

MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.
2008 WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Hampton, VA
January 17, 2008

President Tommy Brooks, Sr. called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. President Brooks also gave the Invocation and followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Dunlap called the roll and determined that a quorum existed with fifteen (15) Board members present, plus four (4) proxies. Three (3) board members were absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the 2007 Fall Board of Director's meeting held on September 15, 2007 in Northern Neck, VA, seconded and approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Dave Holland asked that the discussion of the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws be moved to the General Membership meeting on January 19, 2008; and, with this change, a motion was made to approve the agenda dated January 17, 2008, distributed by President Thomas Brooks, seconded and approved.

OFFICERS'S REPORTS:

President:

Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

President Brooks submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #1. President Brooks highlighted items in his report, noting the progress VAS made during the year in increasing its membership and the efforts made by many towards education, which has lead to the creation of the John Foster School He further noted that the VAS has engaged the services of a new lobbyist, Chip Dicks, to replace Mark Singer. He also thanked the VAS Auxiliary for all of their work through the year assisting VAS. He concluded his remarks by stating that he had enjoyed representing VAS this year and looked forward to his role as Past-President and supporting Doug Richmond, the incoming VAS President, in the coming year.

First Vice President:

Douglas A. Richmond

Doug submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #2. Doug also noted that he has been contacting people regarding their service to VAS as committee chairs; and, he further noted that our new lobbyist, Chip Dicks, will be at our general membership meeting on January 19, 2008. He concluded his remarks by stating that should anyone have any room or convention issues to please see him; and, he will help.

Second Vice President:

Timothy S. Nash

Tim submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #3. Tim noted that the 2009 convention will be held January 13 through 19, 2009 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA.

Secretary/Treasurer:

Charles F. Dunlap

Chuck submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #4.

Region I Director:

Dennis P. Corl

Dennis was not present and had no report.

Region II Director:

John K. Sehl

John submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #5.

Region III Director:

Bruce J. Frederick

Bruce gave a verbal report wherein he noted that he had attended both the Tidewater and Peninsula Chapter meetings and acknowledged the work by Gordon Jones in reorganizing the boundary of the Peninsula Chapter.

Region IV Director:

W. E. Nash

Will submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #6.

Past President:

David L. Holland

Dave had no formal report. He did congratulate all of the incoming officers.

NSPS Governor:

Steven P. Douty

Steve deferred his report to the General Membership meeting on January 19, 2008, but he did note that Bill Coleman would be stepping down as the NSPS Area 3 Director at the NSPS national meeting in Spokane, Washington.

Executive Secretary:

Judy Hite

Judy submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #7. Judy also asked for a motion to accept 13 Regular, 4 Associate and 3 Student members of the VAS. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept these new members.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Appalachian Chapter:

Tony F. Holbrook

Tony submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #8.

Bull Run Chapter:

Edwin J. Dodd, Jr.

Ed submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #9.

Central Chapter:

Keith Shrader

Keith submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #10.

Monticello Chapter:

J. Thomas Gale

Tom submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #11. Tom summarized the proposed changes to the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. Joe Coppedge noted that he had reviewed the proposed changes and advised that they were OK. A motion to accept the changes to the Monticello Chapter Constitution and By-Laws was made, seconded and approved.

Mount Vernon Chapter:

Ralph T. Jones

Ralph submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #12. Ralph further noted that the Chapter, even though it is one of the largest, is still having problems with attendance at the general chapter membership meetings.

Peninsula Chapter:

Gordon L. Jones

Gordon submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #13. Gordon also added that some members in his area were having problems with the County not accepting stormwater management plans and public water & sewer plans sealed and signed by 3B Surveyors; and, he asked for help from the State level in resolving these problems. In response, Dave Holland recommended consulting with our lobbyist; and, Bruce Frederick recommended that a plan of action be established to educate the local officials on what the 3B Surveyor is permitted to do under the regulations and then follow through with the plan.

Rappahannock Chapter:

Randolph J. Grymes

Randy submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #14.

