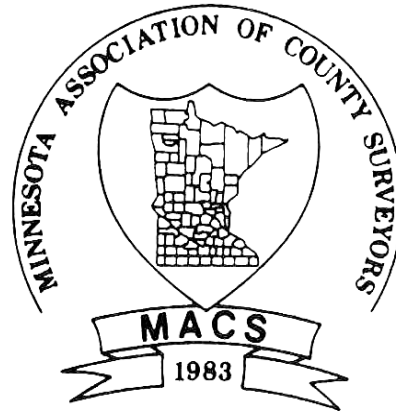


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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

February 11, 2016

MACS Meeting at MSPS Annual Meeting.

Robin Mathews called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

In attendance: Steve Jobe, Russ Heiling, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Tim Eklund, Scott Marlin, Dick Walter, Robin Mathews, Lisa Hanni, Mike Winfield, Chris Terwedo, Craig Hinzman, Dan Baar, Eric Stennes, Troy Klein, David Landecker, Judy Storlie (Houston County Commissioner), Rick Morey, Todd Tollefson, Ed Kuisle, Gary Hopko, Wayne Hensche, Bob Kovanen, Tammy Mauss, Terry Freeman, Chuck Gitzen, Larry Hoium.

Approval of Minutes: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Motion Steve Jobe, Second Pat Veraguth. Approved.

**Membership Report:** 38 Voting members and 7 Affiliate members.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$17,914.41 in treasury.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Rick Morey informed group that Julie Groetsch is taking over as MSPS liaison after his retirement. Rick reported that the lobbyist for MSPS is monitoring legislation only this year. Rick also stated that anything that is being considered for legislation for next year should be up and running by November 2016 for 2017 legislative session.

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**Long Range Planning Committee:** Dick Walter initiated discussion on planning for MACS seminar in fall of 2016. Discussion on possible dates and topics etc. Dick also discussed the tradition of providing the outgoing MACS president with a Certificate of Appreciation. Dick has taken care of that over the years and with his retirement this year passed on the information to continue this tradition. Thanks to Dick for his work in providing this to the outgoing president.

Robin Mathews passed out the current Life Members list and asked that everyone review the list and let MACS know of any qualified members who could be considered for membership.

**Plat Signatures:** Tim Eklund reported that there is a pen available that will remove signatures on a plat mylar. Jim Hentges will get information to members on pen.

Robin Mathews initiated discussion on “true and exact” copies of plats from Records office. Many counties are scanning plats and Mike has had some issues (Stearns County also) when converting images. Dan Baar asked how many counties have plats available on line. Many counties do have them available on line.

**PLSS Corner Restoration Funding:** Tim Eklund initiated discussion on the possibility of pursuing Legacy funding for section corner restoration. The project to scan the original government notes had some funding attached to it. Robin Mathews suggested contacting David Claypool who was involved with the government notes scanning project to find out who is a good contact to get some direction to do this. There was discussion on the Records funds and if that could be used. Pat Veraguth said that Douglas County has had 2 projects utilizing Legacy Funds for parks projects.

**MACS/MSPS CIC Plat Manual:** Scott Marlin updated the group and noted that the notary stamp requirements have been changed (relaxed to only need name and signature). Scott initiated discussion on how to update CIC plat manual, 505 plat manual and ROW plat manual in the future. What should the process be? Discussion on having manuals available on line that are updated and current. Steve Jobe suggested contacting MSPS to work together on a process to do this.

**Cook County Survey:** Wayne Hensche initiated discussion on a situation involving a lake bed and whether or not the lake bed can be used by developer to meet lot area requirements. It is a unique situation with navigability questions, public water issues, etc. Much discussion on situation.

**Roseau County Surveyor:** Dick Walter reported that he spoke to Roseau County Commissioner who said they might be interested in establishing a County Surveyor position. Robin suggested an informal meeting with the Commissioners and MACS. Dick will get contact information to Robin. Russ Heiling suggested holding a MACS meeting in the Roseau County area and inviting the Roseau County Board.

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**Rochester Location for MACS Meeting:** There was discussion on having a MACS meeting in the Rochester area. Group thought that the AMC conference will be in Rochester in the next couple of years and that should be when MACS will meet in that area.

**MACS Logo Roll up display / banner:** Robin Mathews initiated discussion on getting a Roll up/banner for MACS to display at AMC booth and seminars etc. The group decided to pursue getting a banner for these types of events. Discussion on what should be on the banner.

**State Board Update:** Robin Mathews passed out information. (See handout)

**MACS Board Elections:**

Nominations taken for MACS Board President Elect. Steve Jobe nominated Pat Veraguth. Lisa Hanni seconded nomination. Pat Veraguth elected.

Nominations taken for MACS Director: Lisa Hanni nominated Russ Heiling. Steve Jobe seconded nomination. Russ Heiling elected.

Nominations taken for MACS Secretary/Treasurer: Dick Walter nominated Jim Hentges. Scott Marlin seconded nomination. Jim Hentges elected.

**Other:** Rick Morey reported that April will be his last month and then he is retiring. Robin Mathews thanked Rick for his work with MACS, MSPS and legislative groups over the years.

Scott Marlin updated group on SCTCC. Scott reported that the survey program there will have 12 graduating students this year and that there are 21 first year students entering the program. Scott also discussed having surveyors go into schools and educating students about land surveying careers at the middle school and high school levels.

Chris Terwedo talked about the land surveyor's young professionals group and that the group is interested in helping out in any way to promote land surveying and the land surveyor profession. Chris to provide email to Jim Hentges as contact for future emails.

Robin Mathews talked about the Future Cities program competition for 6-8 grade level students and felt it was a great program.

Robin Mathews initiated discussion for MACS to approve 2 new Life Members. Steve Jobe moved that Tim Wotzka and John Freemyer be extended Life Memberships. Second by Scott Marlin. Approved. Robin initiated discussion for MACS to approve Honorary Membership for Peter Blethen. Tim Eklund moved that Peter Blethen be extended Honorary Membership. Second by Steve Jobe. Approved.

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Robin made proposal to send flowers to deceased members of MACS. The process will be to notify the Secretary/Treasurer of funeral arrangements. Secretary to get email approval from MACS Board members and then send flowers.

Lisa Hanni updated group on things happening at the national level.

Pat Veraguth nominated Mike Nyberg for Life Membership to MACS. Second by Dick Walter. Secretary to verify qualifications and report back to Board.

Lisa Hanni asked if MACS would be interested in supporting the setting up of orienteering and geocaching courses in the new county land in Goodhue county. Lisa thought it would be a good opportunity to promote land surveying and the MACS group. Lisa to check with County Board and MACS group would be interested in helping out.

Dick Walter presented Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing MACS president Robin Mathews for his work with MACS over his term on the Board.

Dick Walter reported that he will be retiring on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dick asked that someone take over the practice of providing Certificates to outgoing MACS presidents after he retires.

Robin Mathews extended a thank you to Judy Storlie (Chair of Houston County Board of Commissioners) for attending the MACS meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at the MnDOT Survey Technical Workshop @ Craguns Resort.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Pat Veraguth. Second by Steve Jobe.