jerry Penry (2019): See 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)

LB635, Fence Boundary Law is in committee and shouldn't really affect us.

Sherlock has been working with the Nebraska State Records Board trying to get funding for county GIS as problems are starting to pop up all over the place.

The Repository and State Surveyors office have started moving records online; once completed, ALL surveys ever filed will be available.

Attending the GIS/LIS conference later this month.

Next time renewals come around, they will be available online

- 5.5.8. Denny Whitfield (Affiliate - SENLSA)
SENLSA has recently changed their Bylaws, Denny submitted a copy for PSAN
SENLSA currently has 75% membership in PSAN, submitted name list
SENLSA is constantly working on educating surveyors.

5.6. Standing Committees:

5.6.1. Education Committee (Matt Tinkham)

Based on comments from conference, there is room for improvement on the part of the education committee. There are 20+ younger professionals consistently attending the winter conferences and the Surveyor Track classes. Matt Tinkman plans on continuing to have specific breakouts for the Thursday of the conference and keep NCEES prep on Friday.

Tinkham said the education committee is still working on community outreach and involvement and really trying to stay active and be out there in front of middle schoolers, high schoolers, etc.

Denny Whitfield sat in on some of the Surveyor Track classes and noted that Matt does a great job with NCEES exam prep. He also noted that NCEES has grant money available to help support what the Education Committee does.

5.6.2. Historical Committee (Jerry Penry) See report.

Jerry Penry explained that they are replacing the plaque for the initial point; the dedication is tentatively scheduled for 06/22/2019. There are plans to reset reference marks on the work day. No new information on the Cast Iron Monument.

5.6.3. Legislative Committee – PEC Report (Todd Whitfield)

Per Todd Whitfield here was a conference call on Thursday, April 4th with PEC. LB462 is still in committee. He's not sure this will get done before the end of the session – the flooding has taken over the session for disaster relief funding.

Martinez, lobbyists, govhawk, annual subscription is (ask Danny)

5.6.4. GIS Committee (Erik Hubl)

Matt Tinkham noted that the GIS Symposium is coming up and he will be there representing PSAN. Jerry Penry, Casey Sherlock, Steve Cobb are all presenting. This symposium is every two years. There is talk about getting a survey track at this meeting too. The Symposium is almost all 1hr tracks/breakout sessions.

5.6.5. Nominations and Membership Committees (Brian Langenberg) No Report

5.6.6. Publications: (Gwen Bowers): No report

5.6.7. Ethics and Standards Committee: () No chair at this time

5.6.8. NSPS: (Dan Martinez)

Danny Martinez noted that at the General Assembly meeting the MOU was approved, Todd signed it and it was sent off. Spring meetings are coming up the week of April 8th, Martinez is going Thursday & Friday. He will be going to the meetings and a White House meeting. Martinez sits on the FEMA subcommittee and Land Surveyor Discussion Board, see report.

Kurt Sumner sent an email regarding state licensing laws and Danny will send to Casey.

5.6.9. Nebraska State Surveyor: (Casey Sherlock): No report

6. Old Business:

6.1. Website status – addressed in Admin Sec report

6.2. 2020 Summer Seminar

We really need to get someone to do put on the seminar. Gwen will send an email to membership soliciting for a volunteer. Denny Whitfield asked if a business would put on the seminar instead of an individual. Gwen will add this in the email. There was discussion of possibly collaborating with Southeast. Southeast has a board meeting on the 20th, Denny will bring up the idea.

7. New Business:

7.1. Membership Applications – none

7.2. Appoint Chairman of the Board per Article 4, Section 10 of the Constitution

Todd Whitfield, if the President or President-Elect is unavailable, we need a Chairman of the Board to preside over PSAN. We need nominations.

Casey nominated Eric Schaben

Seconded: Boni Edwards

Motion passed

7.3. Appoint Ethics and Standards Committee Chair and committee

We need nominations. This committee reports to the Board. All information for the Ethics and Standards Committee is in Governor's report. Jerry Penry has volunteered to Chair the committee.

Denny Whitfield said that due to responses from the winter conference regarding Casey Sherlock's presentation, we should probably look at having someone do an ethics review at every winter conference.

7.4. Current Standards review

Todd Whitfield asked all board members to go through the governor's report and review the minimum standards and review for recommendations to be added, removed, changed, etc.

Brian Foral, it's hard to review the minimum standards if the minimum standards aren't even enforced, no reprimand for bad surveys. Todd Whitfield said bad survey need to be reported to the Board. Casey Sherlock said that the minimum standards are very minimum and probably need to be updated to include more minimum standards.

Jeremy Feusner, Brian Foral, Jay Dubs, and Casey Sherlock, will be on the Ethics and Standards Committee

Penry asked, would section corners be included since that's a government jurisdiction, and doesn't apply to all surveyors? Sherlock said section corners and ties should be included in the minimum standards.

Denny Whitfield noted that PSAN needs to address/create minimum standards for using Lidar and GPS for licensed land surveyors.

There was discussion to include Southeast in the min standard review.

Sherlock noted that we will only need to clean-up the date and not go through full legislative process.

Todd Whitfield posed the question of making minimum standards part of the PDH requirement? Sherlock noted that PSAN would then need to provide that if it would become part of the PDH requirements. Denny Whitfield added that the Board of Examiners does not approve content for PDH hours.

- 7.5. Monumentation fund disbursement for 6PM – Initial point (Jerry Penry)
Penry requested to use \$200 from Monumentation Fund for the triangulation station at the 6PM

Casey Sherlock made the motion to use \$300
Second: Jeremy Feusner
Motion pass

- 7.6. Winter Seminar Conference Center contract extension past 2021 (Jeremy Feusner)
We're booked at Kearney through 2021, 2021 we will be in the new facility.
Based on the comments from the conference survey, Feusner will get bids from other locations too; he will have bids at September board meeting. He'll look into Kearney, Grand Island, York, and Columbus.

There was discussion on changing the days from Thur-Fri to Wed afternoon-Fri afternoon.
Feusner will send a survey to ask membership.

- 7.7. Membership Dues – (John Berry)
John Berry, we need to raise our membership dues; we haven't increased dues in over 10 years. In order to make ends meet, we're going to have to pull money from our Edward Jones account, there's no way around that. The winter seminar helped us break even for the year. Berry suggests raising rates from \$100 to \$125, this should generate \$4000-\$5000 in additional revenue. The total increase for our membership, including the NSPS increase would be from \$140-\$175 for Active Members.

Brian Foral asked if this is enough of an increase. Berry said that for now, yes, but we'll have to look into increasing conference fees in the future too.

Jeremy Feusner made the motion to increase dues for Active and Associate Members by \$25.
Second by Warren Headlee
Motion pass

Gwen Bowers will include notification in the next newsletter and an email to membership.

8. Board of Director 2019 meeting schedule:
Friday April 5, 2019 (meeting)
Friday June 7, 2019 (conference call)
Friday September 13, 2019 (meeting) Holiday Inn, Grand Island
Friday December 6, 2019 (meeting or conference call)

9. Motion to adjourn
Motion by: Eric Schaben
Second by: Matt Tinkham
Meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.