

MINUTES
BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

DATE: June 6, 2018

TIME: 10:08 a.m.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Conference Room
500 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT: John Mettee, III, Chairman
Donald Ocker
Tammy Rollins
Thomas Orisich
TJ Frazier

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Long, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General
Tiomba Robinson, Board Specialist
John Palatiello, Executive Director, Maryland Society of Surveyors

Absent: John Jensen

CALL TO ORDER

John Mettee, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

MINUTES

A motion (I) was made by Tom Orisich seconded by Don Ocker, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes on May 2, 2018 meeting as submitted.

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COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Donald Ocker reported on the status of the following complaints:

18-LS-11 Opened/closed- Civil Matter
17-LS-03 Pre-Charge
18-LS-03 Administrative Action Authorized
18-LS-06 Reopening (another Survey was requested for complainant)
18-LS-10 Closed

A Motion (II) was made by Tammy Rollins, seconded by Donald Ocker and unanimously carried to accept the Complaint Committee report.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed an email sent from Ed Kelly. Mr. Kelly alleges that Baltimore County has taken the position that they will not approve a plat submitted by a Surveyor whose license is expired, even if the plat was signed prior to the Surveyor's expiration date of his license.

Ms. Trust and Mr. Mettee suggested that Steve Long should investigate the issue and report to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Rena D. Butler, president of the Maryland Society of Surveyors, to Matthew Fritzinger, Department of General Services, Division of Purchases and Supply of Virginia. The Board discussed the RFP for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) as prepared by the Virginia Department of General Services. The RFP is to be presented for use by all state and local jurisdictions and specifies the use of drones to conduct surveys without mention of the licensing requirements for surveying.

A Motion (III) was made by Tom Orisich, seconded by TJ Frazier and unanimously carried that Steve Long contact the Department of General Services (DGS) in Maryland and express the Board's concerns with failure to address licensing as it relates to Maryland's participation of this procurement.

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NEW BUSINESS

Tom Orisich discussed the upcoming MSS events where the Board's previous member, Dan Lavelle, will be a guest speaker. He will be presenting a course updating Land Surveyors on the Laws and Regulations. Tom Orisich suggested that Dan Lavelle talk about firm permits being required for firms that do not have knowledge of the new laws.

John Mettee informed the Board of the North East Zone meeting held in Portland, Maine. He noted that James Purcell, P.E., NCEES President-Elect for The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is starting a task force to address the state specific exams for the Land Surveyors.

A motion (IV) was made by Tom Orisich, seconded by Don Ocker and unanimously carried thanking James Baseman for doing a great job as Assistant Executive Director of the Professional Boards and well representing this Board.

OLD BUSINESS- NO OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Long stated there should be a new investigator hired by the middle of July. He also stated that the budget for all the Boards is in good shape. The Design Boards currently are on track to end the fiscal year with an adequate surplus.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

A motion (V) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by Tom Orisich and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session. at 11:43 a.m. at 500 N. Calvert St, 3rd Floor conference room, Baltimore, MD 21202. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to the General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland Section 3-308 (b) (13). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:02 p.m.

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MSS Report

John Palatiello, Executive Director for the Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) stated that he had a meeting with his lobbyist and legislative chairman of MSS and they developed a long list of legislation they might pursue in the next two years.

Jeremy Burns reported that the Maryland Society of Surveyors has some future events upcoming:

UPCOMING MSS EVENTS

June 8, 2018	Chesapeake College Seminar
July 20, 2018	Western Maryland Seminar
October 17-20	Fall Conference, College Park, MD

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board noted that the next Board meeting will not be until August 1, 2018.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

The Board denied one reciprocal application for not having the required minor engineering classes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion (VI) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by Tom Orisch and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

_____ With Corrections

_____ Without Corrections

Signed by: SIGNATURE ON FILE

Date: August 1, 2018