

MINUTES OF THE  
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.  
2009 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Williamsburg, VA  
June 27, 2009

President Tim Nash called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. The invocation was given by Tommy Brooks, Sr. and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Secretary/Treasurer Will Nash called the roll and determined that a quorum existed with fourteen (14) Board members present. Nine (9) board members were absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by John Sehl to approve the agenda. Motion carried, the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Charlie Rice to approve the minutes of the Spring BOD meeting held in Richmond, VA on April 18, 2009. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**OFFICERS'S REPORTS:**

President:

Tim Nash

Tim Nash thanked members of the Peninsula Chapter for hosting the summer board meeting and commended them on a job well done.

First Vice President:

Chuck Dunlap

Chuck Dunlap submitted a written report, which is attached as appendix #1. He also summarized the results of the convention questionnaire also attached with appendix #1.

Second Vice President:

Pete Moore

Pete Moore was unable to attend but has been in contact with the Convention Committee and has recommended entering into a contract with Colonial Williamsburg (Williamsburg Lodge) as the location of the 2011 and 2012 conventions. (See item #5 under New Business)

Secretary/Treasurer: Will Nash  
The financial balance sheet was available to all board members and Will reported how much the association is behind the same point last year.

Region I Director: Charlie Rice  
Charlie reported that he had attended the Bull Run Chapter meeting.

Region II Director: Mike Zmuda  
No report.

Region III Director: Hayden Frye  
No report.

Region IV Director: Larry Ogle, Jr.  
No report.

Past President: Doug Richmond  
No report.

NSPS Governor: Steven P. Douty  
NSPS dues will be reduced further the more join.

Executive Secretary: Judy Hite  
Judy submitted a written report attached as appendix #2 and she presented applications from 8 additional perspective members. Steve Douty made a motion to accept the 8 new members, seconded by Charlie Rice. Motion Carried.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Chapter Representation on BOD; Constitution and By-Laws Committee chairman Joe Coppedge believes that we have been in violation on our Constitution for some time and has called for a decision from the VAS Parliamentarian, Pete Moore. Joe believes that the chapters should send a representative to the Board for two years. President Tim Nash has obtained a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation from the SCC and has reviewed pertinent meeting minutes and determined that the "official certificate" differs from what is printed in the VAS directory. The VAS attorney has been contacted and Tim and Pete

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will work out changes within the chapters.

2. Museum of Surveying; There has been no response from the museum board to a letter sent inquiring as to the status of naming the museum library for John Foster. There will be no further payments to the museum until the question is answered and another attempt to contact them will be made.
3. 2010 VAS Board Meetings; Chip has talked to the three chapters hosting the 2010 meetings and discussed the needs to be met.  
The host chapters are: Spring, Western Chapter  
Summer, Monticello Chapter  
Fall, Southern Chapter

### NEW BUSINESS

1. VAS "selling" membership list; Various opinions were expressed as to who, if anyone, should have access to the mailing information of the members of the VAS. Some felt it could be a source of income, some felt it should only go to the affiliates who support us now, and others feel it should never be given to anyone. Steve Douty suggested the matter be directed to the Public Relations Committee.
2. Dues Increase for 2010; It was suggested at chapter level that it was time for VAS to increase membership dues. Discussion ensued about the effects of an increase on the membership and whether there will be additional revenue related to the continuing education requirement. Steve Douty made a motion to increase dues from \$169 to \$185 per year. The motion was seconded by Charlie Rice and passed, as amended, on a vote of 11 to 3. (See Appendix #3 for the motion as passed)
3. Continuing Education Scholarships/Grants. The Education Committee submitted a motion setting policy for aid to VAS members who "cannot fulfill their continuing education requirements due to a financial hardship." The motion was passed, as amended, on a vote of 12 to 2. (See Appendix #4 for the motion as passed)
4. One year renewal of Future Law, L.L.C. The VAS lobbyist, Future Law, L.L.C., sent a letter of engagement for 2010 which included a \$15,000 retainer and a \$200 fee for registration with the General Assembly as the VAS lobbyist. The discussion ranged from not retaining a lobbyist at all to interviewing another firm to renewing the Future Law contract. Legislative Committee Chairman, Fred Shanks, weighed in by phone saying that Chip Dicks is an excellent operator but is very expensive and he would support whatever decision the board made in the matter. A motion was made by Steve Douty,

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and seconded by Chris Pappas to not renew the Future Law contract and use money saved to build a “war chest” for unforeseen legal challenges. The motion was passed as amended on a vote of 12 to 1 with 1 abstention. (See Appendix #5 for the motion as passed)

5. 2011-2013 Convention Contract. Chuck Dunlap presented a motion to enter into a contract with the Colonial Williamsburg Co. for the 2011 and 2012 conventions with an option for 2013. The motion was seconded by Chris Pappas and was passed unanimously. (See Appendix #6 for the motion as passed)

#### CHAPTER REPORTS:

Appalachian Chapter:  
No report.

Tony F. Holbrook

Bull Run Chapter:

Saundra O’Connell

- Saundra O’Connell reported that the Bull Run Chapter met at the Osaka Japanese Restaurant on May 12<sup>th</sup> and Phil Nester spoke on continuing education.
- They have decided to raffle a basket of donated items at the winter meeting to benefit the Education Supplement Fund.

