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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

MACS Meeting at MnDOT Survey Technical Conference.

Pat Veraguth called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

Attendance: Steve Jobe, Nick Stewart, Preston Dowell, Russ Heiling, Tim Eklund, Rick Morey, Pete Jenkins, Robin Mathews, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges.

Approval of Minutes: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion - Robin Mathews. Second - Tim Eklund. Approved.

**Membership Report:** 39 Voting members and 8 Affiliate members. Dues notices for 2017 have been sent out. Pat Veraguth initiated discussion on a combined membership with MACS and NACS. Discussion on the benefits and advantages of belonging to other organizations and how County Commissioners view that. Generally felt that commissioners were supportive and that it is a good thing. Pat will check with NACS.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$17,699.07 in treasury.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Pete Jenkins initiated discussion on a disposition plat. Pete is working on a draft and will send around for comments.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** No updates.

**MACS presentation at County Engineers Conference:** The County Engineers conference is being held on June 15-16. this year. MACS is on the agenda for a one hour presentation. Pat Veraguth is working on a presentation.

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**NACS meeting report:** Pat Veraguth gave the group an update on the NACS Conference he attended. There was discussion on the Trig Star program at the conference and how to get schools involved. Pat provided a handouts on the conference. It was a worthwhile conference.

**Fall Seminar:** The group decided to put on another fall surveying seminar. Jim Hentges will find out what dates are available.

Topics for the seminar: PLSS Corners – Robin Mathews, Platting – Tim Eklund, Tim suggested Distracted Driving and he would check on presenter, Russ Heiling suggested a CFED presentation and we would need to find someone to present.

Tim Eklund suggested having a joint MACS/MSPS meeting the day after the seminar.

**Life Membership:** Discussion on Life Membership criteria. It was suggested that the by-laws be revised to update the criteria for Life Membership and that draft language be prepared for comment.

**State Board update:** Robin Mathews updated the group. Robin informed group that the Rules of Professional Conduct were being changed to allow State Board to address issue of person practicing with a license. Robin stated that notices have been sent out on the Minnesota exam question writing workshop. Robin also noted that Lisa Hanni is the award winner of the NCEES Distinguished Service Award Central Zone. Congratulations Lisa!

**St. Cloud State University update:** Steve Jobe noted there is a meeting coming up with SCSU regarding surveying program on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**LSIT exchange opportunities:** Tim Eklund talked to their ER department about LSIT going to other places to gain experience. Tim said it seemed like it could work according to ER.

**Survey Notes:** Preston Dowell discussed St. Louis County getting all the survey notes from MnGEO and making information available.

**Next meeting:** Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Wright County.

**Adjourn:** Preston Dowell motion to adjourn meeting. Tim Eklund second.

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