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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

December 6, 2016

MACS Meeting at AMC Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Minutes: Tim Eklund

Mike Fangman called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

In attendance: Tom Bushey, Lisa Hanni, Steve Jobe, Pat Veraguth, Tim Eklund, Pete Jenkins, Mike Fangman, Chris Mavis, Robin Mathews, Michelle Thompson, Scott Marlin, Rick Morey, Dick Walter.

Approval of Minutes: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Motion- Scott Marlin. Second- Steve Jobe. Approved.

**Membership Report:** 39 Voting members and 8 Affiliate members.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$19,746.50 in treasury.

**Legislative Committee Report:** PJ - reported that Julie Groetsch has nothing to report.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Discussion took place on what the committee should be doing and who should be on it. MF opined that the Past President should have a role in the committee. SJ - should the name of the committee be changed to better reflect what it does? SJ – We need a purpose and vision, CM – what do we want to do as a group? TE – this is a lot of what a later agenda item was to be about, should we be setting goals for MACS at the February meeting?

**MACS booth at Future Cities completion at Dunwoody:** MF will be working the booth for this and will bring a robotic total station. LH – we need handouts (swag?), PJ – Kelly Ness has a drone, can he bring it down? MT – kids need to do something interactively. LH – Maybe MACS can provide an award at next Future Cities?

- Pat Veraguth will look for possible rulers/scales that would have print of MACS logo that we can use for swag.
- Chris Mavis and Hennepin County will provide a computer, screen and slide show to set up at booth.
- Robin Mathews will call event coordinator to arrange a booth with electricity.
- Mike Fangman will make up a handout for the mentors and teachers referring them to MACS so next year we might have greater input with students as they start their projects.

**Parcel Data Transfer Standard comment period:** (9:46) CM – little impact on metro counties because we are already doing it. SJ – comes down to who is the authority for the data, maybe accessible through GIS but owned by someone else. LH/SJ/MF – ditches and protected waters causing problems.

**NACS membership pros and cons:** (10:08) RM –worthwhile? LH/SJ – are individual members and it is worth it for the price. SJ – we can join as an organization. LH – We can send our president to the annual meeting. Discussion was had about MACS joining NACS. Steve Jobe made a motion that MACS join for 2017 the National Association of County Surveyors as an Associate Member. Robin Mathews seconded. Approved unanimously.

- SJ – Jim Hentges should fill out the membership form and send in the check for membership.

Discussion was had on sending the MACS president to the NACS annual meeting, since this takes place in March 2017 the president at that time would be Pat Veraguth. Robin Mathews made a motion that if Pat is willing and allowed by his county that MACS would have him attend the NACS annual meeting in 2017 and MACS would pay for registration, hotel, air fare, rental cars and meals. Seconded by Steve Jobe. Approved with no opposition.

- Pat will work with Jim to make arrangements for attending the conference.

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#### **NACS Annual Meeting - 2017**

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Land Surveyors of Washington (LSAW Conference) (March 8-11, 2017).

**Questionnaires and evaluations:** (10:19) RM – two complaints were that the room was too cold and speakers need a lapel mic. LH – shared student responses. LH – discussion about tech students being allowed to take FS instead of having to wait until they have their four year degree.

**MN DOT Tech Conference:** (10:42) PJ – UAS presentation, MN DOT small area aerals, LH – cursive reading. SJ – there is a need for a course on interpreting legal descriptions, maybe even at our next MACS conference.

**Update from Dick Walters:** (10:55) Dick stated that a couple of county commissioners stopped in and thanked him for having the MACS booth there. Houston County has hired a full time County Surveyor – Eric Schmitt #53135. Mike Fangman presented Dick a Certificate of Appreciation and life membership to MACS.

**State Board updates:** (11:02) RM went over handout emailed with agenda. Lisa Hanni is a candidate for the NCEES Distinguished Service Award.

**Other Items:** (11:15) CM – should we have a joint meeting between MACS Board and MSPS Board in February? Discussion was had but no decision reached. PV – Roger Brand should be eligible for life membership. Pat Veraguth made the motion to give Roger Brand a Life Membership in MACS, Lisa Hanni seconded. Motion was approved.

- Jim Hentges will verify Roger Brand is eligible for Life Membership and will print a Certificate of Appreciation for the next meeting.

LH - Life Member Bill Schmokel passed away (Sept. 18, 2016 at 81 years)

**Next Meeting:** Meeting will be during the MSPS conference in Duluth MN either on Thursday, February 9 or Friday, February 10. Times and place still to be determined.

**Adjourn:** (11:29) Motion by Robin Mathews, Second by Tim Eklund

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