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Registration Remains Open!

Registration for the 2021 Maine Society of Land Surveyors Annual Conference and North East Surveying Societies Convention remains open at www.msls.org. Please register by **September 30th** so we can provide Sunday River with meal counts. We have ordered vests for everyone registered as of September 15; registrants from that point forward will still get a 50th vest but it will be by mail after the event. If you are planning to golf, please send an email to director@msls.org; While golfing is on your own, we will be doing a bit of coordination. Finally, we are carefully monitoring the Covid-19 situation and following the best advice and guidelines possible in this evolving environment so we can have a safe event. We hope you will join us!



Celebrate 50 Years!

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Be sure to indicate on your registration if you will be planning to golf Sunday River's award winning course on Sunday, October 10. While there isn't a formal tourney, we want to keep in touch and keep you in the loop.

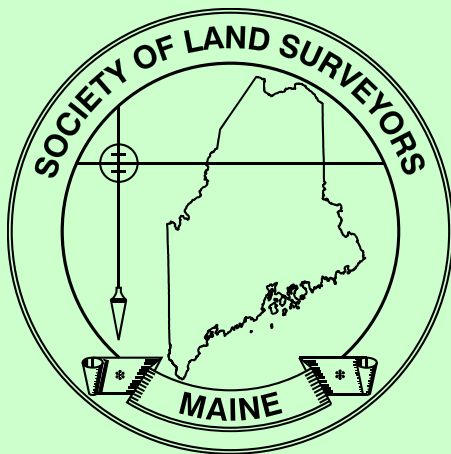
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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Ramada Inn Conference Center – Lewiston, ME

September 7, 2021

Members Present

Officers -	
President	Don Dostie
Vice President	Cassandra Quintal
Treasurer	George Bouchles
Secretary	Kevin Farrar
Directors -	
Narragansett	Wayne Wood
Somerset	Stephen Gould (zoom)
MidCoast	Karl Olson (zoom)
Androscoggin	Keith Morse (zoom)
Director at Large	Ellen Brewer (zoom)
Past President	Matthew Ek
NSPS Director	William Shippen
Executive Director	Bruce Bourgoine

The meeting was called to order by President Dostie at 6:00. He asked for agenda changes and additions, Wayne Wood added an item that has to do with the Town of Windham using a survey he submitted for a building permit for a different purpose. There was a little discussion about whether the survey was “public record”. Wayne’s issue is the Town using his survey for their own unrelated purposes. President Dostie asked Wayne what he wants us to do. Wayne said he wanted to know what MSLS feels about municipalities (or others) using a survey for something other than what it is intended for. Don said that what it boils down to is are they (the town) gaining value for something they didn’t pay for. Don and Matt Ek suggested getting the opinion of either Kim Visbaris (attorney) or Dan Bernier (legislative monitor). Matt said that he’s more concerned with the alterations to the plan that they made than the use of it. Cassandra said that whether it was intentional or not (GIS software?) the plan was altered and used in a publication (marketing packet) without Wayne’s permission. Dan would likely charge a fee for an opinion, so it was decided to have Kim Visbaris research this issue and render an opinion.

President Dostie said he added the Annual Meeting and COVID-19 to the agenda to decide whether to proceed with the annual meeting or postpone. He outlined concerns of the current Delta variant and the recent spike in hospitalizations. He said he had concerns about someone getting ill at our event. He added that he himself was comfortable moving forward but felt the issue was important enough to discuss at the board level. Bruce said that if we postponed as of now, we’d have a few costs to eat. Matt Ek moved that we still hold the 50th anniversary meeting as planned. Seconded by Cassandra Quintal. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee (Dan Bernier) – No report.
Legislature is out of session.

Secretary Report (Kevin Farrar) – The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held July 27th at the house of Wayne Wood, were accepted as amended to reflect that Secretary Farrar was in attendance. Motion to accept was made by Wayne Wood, seconded by George Bouchles and approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report (George Bouchles) – George reports that the checking account has a balance of \$29,460.95. Bruce Bourgoine said that there about \$5500 to transfer from PayPal. The scholarship investment fund (Vanguard account) currently stands at \$200,720.78 for a gain of \$4,323.50 over the amount reported last month.

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Moved to accept by Wayne Wood, seconded by Bill Shippen, approved unanimously.

Executive Dir. Report (Bruce Bourgoine) – Bruce said that he’s going to be working remotely for the next 30 days and that there may be a slight delay in responses.

To: MSLS Executive Committee
From: Bruce Bourgoine, Executive Director
Regarding: August 2021 Report
Date: September 2, 2021

Here are the items focused upon during August:

Annual Conference venue coordination, continued program planning with committee, invitations sent, exhibitor packets distributed, registration set up and opened, promotion begun.

Temporarily rescheduled ExCom location

Routine matters of ExCom meeting preparation, deposits, broadcast e-mails, website updates, FieldNotes publication, and handling external and member communications as required

Looking ahead, the following items will be of intermediate focus:

Annual preparation, registration management and continued promotion

Begin website redesign and user expectations information gathering.

As always, I appreciate your feedback to help me best serve Society members.

Membership Committee (Cassandra Quintal) – Written report is below.

