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## MINUTES OF MEETING

Minnesota Association of County Surveyors

September 7th, 2017

MACS Meeting at St. Louis County.

Pat Veraguth called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Attendance: Steve Jobe, Russ Heiling, Tim Eklund, Pete Jenkins, Robin Mathews, Pat Veraguth, Jim Hentges, Eric Schmitt, Lisa Hanni, Preston Dowell, Chuck Gitzen, Scott Marlin, Nick Stewart, Dale Lempke.

Approval of Minutes: July 27th, 2017. Motion - Robin Mathews. Second – Steve Jobe. Approved.

**Membership Report:** 39 Voting members and 8 Affiliate members.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$18,877.29 in treasury.

**Legislative Committee Report:** No update.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Robin Mathews initiated discussion on possible new Life Membership for Don Sigety and Roy Smith. Robin Mathews made motion nominating Don Sigety for Life Membership pending confirmation of eligibility. Tim Eklund second. Approved.

**Fall Seminar/Fall Planning meeting:** The following seminar topics are being planned.

- How To Read The Government Notes (Lisa Hanni)
- Subdivision Platting (Tim Eklund)
- Certified Survey Technician Program (Rick Morey)
- End Distractions – Focus On Driving (Steve Brotzler)
- Public Land Survey System Corners (Robin Mathews)
- Tree Identification (DNR Staff) OR Where is Government Lot 10 (Preston Dowell)

Pete Jenkins is checking to see if there is someone from the DNR who would be willing/able to present on tree identification. Preston Dowell volunteered to present "Where is Government Lot 10" if tree identification presentation does not work out. Robin Mathews asked if the presenters can get a lapel microphone for presentations. It was hard to hear them when they walked away from podium. Lisa Hanni is going to check on getting name tags for MACS members and to report back on costs and delivery. There will be another pizza social event after the seminar at the Green Mill sponsored by MSPS and the Young Professionals group. MACS is planning a strategic planning meeting the day after the seminar (Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> at Stearns County from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm).

**MSPS/MACS Summer Meeting:** Pat Veraguth handed out a list of items discussed at the MSPS summer meeting with the MSPS Board. Pat noted the MSPS President and MACS Presidents for 2018 are both from Hennepin County.

Pete Jenkins said MnDOT was not going to pursue legislation this year for disposition plats. There was discussion on County Right of Way plat and the Right of Way platting manual. Discussion on updating the manual. This will be on the planning meeting agenda.

Robin Mathews initiated discussion on the University of Maine surveying program and that the program is available on line. Robin is working to connect Eric Fuller at SCSU with the instructor from the University of Maine program.

**Minnesota PLS Committee:** The committee met prior to the start of the MACS meeting today and they reported that the meeting went well. There are 7 counties left to figure out PLS corners for. By the end of the MACS meeting it was down to 2.

**AMC Booth:** Robin Mathews along with Dick Walter volunteered to man the booth for the AMC conference. The vendor portion of the conference runs from Monday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to noon. Scott Marlin and Steve Jobe also volunteered as backups for the booth if needed. Eric Schmitt volunteered to get some door prizes to give away.

**New MACS members:** Pat Veraguth has a list of 13 new members to contact. Discussion on how to get more involvement in MACS. Robin Mathews made motion to provide a complimentary membership to new MACS members this year. Tim Eklund seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on different ways to reach out to county surveyors who are not members and get them involved. Many are part time county surveyors and how can we get their perspective and how can MACS help them out. Robin asked that the motion be tabled and that the item be added to the agenda for the strategic planning meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MACS Future Cities Sponsorship:** Robin Mathews made motion the MACS become a sponsor of the Future City competition. The cost is \$300.00 dollars for sponsorship. Steve Jobe seconded the motion. Motion approved. Robin will get a list of the participating schools to send out to MACS group for anyone interested in mentoring a group for the competition. Robin will also send out information for anyone interested in being a judge for the competition.

**County Right of Way Manual:** This was covered in Pat's update of the MSPS / MACS summer meeting.

**Mn. State Board Update:** Robin provided handout on issues currently being addressed at the Board. Robin noted Lisa Hanni was awarded the national NCEES Distinguished Service Award in Miami, Florida at the NCEES annual meeting. Congratulations Lisa!!!

There was discussion on the new testing options for the PLS test exam.

**Future of Surveying surveys: (Added Agenda item)** Lisa Hanni provided some information on the results of the pop quiz survey that was sent out to everyone. Lisa reported that there will be more surveys coming. Lisa will send out a summary of the survey.

Lisa showed the group a video put together by the Indiana Surveyors group. Group felt the video was well done. It was suggested that the video be added to the MACS website. Lisa will send link to Mike Fangman to add video to website.

**Other:** Pat Veraguth reported that MSPS is having a booth at the GIS/LIS conference. MACS members are also helping out at the booth.

Steve Jobe asked about who signs Registered Land Surveys in other counties. Specifically if the County Board signs or not. Some do and some don't.

Scott Marlin asked how many counties have information like plats, corner ties, section breakdowns etc. available on line and is it free.

**Next meeting:** Next meeting will be on October 27<sup>th</sup> and will be a strategic planning meeting for all who are interested in attending. The meeting will be at Stearns County @ 8:00 am.

**Adjourn:** Preston Dowell motion to adjourn. Robin Mathews second. Meeting adjourned.

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