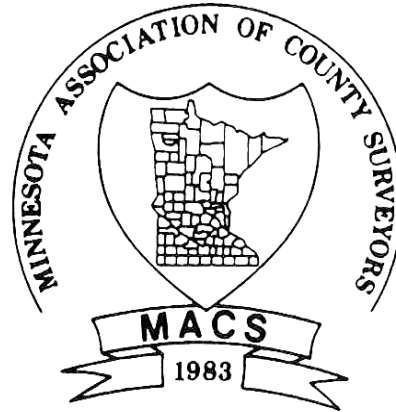


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MINUTES OF MEETING (UNAPPROVED)

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

February 20th, 2014

MACS Meeting at MSPS Annual Meeting

Dan Baar called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM

In attendance: Mike Welling, Steve Jobe, Lisa Hanni, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Dick Walter, Rick Morey, Bob Kovanen, Roger Brand, Jay Krafthefer, Larry Hoium, Gary Hopko, Wayne Hensche, Chris Larsen, Joel Thoreson, John Freemyer, Chris Mavis, Tim Eklund, Russ Heiling, Nick Stewart, Preston Dowell, Dan Baar.

Approval of the Minutes: December 9, 2013 Motion Dan Baar, Second Steve Jobe. Approved

Membership Report: 35 voting members, 5 affiliate members.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hentges provided report, \$17,065.67 in treasury.

Legislative Report: Lisa Hanni updated the group on some issues.

Long Range Planning Committee: Dick Walter reported no update other than looking for items to present for the seminar in the fall.

MACS Website update: Dan Baar reported that MACS expenses for the website are \$214.00 a year for the web addresses. Dan Baar is looking for stories and pictures for the website. Dan is working to keep the website current and up to date.

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Collection of Parcel Data: Tim Wotzka sent information for the group on the statute that is being used to allow MNGEO to collect parcel data from Counties. Statute is 16E.30 Subd. 11.

CIC Manual update: Dan Baar reported that Mike Winfield has tracked down the original Word document of the manual and is currently updating it.

NACS Membership: Robin Mathews sent information on membership in National Association of County Surveyors (NACS). He has received an application for membership and wanted to know more about them and if anyone has any experience with them. There was discussion about the group. Some are members of NACS. Steve Jobe asked if there was a membership category for state groups like MACS.

State Board update: Lisa Hanni said that as of Feb. 4th there are 623 Land Surveyors in the state. Lisa said legislation on ethics continuing education credits is moving forward. You will need 2 hours of ethics training for each renewal period. Carry over of ethics credits will not be allowed. New definition of land surveying is moving forward and they are lining up authors for the legislation.

Lisa stated there is some information coming from the governors office providing for expedited ways for State Boards to accommodate military personnel and spouses for the granting of licenses. There is some concern with a provision to grant a temporary license.

Computer based testing is up and running now and seems to be working well now and there are a number of test sites around the state. The big issue now is getting the professional portion of the state test over to computer based testing. One of the concerns is the state portion of the test but Minnesota is getting close to being ready to go.

Lisa talked about the question writing process at the national level and some statistics on the pass/fail trends. Lisa talked about Land Surveyors status and how we are viewed by others.

Rick Morey talked about changes that Wisconsin is looking at for surveyors.

Minnesota Statutes Update: Dan Baar stated the committee met several weeks ago. Committee is composed of Mike Welling, Tim Wotzka, Lisa Hanni, Rick Morey, Steve Jobe, and Craig Hinzman. Mike Welling discussed some items and has put together a list the committee is working on. A second meeting has been scheduled. Mike suggested removing the old business items regarding statute updates from future agendas since the committee will be working on them now.

John Freemyer has a couple items he would like to have the committee look into and provided a handout for consideration on Statute 381.12 Section Corners Relocated. There was much discussion on the pro's and con's of coordinates and electronic records. Good discussion.

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Election of Officers: At this time Dan Baar turned the meeting over to Steve Jobe the new president of MACS for the election of officers.

President Elect: Steve Jobe nominated Robin Mathews for President Elect. Seconded by Lisa Hanni. Approved.

Director: Lisa Hanni nominated Russ Heiling for Director. Seconded by Steve Jobe. Approved.

Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Hanni nominated Jim Hentges for Secretary/Treasurer. Second by Steve Jobe. Approved.

Other: Dick Walter reported that the State Historic Exhibit is in Houston County and has been there since August. Dick asked if there was any county interested in hosting the exhibit.

Dick also was asked for suggestions for setting monuments in concrete and what others are doing for that.

Wayne Hensche discussed problems he is seeing with people using RTK to set corners in canopied areas and the issues he was finding.

Preston Dowell addressed group. Preston is on the Planning Committee for the MSPS Annual Meeting and asked if MACS had any suggestions for MSPS regarding the conference.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Lisa Hanni. Second by Dan Baar. Meeting adjourned.

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