MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

May 21st, 2015

MACS Meeting at Northfield Historical Society.

Mike Fangman called the meeting order at 10:05 AM

In attendance: Steve Jobe, Lisa Hanni, Russ Heiling, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Mike Fangman, Tim Eklund, Rick Morey, Larry Hoium, Nick Stewart, Todd Hendershott, Bill Brown, Dan Wormer, Dick Walter, Tammy Mauss.

Approval of Minutes: March 18th 2015. Motion Steve Jobe, Second Pat Veraguth. Approved.

Membership Report: 35 Voting members and 7 Affiliate members. Also noted that there are 23 Life members in MACS.

Treasurer’s Report: $15,604.98 in treasury. There is $1,500.00 designated for Lobbyist efforts with legislative work going on. Treasurer directed to send $1,500.00 to MSPS.

Legislative Committee Report: Lisa Hanni and Rick Morey reported that the 505 Statute legislation was passed. There was discussion on items that MSPS was interested in looking at for future included plat mylars and State Statute 515 update. Discussion on mylar options. A group was being put together to study options. MACS members thought group should include MACS, MSPS, Real Estate Bar, and maybe someone from the industry (Franz possibly).

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**Long Range Planning Committee:** Discussion on seminar topics for the fall MACS seminar. Topics included: 3D Scanning – Tim Eklund, State Highway 53 scanning – Pete Jenkins, Tasmania experience – Chris Mavis, Crustal Studies – Kevin Algren, 1 hour Ethics training – Bill Brown, 1 hour on new Statute changes. There was discussion on Ethics training and it was noted that the State Board has some places they send people to when required. There was discussion on surveyors submitting surveys to counties and do counties copy them and give them out. Some do and some don’t. More discussion on what is public data and how it is provided to the public.

**Historical display:** Steve Jobe initiated discussion on making the display lighter for easier storage and moving. Steve is working with Don Borchering on this. The plan is to move the display to the Itasca State Park after Itasca County. There was discussion on ways to update the display.

**Plat correction example:** Steve Jobe initiated discussion on plat corrections and what is appropriate for using a Certificate of Correction for. Steve’s example had the South 5 acres being platted but was not included in the description.

**Statute Revision Committee:** Legislation passed.

**State Board Update:** Lisa Hanni discussed testing requirements at the national level. Robin Mathews provided hard copy information as he was unable to attend the meeting due to a State Board meeting. Robin provided information on proposed rule changes for Land Surveyors and noted that the information is also available on the State Board website. Robin also provided the following information via email for the update.

- **2015 NCEES Annual meeting** August 19-22, 2015. Robin Mathews will be in attendance.
- Professional Surveyor’s Exam last paper and pencil exam will be held in April 2016. After that it will be computer based.
- MN Surveyor’s portion of the LS exam will still be pencil and paper.
- MN Land Surveyor Exam test question writing workshop to be held November 2015. Any interested candidates who wish to spend a day in Saint Paul helping to write exam questions please contact Robin Mathews.
- Lisa Hanni is now NCEES Emeritus Status.

**Other Items:** Jim Hentges initiated discussion on job postings on the MACS Website and what is appropriate. Consensus of group was that postings for public institutions would be appropriate. We could also just provide a link to the institutions website.

**Next meeting:** July 15th @ Hennepin County (Public Works Facility in Medina). The instructor from Dunwoody may come and talk about the program there.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Russ Heiling. Second by Tim Eklund.

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