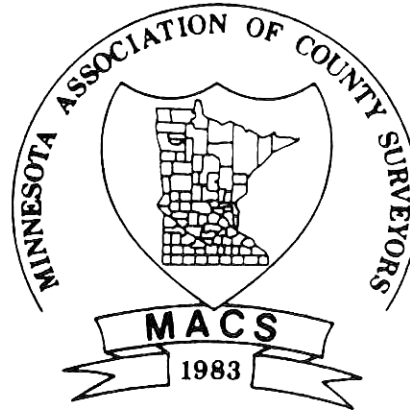


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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

January 27, 2011

MACS Meeting @ MSPS Annual Meeting, St. Cloud, MN.

Dick Walter called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

In Attendance: Robin Mathews, Dick Walter, Bob Kovanen, Mike Fiebiger, Steve Jobe, Tim Wotzka, Mike Welling, Denny Kron, Jay Wittstock, Jim Hentges, Rick Morey, Todd Tollefson, Greg Frodham, Duane Bonnema, Doug Huhn, Lisa Hanni, Amanda Brustad, Larry Hoium, Chuck Gitzen, Pat Veraguth, David Landecker, Ed Kuisle, Tony Blumentritt, Roger Brand.

Approval of minutes of July 30th, 2010

Steve Jobe motioned to approve minutes.

Mike Fiebiger second, passed unanimously.

Membership report: 40 voting members, 5 affiliate members

Treasurer's report: \$22,224.70 in treasury of which \$5000 is obligated to the GLO notes scanning project.

Legislative report: No update.

Rick Morey reported that MSPS Legislative group does not have much going on other than possible sales tax legislation

Long Range Planning Committe: Lisa Hanni reported that Kansas is just starting a County Surveyors group and gave some topics for possible seminars that they are looking at.

St. Cloud State University update: Dick Walter updated the group on SCSU status. Lisa Hanni also shared some information on surveying programs in the area. Robin Mathews also shared that Pete Jenkins is working on some financial items for the school. Dave Landecker cautioned the group based on the experiences of the Saskatchewan surveyors with providing funding to a school. He said the school became dependant on the funding and that wasn't working anymore. Lots of discussion on possible ways to help the school. Rick Morey said he will pass on information to Pete Jenkins.

CIC Statute Amendment update: Mike Fiebiger updated the group on an amendment going through the Legislature this year. Mike said there was not much impact to surveyors. The Bar Association said they would add our suggestions the next time there is a cleanup bill. The Bar Association suggested that the surveyors groups (MACS and MSPS) submit some technical items for consideration. Items such as sheet size, border widths etc. Mike volunteered to draft some language to pass to the group for discussion.

MACS Honorary and Life Member classification: Robin Mathews discussed the language as approved at the last meeting for Honorary and Life Member class of membership in MACS. **Motion by Robin Mathews to amend by-laws to include the Life Members class. Second by Lisa Hanni. Motion approved.** Dick Walter to put together a list of candidates for the next meeting.

Life Members: Any MACS member who has retired from practice and has been a member of MACS for at least 5 years is eligible for Life Membership. Awarding of Life Memberships shall be within the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

County Surveyor Statute: No update. Leave on agenda for future meetings.

State Board Update: Lisa Hanni updated the group on State Board activities. Lisa reported there were 5 candidates taking the Fundamentals of Land Surveying exam, and 3 taking the LS portion of the exam. Lisa reported that the State Board is going forward with the 2 credit hours of ethics for continuing education requirements. The State Board is also looking into a cheating clause for the state exams and a cooperating clause for complaints.

Lisa also said there is a NCEES Study survey coming out about what is important for surveyors regarding testing. The survey comes out every 5 or 6 years and Lisa asked that if you receive a survey to fill it out because it is useful for future tests.

There was a general discussion on continuing education credits and do Community Service credits count for being on a city council or planning commission and volunteering.

State wide DEM project: Metro flight is scheduled for 2011.

Government Notes Scanning: MnGEO has begun the scanning process.

Election of Officers:

President-Elect: Dick Walter nominated Robin Mathews for President-Elect.

Dick Walter motion for Robin Mathews as President-Elect. Lisa Hanni second. Approved.

Director: Dick Walter nominated Steve Jobe for Director.

Robin Mathews motion for Steve Jobe as Director. Lisa Hanni second. Approved.

Secretary/Treasurer: Dick Walter nominated Jim Hentges for Secretary/Treasurer.

Mike Welling motion for Jim Hentges as Secretary/Treasurer. Tim Wotzka second. Approved.

Other: Amanda Brustad talked to the group about the Clearwater County Surveyor position. The current contract for a surveyor has run out and is looking for information to help with getting the surveyor position back. There was discussion on MACS doing a presentation for various counties. Lisa Hanni and Robin Mathews volunteered to give presentation to Clearwater County Board. Polk County also asked at last MACS meeting about the possibility of a presentation .

Tony Blumentritt updated the group on SCSU issues and said that South Dakota is looking to institute a 4 year degree requirement for surveyors.

Tony Blumentritt also talked about the MSPS Annual Meeting changes and asked for any suggestions to the meeting.

Rick Morey said MnDOT is forming a VRS group that will meet quarterly. The next meeting is in April.

Duane Bonnema expressed appreciation to Lisa Hanni for work regarding informing engineers of responsibilities for section corner perpetuation. Lisa will send information to pass on to MACS members.

Discussion on MACS making a presentation at the AMC conference. Check with AMC on the process to do this.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 17th @ 12:30 PM @ MnDOT Survey Technical Workshop.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Wotzka. Second by Duane Bonnema. Meeting adjourned at 2:26PM.