Shenandoah Chapter:

Scot W. Marsh

Scot was absent and had no report.

Southern Chapter:

Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

Tommy was not present, but submitted a proxy; and, he submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #15.

Tidewater Chapter:

Hayden R. Frye

Hayden submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #16.

Western Chapter:

Larry T. Ogle, Jr.

Larry submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #17.

REPORT

The Auxiliary of the VAS:

Joyce Brooks

Joyce submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #18.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliate:

Rich Williams

Rich was not present, but submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #19. As a follow-up to Rich's report, Joe Coppedge suggested to have the industry donate an instrument at cost and then raffle it off at the convention, noting that the Maryland Society does this. Doug Richmond, John Krobath and Tim Nash agreed to work to set this up.

APELSCIDLA:

Michael W. Zmuda

Mike was not present, but submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #20.

Awards:

Robert S. Schwenger

Bob presented a verbal report, in which he noted that he is stepping down as the Awards Committee Chair; and, John Sehl has agreed to take this position. Bob recommended that VAS should submit the winners of the plat contest as entries in the national contest held in conjunction with the NSPS annual meeting. The 2008 winners would be entered in the 2009 national contest. Bill Coleman, NSPS Area 3 Governor noted that the winners of the national contest go to the

Library of Congress.

Budget/Assistant Treasurer:

Charles F. Dunlap

Chuck noted that the Budget/Assistant Treasurer's report was incorporated into his Secretary/Treasurer's report, with no separate report. Chuck did note that the 2008 budget passed at the fall Board meeting did not propose any dues increase.

Constitution and By-Laws:

Joseph C. Coppedge

Joe requested that his report on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws be deferred to the General Membership Meeting on January 19, 2008. A copy of the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws is attached as Appendix #21

Education Trust

Joseph C. Coppedge

Joe presented a verbal report wherein he noted the award of several \$2,000 scholarships last year. He further noted that no money was spent by the Trust except for the scholarships. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to buy raffle tickets.

Continuing Education:

Philip W. Nester

Phil was not present and had no report. Chip Richardson noted that the continuing education requirements will be implemented in 2009.

Convention:

Douglas A. Richmond

The convention committee report is included as part of the First Vice President's report, which is attached as Appendix #2.

VAMLIS:

Douglas A. Richmond

Doug submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #22. Doug reminded everyone that the 2008 VAMLIS Convention will be at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, VA May 5 through 7, 2008; and, VAS will again have a booth.

Council of Past Presidents:

David L. Holland

Dave presented a verbal report, offering congratulations to the incoming officers.

Long Range Planning:

David L. Holland

Dave presented a verbal report in which he noted that the Long Range Planning Committee has begun implementing the process of going digital and moving away from using bulk mailings,

using more email notifications and updating the website to have more information available. All notice of meetings, plus the meeting minutes, will be emailed, with only a few mailings to those that do not have internet access of email. Page Cockrell noted that the scholarship applications will be on the website. Lastly, he asked people to let him know if there is anything else that can be added to the website.

Directory

Edward L. Johnson

Ed gave a verbal report, noting that the updated directory went out last year.

East Tennessee State University Liaison: Steven P. Douty and Jeffrey Miller

Jeff submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #23. In addition, Steve noted that the bulk of the ETSU report would be given at the General Membership meeting on January 19, 2008. Lastly, Steve asked for donations to help the ETSU students attending the annual meeting with their travel expenses.

Old Dominion University Liaison:

Bruce J. Frederick

Bruce presented a written report that was prepared by John Rand, the visiting professor and interim director, which is attached as Appendix #24. John will be staying at ODU at least through May 2008. John provided a supplemental verbal report summarizing the status of the program, which includes 5 classes: 1 on campus and 4 under Tele-Tech Net.

Education:

Frank R. Richardson

Chip presented a written report, which is attached as Appendix #25. Chip noted that the classes at the annual meeting started on January 16, with 21 students, including 3 from out of state. He noted that the number of students is down this year. He further noted that a right of entry seminar has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, from 8 to 10 AM. Lastly, he noted that the John Foster School will be held July 21 thru 24, 2008 at Roanoke College; and, again, on-campus housing will be available.