August 2021 Report

		August	July	+/-
AS	Associate	19	19	0
CH	Charter	0	0	0
CO	Complimentary	2	2	0
HO	Honorary	6	6	0
LC	Life Charter	5	5	0
LF	Life	9	9	0
MB	Regular	163	163	0
OC	Out of State Charter	1	1	0
OR	Out of State Retired	0	0	0
OS	Out of State	18	18	0
RC	Retired Charter	4	4	0
RT	Retired	43	43	0
ST	Student	10	10	0
SU	Sustaining	8	7	0
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		288	288	0

Liaison Committees –

Board of Licensure (Cassandra Quintal) – No meeting since the last ExCom meeting. The August meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled to be held online on Tuesday October 19th at 9am.

NSPS Director (Bill Shippen) – Next business meeting is September 22-25 at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook IL.

SVT at UMaine (Stephen Gould) – No report

CMCC – No report

FEMA (Mark Carpenter) – No report.

MDOT (Peter Belanger) – No report.

Registry of Deeds (Charles Hildebrant) – No report.

By Laws (George Bouchles) – No report.

Publications Committee –

FieldNotes – Last issue was all about the Annual Meeting. Next issue will go out before the Annual Meeting.

Website – Bruce said that when looking at website the annual meeting schedule is begin updated as things are added.

Education Committee (Deborah Briggs) – No report.

Historical Committee (Tom Blake) – No report.

Bylaws Committee (Bouchles, Morse) – No report.

Program Committee (Stephen Gould & John Lloyd) – The 50th annual MSLS conference will be held Sunday-Tuesday October 10th-12th. Sunday is arrival day with social activities including golf, a barbeque and a bluegrass band. Monday will feature Maine State Historian - Earle Shettleworth; NSPS Executive Director -Curt Sumner; NSPS President Elect – Tim Birch; UMaine’s Rich Vannozzi; NGS Dan Martin. The annual banquet, awards presentation and scholarship auction will close out Monday’s activities. Tuesday features a presentation by a Maine Department of Environmental Protection representative and Rich Ladd on “CadNet defending your data”.

Chapter Reports –

Androscoggin (Keith Morse) – No meeting, George asked Stuart to send out notices and set up a meeting.
Narraganset Chapter (Matt Ek) – No meeting, no report
Crown of Maine (Kilburn Swallow) – No meeting, no report.
MidCoast Chapter (Karl Olson) – The Chapter is having difficulty finding a venue to use for monthly meetings
Penobscot/Hancock Chapter (vacant) – No report.
Somerset Chapter (Steve Gould) – No report.

Bill Shippen said that the (former) Kennebec Proprietors Chapter held a meeting.

Unfinished Business –

Consideration of how to approach the 2022 Annual Meeting plan – It was decided to put this item on the Annual meeting business meeting agenda and discuss with the membership.

New Business –

Health insurance inquiry – MSLS received an email asking the following - *I am writing to see if it would be possible to discuss a unified healthcare option for people that are part of the MSLS. Providing health care to the employees of surveying firms seems to be a costly and, in some cases, detrimental problems that these offices face. I know firsthand because of the small enrolment of these offices that the health insurance is minimal and firms run the potential of losing good employees to other occupations that offer a better healthcare product. I would like to help set up a unified product between MSLS members offices to seek a health insurance provided that can give its members the best product for whoever wishes to be part of the plan.*

Please let me know what your thoughts are on this and I look forward to your response.

Although the idea is nice, it didn’t seem like MSLS could come up with a competitive rate, especially given the advanced average age of the general membership.

Next ExCom date and place – to be held at the annual MSLS meeting, Oct. 11th.

Other Correspondence – None

Consent Agenda -

July 27, 2021

From Whom	MSLS Committee	Amount
Bruce Bourgoine	Executive Dir. Expenses ~ August	\$310.17
Bruce Bourgoine	Executive Dir. Services ~ August	\$1,850.00
US Cellular	Cell Service	\$50.00
Copy Shop	FieldNotes	\$63.38
Total		\$2,373.55

Additions at meeting –
None

Grand Total **\$2,373.55**

It was moved to accept the Consent Agenda by George Bouchles, seconded by Wayne Wood, passed unanimously.

Moved to adjourn at 8:28 by George Bouchles, seconded by Matt Ek and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

DRAFT

Kevin Farrar – MSLS



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happy anniversary in our 2021
**50th Anniversary
Annual Conference
Program Book.**



Half Page Horizontal 7" x 4.5" - \$125

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- Just say congratulations MSLS from your firm.
- Proudly list your current MSLS members.
- Note members who have or are serving as officers.
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Calendar Notes...

- ♦ **Abbreviated MSLS ExCom** October 12 at the Annual Conference. Time to be determined.
- ♦ **MSLS 50th Annual Conference** October 10, 11, & 12 at Sunday River Resort, Newry, Maine. Registration materials and expanded information at www.msls.org.
- ♦ **MSLS 50th Annual Conference Deadlines** September 30th will help us provide accurate meal counts to Sunday River.
- ♦ **Sunday River Hotel Reservations Deadline** for discounted lodging, here is your Sunday River MSLS group rate link: [Hotel Reservation](#).

Send your Calendar Notes to: editor@msls.org

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Surveyors Stay Open for Business During the Coronavirus Pandemic

From the July 2020 “American Surveyor” in an article regarding the demand for our profession’s vital services during the pandemic and lauding the initiative of national organizations, and state affiliates like MSLS, to get surveying classified as a critical and essential service.