

Wisconsin County Surveyors Association, Inc.

Minutes of the WCSA Annual Membership Meeting

January 29, 2021

Kalahari Resort—Lake Delton, WI



Board of Directors Attending Virtually

Ryan Duckart	Brown County	Rob Merry	SEWRPC
Laurence Johns	Vernon County	Bryan Meyer	LaCrosse County
Joe Nelsen	Trempealeau County	Tom Leslie	Brown County
Tom Carlson	Dunn County	Wade Petit	Clark County

WCSA Members/Others Attending Virtually

Glen Schaefer	Retired	Ron Morrow	Jefferson County
Dan Frick	Dane County	Ed Harvey	WSLS President
Dan Pleoger	Sawyer County	Jay Adams	Grant County
Brian Halling	St. Croix County	Jason Houle	Leica Geosystems
Gregg Batzer	Dunn County	Dave Vogel	SCO
Bob Meyer	Taylor County	Jeremy Hildebrand	Sheboygan County
Pete Kuen	Fond du Lac County	Brad Heuer	Rock County
Jamie Anderson	Forest County	Tyler Bergstrom	PLS
Daniel Fedderly	PLS	Mark Netterlund	Barron County
Michael Greeson	PLS	Dave Decker	Marathon County
Tony Dallman	Lincoln County	Chris Casson	Birrenkot Surveying
Kevin Boyer	Wood County	Cody Brommerich	Jackson County
Brad Buechel	Calumet County	Alan Shute	Retired
David Yurk	Shawano County	Dan Ploeger	PLS
Chad Miller	Brown County	Dean Roth	Eau Claire County
Tom Trzinski	Portage County	Gary Dechant	Juneau & Monroe County
Dustin LaBlonde	Pepin County	Mick Heberlein	WisDOT
Cody Steines	Clark County	Connor Ebben	Brown County

This list depicts Zoom meeting participants as of the time 10:30 am and thus may not constitute an exhaustive record of meeting participants/observers.

President Ryan Duckart called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Introductions were made with no additions to the agenda.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January 2020 minutes as presented

Secretary's Report: Prepared minutes for the four quarterly meetings and one annual meeting; created, updated and distributed the Membership Dues Map throughout the year; worked with David Vogel on getting the online SCO county surveyor directory updated; contacted non-member counties to become WCSA members; purchased awards and maintained content on the WCSA website including uploading agendas, minutes, publications, and forms; and sent a variety of emails to the membership on various correspondence throughout the year

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report - January 29, 2021

Current Balances (Westconsin Credit Union)

Balances as of January 26, 2021

Checking..... \$4,270.46
Savings..... \$5,650.17

Expenditures 2020 since November report

e-check 12/11/2020 Department of Financial Institutions \$10.00

Total operating expenditures for 2020: \$3958.18

Total Dues Collected for 2020: \$4900.00 Donations: \$50.00

Membership for 2020: 43 Regular, 9 Affiliate, 1 Sustaining

Expenditures 2021

3005 1/7/2021 Tom Leslie (Secretarial Services) \$700.00

Dues collected for 2021 through January 26, 2021 \$2850.00

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented

WLIC Report: Mark reported that he will be retiring this year (last day June 11, 2021). His WLIC appointment runs thru 2022. There is a process in place to find a replacement. Mark recommends Cody Brommerich. He will need to fill out application, obtain a recommendation (letter) from WCSA and send it into the State. Cody can be Mark’s “proxy” and thus get to attend the rest of the 2021 WLIC meetings. We should be able to finalize this at our upcoming March meeting

Last meeting (virtual) was held November 18, 2021. Almost all discussion centered around whether or not to support NG911, and if so, should it be done by a letter from WLIC or individual letters. After much discussion, most agreed that the individual should send a letter of support or non-support, not WLIC. Those letters, if sent, should point at local governments and not counties and ensure that if funding is

Correspondence: Ryan received a follow-up email from Marvin Myers, President of the National Association of County Surveyors, about whether the membership will accept the invitation to join NACS. Ryan stated that after some discussion as a membership, we will continue to support the organization as WCSA, but individual memberships are up the member; Discussed the passing of two County Surveyors (Mark Tueteberg & Kip Inman); Discussed Laurence John’s email concerning a local CSM; Discussed the Ligado issue and Congress action or inaction; Howard Veregin (SCO) email concerning Richland County boundary issue not matching up with other county boundaries. Perhaps WCSA could get involved. It’s not PLSS related but a focus group might be in order. Bryan mentioned using the Monroe/Jackson Counties boundary shift back in the late 90’s as a template

Education Segment

GPS on Benchmarks Discussion-County Surveyor’s Perspective — Mick Heberlein, WisDOT

Mick gave an update on the latest numbers, maps and general information (also sent out to members via email). The discussion the turned to the County Surveyor and their perspectives, including:

- Dunn County have 2 Leica instruments and have been to two points so far. They were both accepted into the system
- Vernon County is almost done with their observations (Nice job Laurence!)
- Brown County has started going to points and will also get HARN locations
- NGS is working on accepting RTK information
- Each observation should be a bare minimum of 4 hours
- Metro areas are tough – recommended 4.5 hours on those points. Leaving something unattended for that long in a metro area is risky though

- 2 separate observations on the same point is preferred as it allows satellites to be in different positions for better results
- Perhaps having students help with observations, set-up, submission to NGS, etc would be a great way to get the students involved and learning
- Information that's 5-10 years old can be submitted as well – they either take it or not (worth a try), but should be collected after 2014 (no later)
- When submitting to NGS, watch your antennae selection

Old Business

- 1) Status of County Surveyor Offices: Forest County has a new part-time County Surveyor: Jamie Anderson; Mark Netterlund will be retiring from Barron County in June 2021. They will be hiring a new surveyor sometime in March. This is an “in the field” job, not administration. Mark also serves on WLIC Board and will get a replacement if possible; Dave Tlusty is retiring from Langlade County

New Business

- 1) 2020 WCSA BOD Report
- 2) Electronic Filing of Survey Maps: Tom L will start to compile a list of Counties and their filing capabilities
- 3) Award(s): There were no nominations for any of the awards this year. Mick H will have one nomination for next year's Annual meeting
- 4) Election of Directors: Ryan read the list of candidates nominated for the Board of Directors for 2021: President – Ryan Duckart, Brown County; Vice President – Laurence Johns, Vernon County; Director – Joe Nelsen, Trempealeau County; Director – Rob Merry, SEWRPC; Director – Wade Pettit, Clark County; Secretary – Tom Leslie, Brown County; and Treasurer – Tom Carlson, Dunn County. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of candidates as presented. Congratulations!**

Other Business

- 1) 2021 WCSA meeting dates: March 5 in Neillsville, May 7 in Wisconsin Rapids, August 6 in Neillsville, and November 5 in Wisconsin Rapids. Information on what “rules” are in place for each venue will be sent to members within a week of next meeting via email
- 2) Virtual coverage of the WCSA meetings will be provided as needed. WSLs and NWTC will help with getting these set up (equipment, technical expertise)
- 3) The last 4 WSLs Presidents were all County Surveyors!

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 12:06 pm