Central Chapter:

Dave Gardy

Dave Gardy submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #7

Monticello Chapter:  
No report.

Christopher Kean

Mount Vernon Chapter:

Joe Cronin, IV

Joe Cronin submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #8.

Peninsula Chapter:

Gordon L. Jones

No report. Dave Holland said that the Peninsula Chapter may be in an inactive status once again.

Rappahannock Chapter:

Reed Adams

The Rappahannock Chapter submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #9.

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Shenandoah Chapter: Scot W. Marsh  
Stuart Dunn submitted a written report which included meeting minutes and is attached as Appendix #10.

Southern Chapter: Troy Williams  
Troy Williams submitted a written report, although not in time for review at the meeting, which is attached as Appendix #11.

Tidewater Chapter: Tim Fletcher  
Tim Fletcher submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #12.

Western Chapter: Chris Pappas  
The Western Chapter submitted meeting minutes which are attached as Appendix #13.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affiliate: Rich Williams  
No report.

APELSCIDLA: Michael W. Zmuda  
No report.

Awards: John Sehl  
No report.

Budget/Assistant Treasurer: John Sehl  
John Sehl submitted a written report along with a proposed budget for 2010 which is attached as Appendix #14.

Certified Survey Technician: Dave Ashley  
No report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Joseph C. Coppedge  
No report.

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Continuing Education:  
No report.

Philip W. Nester

Convention:

Chuck Dunlap

Chuck Dunlap reported that a walk-thru was conducted of the facilities slated for the 2010 convention in May. "Chapter Presidents please market the convention." The convention committee will try to incorporate changes highlighted in the questionnaire noted in the First VP's report.

Council of Past Presidents:

Doug Richmond

No report. Doug Richmond announced a meeting to follow this one and one in August to finalize the slate of officers.

Directory  
No report.

Edward L. Johnson

Education:

Frank R. Richardson

- Chip Richardson reported that there were 71 attendees for the summer seminar and he thanked Thomas Sublet for the setup of the facilities.
- Trig-Star reimbursement requests are due no later than two weeks prior to the fall board meeting.
- Please advertize the John Foster School within your chapters. There are only 8 signed up at this time and a decision will be made in July as to the viability of this year's school.
- Chapters offering continuing education credits will be required to maintain the records of the classes held and certificates granted to attendees for a period of five years. Chip recommended that each chapter selects an education committee to oversee this process.

Educational Supplement Fund/Fund Raising:  
No report.

Gregory E. Vess

Education Trust

Philip W. Nester

Phil Nester thanked the Central Chapter for their donation. He stated that there has been one application received and there are possibly three others in the mail. Others are encouraged to apply, July 1 is the deadline.

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Ethics and Practice:	Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.
No report. Doug Richmond told the board of an incident in which his plat in the form of an Adobe file was altered in a very professional manner. Adobe editor software can be purchased for this purpose. The Commonwealth uses electronic seals that are password protected. (See related letter from NSPE attached as Appendix #15).	
Geocaching:	Chris Pappas & Judy Bergloff
No report.	
Highway and right of Way Liaison:	John Pataky
No report.	
History:	Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.
No report.	
Legislative:	Fred O. Shanks, III
No report.	
Long Range Planning:	Douglas A. Richmond
No report.	
Membership:	David R. Grady
Dave Gardy submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #16.	
Old Dominion Surveyor Editor:	Pete Moore
No report. Need Articles!	
PAC:	Fred O. Shanks, III
No report.	
Policy Manual:	Joseph C. Coppedge
Joe Coppedge reported that the updated policy manual is complete and available on line and he recommended this committee be deleted. President Nash so directed.	
Public Relations:	Alison Hanson
Alison Hansen submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #17.	

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Standards of Practice:  
No report.

John E. Krobath

Trig Star:  
No report.

Ken Sorrels

East Tennessee State University Liaison:  
No report. Steve Douty announced that the ABET review for ETSU is nearing completion and the University will have this status renewed.

Tony Holbrook and Jeffrey Miller

Old Dominion University Liaison:  
No report. Doug Richmond stated that ODU is searching for an adjunct professor in the surveying program.

Bruce J. Frederick

VAMLIS:  
Doug Richmond reported that the GIS convention is in Richmond in September and he will attend with the VAS booth.

Douglas A. Richmond

Virginia Land Title Association/VA Bar Liaison:  
No report.

Dennis P. Corl

VAS Auxiliary:  
No report.

Donna Sehl

VGIN:  
No report.

W. Page Cockrell

Web Site:  
No report.

John R. Christman

Wetlands:  
No report.

Carl N. Pilat

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

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NEXT MEETING:

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on September 19, 2009 at the Wingate Inn, Fredericksburg, VA.

There being no other business, a motion was made and to adjourn the meeting; and President Nash adjourned at 10:52.

Respectfully Submitted: Will Nash, L.S., Secretary/Treasurer

Chip passed along some good news about Greg Vess' Daughter Amy. Her bone marrow transplant was accomplished last week at Duke University Hospital and things look good.

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