

**Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 18, 2008  
Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

1. Call to order

President Emil A. Bove, PLS called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Emil A. Bove, PLS ..... President  
Richard L. Phillips, PLS ..... President-Elect  
William L. Lehman, PLS ..... Vice President  
Karl E. Kriegh, PLS ..... State Director, Delaware Valley Chapter  
William J. Beitler, PLS ..... State Director, Lehigh Valley Chapter  
Jeffrey P. Gilmore ..... State Director, Northwest Chapter, Geodetic and GIS Chair  
Paul A. Waters, PLS ..... State Director, Pocono Chapter  
John G. Fuehrer, II, PE, PLS ..... State Director, Reading Chapter, Education Chair and Past President  
L. Bradley Foltz, PLS ..... State Director, South Central Chapter  
Thomas Farcht, Jr., PLS ..... State Director, South Central Chapter  
Norman J. Landsperger, PLS ..... State Director, Southwest Chapter

Guests:

Dennis L. Burkhart, PLS ..... Past President, Government Affairs Committee Chair  
Richard A. Shewman, PLS ..... Delaware Valley Chapter President  
Andrew J. Hilt ..... Executive Director  
Shari L. Taylor ..... Assistant Executive Director  
Alexandria Casper ..... TrigStar Guest  
Steven Casper ..... TrigStar Guest  
Jolyn Casper ..... TrigStar Guest  
Nathan Trubilla ..... TrigStar Guest  
Mike Trubilla ..... TrigStar Guest  
Robert Trubilla ..... TrigStar Guest  
Chris Trubilla ..... TrigStar Guest

3. Minutes of Last Board of Directors Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 25, 2008– passed.

Awards were presented to the Pennsylvania TrigStar participants.

4. PLS Reports

Treasurer’s Report

Hilt explained the Treasurer’s report because Piatt was unable to attend. The report in the packet was a different format from the usual report because the Treasurer’s report was received too late to be included in the packets. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report --passed.

5. Membership

It was moved and seconded to accept the new members presented – passed.

Phillips reported that the membership survey was on the PLS web site and encouraged everyone to take the survey if they haven’t already done so. The members are divided about 50/50 on the issue of allowing Associate Members to hold state office.

6. PSLS Committee Reports

a. Education Committee

Fuehrer reported that the Education Committee has been meeting regularly and have planned the 2009 conference. The keynote speaker will be Curt Sumner and the Featured Workshop on Monday morning will be Walt Robillard. A budget has been adopted for the 2009 conference. The Education Committee suggests the following registration fees for the 2009 conference: Early Non-member fee \$645, Late Non-member fee \$695, Early PSLS Member fee \$560, Late PSLS Member fee \$610, One day fee \$370, Student \$300, and Chapter Discount fee \$470 (this registration is for chapter sponsored awards only). It was moved and seconded to accept the conference registration fee recommendations for the 2009 PSLS conference.

Fuehrer reported that PSLS is using almost all of Hershey's meeting space at the conference but not all overnight rooms. The hotel wants fewer meeting rooms used based on our overnight room counts. As an incentive to encourage attendees to stay at the lodge Hershey will donate one overnight room that can be used at a future date and PSLS will pay for one overnight room. The winners will be selected from Hershey's hotel registration list. Conference attendees whose rooms are paid by PSLS will not be eligible to win. Number limits will be assigned to workshops at the 2009 conference. Attendees will select their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of workshop and will not be guaranteed their first choice. One day registrants may not be able to attend the workshop they wish. It will be clearly stated in the brochure that registration is for ONE person only. Passing a name badge around is not permitted and no credit will be given for workshops attended. A seminar is planned for Friday, September 18 and Saturday September 19, 2009 at the Four Points Sheraton.

b. Government Affairs Committee

Burkhart reported that a meeting was held this morning. The requirements under the existing education law would require pre-approval of courses. It was suggested to the Registration Board that they could follow what the nursing board follows because their regulations have the same language and pre-approve providers instead of courses. One registration board member was vehemently opposed. Another problem with the current law is that it provides no carry over of credits. The group is looking at the right of entry law in Kentucky, New York, and Tennessee. Some states have right of entry that do not require a lot from surveyors. Requiring a 14 day notification is burdensome for the surveyor. The surveyor should be allowed to make a reasonable attempt to notify the land owner. The next Government Affairs meeting will be September 26 at the next Board of Directors meeting at 11:00 AM at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona.

c. Bylaws Committee

Shewman reported that changes are needed to update the bylaws. He encouraged people to get active on the committee.

d. Public Relations

Bove reported that Lake resigned from chairing the Public Relations committee. Public Relations falls into Bove's Strategic Planning group of educating the public.

7. Chapter Reports

South Central Chapter had a meeting in May with Hilt as the speaker. He spoke about right of entry and continuing education. The next meeting is in September with the election of officers and awards.

Reading Chapter will hold the annual golf tournament in September. See the PSLS web site for details Chapters are encouraged to let PSLS headquarters know about chapter news and events so the information can be placed on the web site.

Delaware Valley Chapter had a meeting with Chester County and a family picnic and baseball game. The chapter sponsored a Race for Life. The chapter is conducting an exam review workshop. See the PSLS web site for details.

Bucks Chapter had a meeting in March. Students the chapter has sponsored at the Civil Technical program were invited to speak and talk about their plans. John Boyd spoke about new technical systems at the last meeting. Next month the chapter will hold a joint meeting with a New Jersey chapter.

8. Strategic Planning

Bove explained that PSLS needs a strategic plan to provide direction for one year, five years and ten years to carry and promote the society into the future. The PSLS bylaws are cumbersome and outdated. The PSLS Board of Directors does not need five mandatory meetings a year considering everyone's time constraints and gas prices. There are too many committees required by the bylaws, most of which aren't active. A suggestion to propose that to be on the Board of Directors you must be on a committee.

Educating the Public – Public Relations

Improve the PSLS web site, use the PSLS web site, use a billboard to offer a free GPS to the public as a contest for using the PSLS website, use free links for the PSLS web site such as map sites, and improve search using key words that would bring up the PSLS web site. PSLS needs better communication with Chapters and members.

| 11. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting – passed

Respectfully submitted,  
David H. Artman, PLS  
Secretary