



IDAHO SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

REVISED Minutes Board of Governors' Meeting May 14, 2022 Fairfield Inn, Idaho Falls and Via Zoom

Present:

In Person: Brian Allen, John Elle, Tyson Glahe, Rob Stratton, Jeremy Fielding, Adam Thayer, Stewart Ward, Liz Conner, Staff.

Online: Tom Judge, Hagen Beckstead, Glenn Bennett, Chris Harmison, Jaclyn Brandt, staff.

Fielding opened the meeting at 9:11 am and asked for changes to the agenda.

Steve Frisbie asked Jeremy Fielding to be his proxy for this meeting.

Minutes

Fielding asked for approval of the February 15 Board of Governor's (BOG) meeting.

Motion: Elle moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022, with a correction to the spelling of Stewart Ward's name. Stratton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Fielding then asked for the approval of the February 17, 2022, Annual Membership Meeting minutes.

Motion: Ward moved to approve the February 17, 2022, minutes. Stratton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Conference Report:

Brandt provided a summary of the 2022 Annual conference. The conference had outstanding attendance with 110 in person attendees and 105 virtual attendees. There were 5 exhibitors and 2 sponsors. A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Steve Staab and the Annual Surveyor of the Year award was presented to Ryen Johnson. A survey of the attendees indicated the majority were positive about the speakers and format.

Conference technology update:

Brandt reported that after the conference in February, Steve Frisbie, ISPLS treasurer, encouraged her to look at options for video conferencing technology that would allow ISPLS to have better hybrid meetings.

Motion:

Elle made the motion to purchase one (1) Owl Technology system. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 Conference Venue

The members discussed three possible venues for the 2023 ISPLS Conference.

Motion:

Elle made the motion to select the Grove Hotel in downtown Boise for the 2023 Conference. Thayer seconded. Motion approved unanimously.



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2023 Conference Planning Discussion

The BOG hoped to have volunteers for Conference Committee, but to date, there were none. Therefore, the Board identified the Vice President as the Board Liaison for the Conference Committee. The 2023 Conference Committee currently includes: Thayer, Elle, Ballard, and Stratton. Additional ISPLS members will be encouraged to participate as well.

Committee Reports:

NSPS – Ward submitted a full report that was included in the BOG packet. Fielding said there were several ideas in his report that he would like to discuss later. These ideas include:

- Suggestions for workforce development
- Ideas of what other states are doing in workforce development and mentoring

Internal Marketing Committee - Membership update

Brandt reported on membership numbers. Currently have 175 members. This is down from 2021. Brandt and Conner met with Ballard on May 9 to discuss ideas to increase membership.

No vote was taken.

Gem State Surveyor – Beckstead reported that GSS publication went very well, and this edition had several articles written by local surveyors.

External Marketing Committee - Legislative Committee

Hastings provided the Legislative Update. The committee has met weekly for the past few years. He complimented Allen for keeping people focused.

Allen requested a preliminary approval from the BOG on these issues to allow the Legislative Committee to move forward and conduct outreach with stakeholders.

Item 1 – Idaho Code 50-1310 Filing and Recording - Retention of a second Mylar copy. This is being worked on by the committee. Hastings has gotten good input since he originally sent it out. A reoccurring issue is how to get local city and county scanner settings to increase the DPI. He would like to meet with vendors to discuss improving the settings for better scans. Idaho Association of Counties also supports these changes.

Item 2 – Idaho Code 50-1307 Subdivision Names Allen presented proposed legislation regarding clarification of naming subdivisions. There is a growing problem with new subdivisions having the same name as established subdivisions in the same county. The committee did an extensive review of the red-line language proposed. This proposal is intended to be a starting point for discussion.

Item 3 – Idaho Code 54-1222 Professions, Vocations, and Businesses – Engineers and Surveyors

Allen said they are still in the proposal stage of this possible legislation. Currently, it is not clear who can prosecute someone practicing without a license. The goal of this proposal is to allow county prosecutors to prosecute unlicensed practitioners and not require the Attorney General to prosecute. After discussion, it was unclear if the current law required only the Attorney General to prosecute. Bennett will follow up with Mike Kane and Attorney General's office to see if this issue needs legislative fix or not.



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Item 4 - Latah County boundary line adjustment as proposed by John Elsbury. The legislative Committee is currently waiting on information from him.

Other possible future legislative items include:

- Monumentation of Easements
- Requirement of point of beginning on subdivision plats

With the consensus of the BOG, Fielding directed the Legislative Committee to continue to move forward on these issues.

IBPEPLS/IDOPL update

Bennett reported for Judge. The next IBEPLES meeting is June 9 and 10.

The position on the board for a Citizen Representative is still open. The application on the Governor's website will be sent to all ISPLS Section Directors for further distribution.

Education Committee

Robert Liimakka was unable to attend the meeting, but he provided Conner with a written summary that was shared with the BOG.

Administrative Committee

Conner provided Steve Frisbie's financial report to the BOG: As of May 12, 2022, ISPLS' checking account balance is \$136,988.66. ISPLS' Business Market Rate Savings account balance is \$80,488.35. Scholarship Fund is just under \$71,100.

Standards of Practice Update

Allen reported that the Standards of Practice (SOP) committee has been established and the members are:

- Sean Boggs - Eastern Section
- Chris Renaldo - Northern
- Jerry Hastings – Southwest
- Brian Allen - 2nd member from Eastern
- Chris James
- George Yerion
- Evan Page – David Thompsen
- Victor Villegas - Public Member

The Committee needs a representative from David Thompson and the Magic Valley.

The BOG directed that that when the SOP is updated, they are to note changes on a "Change Log" that is posted along the SOP on the website.

The BOG directed Brandt to put an email address on the website for questions regarding Standard of Practice. The new email should be: sopc@ispls.org

The BOG directed staff to email the entire ISPLS membership with the suggested updated policies and ask the members to approve or reject them. This request will be considered a "Special Election" allowed per the By Laws, and members will be asked to email their vote response to staff.



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Motion:

Elle made the motion to recommend approval of the Standards of Practice amendments by the general membership in a special ballot as allowed in the ISPLS By Laws. Ward seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

Stratton said he is trying to organize a two-day training prior to August BOG meeting, and he invited the whole board to attend. He will keep everyone updated on progress.

Young Surveyors

Thayer reported that at the recent national student conference in Washington DC, they engaged in surveying activity around the DC area and found monuments as part of an exercises/competition. ISU came in second.

New Business

Elle suggested to add forms on the website that can assist current surveyors as well as be a benefit to members. He provided a Record of Survey map check list and a Corner Record checklist that could be added now as examples. The BOG agreed these were excellent examples and asked staff to put on the website.

Elle also asked the BOG to suggest ideas for training and educational presentations to sections.

Strategic Plan

Fielding asked item to be on the agenda to ensure the BOG is on track with meeting Strategic Plan objectives and goals.

Stratton suggested that each section director be asked to send their section meeting dates and the topics they are covering to the BOG. Conner was directed to develop summary for the BOG from this information and identify where the Strategic Plan objectives and goals are being met.

Adjournment

Motion:

Stratton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Elle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Next Meeting:

August 14, 2022, North Idaho location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Conner
Secretary ISPLS