Educational Supplement Fund/Fund Raising: Gregory E. Vess

Greg submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #26. The current balance in the Education Supplement Fund available for distribution is \$12,590.31. Greg expressed his disappointment that more funds were not raised, even though almost \$9,000 was raised in the 4th quarter, including a single donation of \$2,000 from Jack Hill and \$1,000 from the Western Chapter. Noting that other campaigns had raised significant funds, such as \$20,000 from the Appalachian Trail Hike, he believes that the potential is there to raise a lot of money for the

education supplement fund. This was followed by a general open discussion on the use of the funds from the Education Supplement Fund. Joe Coppedge expressed concern that the fund was not set up to provide donations to the apprenticeship programs. John Krobath stated that there should be some reporting by the recipients on how the money is being spent. Ralph Jones noted that the NOVA Apprenticeship Program is providing reports; and, Steve Douty report that ETSU is doing the same.

Ethics and Practice:

Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

Tommy submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #27. President Brooks also briefly reported on the importance of the surveyor being more ethical in making business decisions.

History:

Thomas C. Brooks, Jr.

Tommy submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #28.

Highway and right of Way Liaison:

H. R. Terrell, Jr.

H.R. submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #29.

Legislative:

Fred O. Shanks, III

Fred submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #30. Fred also presented a verbal report, in which he provided additional background on VAS's new lobbyist, Chip Dicks, noting that Chip will be at the General Membership Meeting on January 19. He also presented a summary of the House and Senate bills introduced that affect our profession, including a brief description of each. In response to these various bills, President Brooks appointed a day committee consisting of Dave Holland, Fred Shanks, Phil Nester, Hayden Frye and himself to review these bills and report back at the General Membership Meeting on January 19, 2008.

PAC:

Fred O. Shanks, III

Fred noted that the present balance in the PAC is \$7,554.05; and, he urged members to contribute to the PAC.

Membership:

David R. Grady

Dave submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #31.

Public Relations:

Fred Willman

Fred submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #32.

Wetlands:

Carl N. Pilat

Carl submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #33.

Old Dominion Surveyor Editor:

Timothy N. Nash

Tim submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #34. Tim noted that the winter edition is at the printer and will go out shortly. He also emphasized that the advertisers play a big part in draying the cost of publishing the Old Dominion Surveyor; and, all members should thank them for their continued support.

Standards of Practice:

John E. Krobath

John provided a verbal report, noting that there is still the need to get the remaining chapters updated.

Trig Star:

Kenneth E. Carlton

Ken submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #35.

Virginia Land Title Association/VA Bar Liaison: Dennis P. Corl

Dennis was not presented and had no report.

VGIN:

W. Page Cockrell

Page submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #37.

Web Site:

John R. Christman

John submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #38.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Right of Entry:

Steve Douty

Steve made a verbal report, noting the upcoming seminar on January 19, which focuses on the VA law and what happens if trespass charge is made. Judy noted that she is tracking the trespass hits posted on the webpage. He noted that the VA Bar is presenting a seminar on trespass. President Brooks noted that trespass is a serious offense.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Holland made a presentation on the insurance proposal presented at the Fall Board meeting. The issue is whether VAS should offer life and accidental death & dismemberment

insurance policy as a VAS membership benefit. The base proposal from Beverly Kierman is a \$10,000 policy that, with an additional premium paid by the member, could be extended to family and employees. To get the \$10,000 policy, the dues would need to be increased by \$36 to \$50 per year. To initiate the process and get a firm rate proposal, it would be necessary to obtain all members date of birth, as the cost of the policy is directly related the average age of the membership. Having noted the above, he put the question to the Board as to whether we should proceed; and, after some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed not to pursue the insurance benefit.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on April 12, 2008 in Winchester, VA.

There being no other business, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting; and, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Charles F. Dunlap, L.S., Secretary/Treasurer