

Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

Friday February 17, 2017 | 1:00pm-5:00pm
RGI Conference Room | 9100 Purdue Rd Ste 200 | Indianapolis, IN 46268

Present: Bryan Catlin, President; Eric Banschbach, Vice President; Ryan Swingley, President-elect; Brent Friend, Treasurer; Norman Hiselman; David Myers; Ed Sweetland; Kurt Vonderheide;

Guests: Brian Lewis, Executive Director; Leslie Murphy

1. Call to Order

Bryan Catlin called the meeting to order at 12:00am and a quorum was established. Bryan reviewed with the Board the Mission and Vision of ISPLS.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Minutes - January 18th, 2017
ISPLS Financials - December Financial Report, December Balance Sheet, & IRS Form 990
Current Membership Report
RGI Annual Evaluation

A motion was made and seconded to approve the items in the consent agenda. **PASSED**

3. Year One RGI Review Discussion

Raybourn Group Int. President Leslie Murphy reviewed the results of the RGI Annual Evaluation survey to discuss the ways in which RGI can better serve the needs of ISPLS. Also discussed was the contract renewal for the ISPLS-RGI contract that expires on June 30, 2017 and the scope of services. It was requested that RGI provide an A/B comparison for staffing models in regards to the tasks related to the Volunteer Convention Coordinator's role.

4. Strategic Discussion - Selecting and Prioritizing Our 2017 Goals

The Board reviewed the various goals and projected that had been discussed over the last few Board Meetings in order to priorities what we would like to accomplish in 2017.

Workforce Development was identified as a top priority. Ed Sweetland volunteered to head up a taskforce to work on getting ISPLS into High Schools and in front of students. Also discussed other avenues to get in front of young students such as the Merit Badge program we have in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and working with the Girl Scouts.

Promotion of the Land Surveying Profession was also identified as a priority. At previous Board Meetings we had discussed targeting our PR towards industries that hire PLSs and highlighting the importance of our profession. As an efficient way to get in front of that audience we discussed developing an educational webinar that is specifically targeted towards our customers. Bryan Catlin is going to reach out to Gary Kent to see if he would be interested in helping us with this project.

While discussing PR the Board talked about utilizing National / Indiana Surveyor Week. Don West is working on securing our proclamation from the Governor for March 19-25. Ryan Swingley volunteered to help out with daily posts on Surveying during that week that can be used on social media.

Webinar Education was also identified as goal. Brian Lewis is going to research what the rules are going to be for Ohio's new ethics requirements and then reach out to Tony Gregory to see if he would be interested in presenting an ethics webinar for ISPLS.

5. 2017 Committees - Recruitment, Appointment, and Charges

The Board discussed the various committees, who would be Chairing them, what we would like them to accomplish, and where we have opportunities to recruit new volunteers to help out. Ryan Swingley will Chair the Nominations Committee and look to get a representative (targeting the Presidents) from each Chapter on the Committee. Ed Sweetland will Chair the Membership Committee and Rich Hudson the Past Presidents Council. Staff will work on putting together a call for volunteers for the Scholarship, Education, Legislative, Finance, Membership, Young Professionals, Publications & Media, and possibly Trig-Star.

6. New Business / Discussion Topics

The Board discussed what ISPLS can do the recognize newly licensed Professional Land Surveyors. A couple ideas were proposed that will be looked into.

Recap of the 2017 ISPLS Convention and a discussion of the survey results.

Brief discussion on the 2018 Convention and the call for presentation timeline.

For the 2019 Convention, the Hoosier Hills Chapter had been previously selected as the host. However the Southwest and Initial Point Chapters have also expressed their interested in being involved. The consensus of the Board was that having multiple Chapters involved would be fine but it would be up to the host chapter (Hoosier Hills). This lead to a discussion on developing / reinstituting a more formal approval process for deciding the Host Chapter for the 2020 Convention.

The Board discussed out legislative updates from Michael O'Brien and our status on a couple issues including the State Line Border and the increase to County Recorder Fees.

A Life Membership request was received from Frank Ballintyn. His membership tenure of over 20 years was verified but there was some uncertainty about the age requirement. A motion was made and seconded that, if Frank has met all the requirements, that a Life Membership would be granted. **PASSED**

Next Board Meeting

After discussion it was determined that Friday, May 5th, 1pm - 5pm would be the best date for the next Board Meeting.

7. Review of Action Items

The meeting notes were reviewed to highlight all of the action items.

8. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.