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MINUTES

CLSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING held Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Oakland Airport and via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kevin Hills called the meeting to order at 10:29 AM.

ROLL CALL

Kevin Hills, President
Kevin Nehring, President-Elect
Joseph Padilla, Secretary
Kristie Achee, Treasurer
Warren Smith, Immediate Past President
Michael Pulley, Member at Large (Humboldt Chapter)
David Woolley, Member at Large (Orange County)
Kim Oreno, Executive Director

DIRECTORS

Bakersfield	n/a
Cascade	Jesse Lenaker
Central Coast	Marco Castaneda
	Joseph Morris
Central Valley	Landon Blake
Channel Islands	Debbie Naves
	William Froman
Desert	Rob McMillan
	Timothy Reilly
East Bay	David Murtha
Gold Country	Dirk de Valk
Humboldt	Michael Pulley
Los Angeles	Buck Rogers
	Richard Snedaker
	Beau Immel
	Christopher Johnson
Marin	David Kendall
Monterey Bay	Kathy Nitayangkul
	Lynn Kovach
Orange County	Connie Barrett
	Patrick Earl
	Chu Kow
	Steve Slocum

Riverside/San Bernardino	David Woolley
Sacramento	Ron Banuelos
San Diego	Cameron Clark
	Dirk Nasland
	James Nicolau
San Francisco	Robert Hanley
San Joaquin	n/a
Santa Clara/San Mateo	Paul Lamoreaux
	Jay Wright
Sonoma	Michael Mueller
	Bruce Johnson

GUESTS

Steve Martin
Michael Lafontaine
Bryan Mundia
Sherry Toutges
Keith Spencer
Adrian Aguirre
Michael McGee
Kim Holtz
Michael Butcher
Gregory Helmer
Mike Belote, California Advocates
Anthony Molina, California Advocates

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Nehring.

RECOGNITION OF SURVEYORS PASSED SINCE LAST MEETING

A moment of silence was held for Richard B. Davis, PLS 3340, Peter Binz, PLS 9462, Bus Stiles, PLS 5023 and Granville Ussery, PLS 4901.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved. It was requested that the Legislative Committee report take place at 11am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 29, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Hills provided a verbal report. He attended the ESRI conference and appreciated the opportunity to represent land surveyors there. He would like CLSA to host a webinar in August for all chapters to attend with breakout rooms for chapter meetings and then a

larger meeting for all attendees to discuss monuments, accuracy statements and other items that are up for Legislative Committee review.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Kevin Nehring's report was emailed to everyone yesterday. He provided details on his meetings with the chapters.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Joseph Padilla provided a verbal report on Executive Committee actions since the last Board meeting. The Crownholm amicus brief has been filed with the courts. The brief was included in the agenda packet.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial reports were included in the agenda packet. Kristie Achee provided a report on plans to invest funds in the Bank of the West, Summit State Bank and F&M Bank accounts. The 2023 budget for the CSRC donation was approved at \$20,000, not \$15,000 so the budget column in the financial report needs to be corrected. This will be corrected in the reports for the next Board meeting. There was a question on how the liabilities are listed on the balance sheet. Kim will check on this and report back.

The 2022 donation of \$20,000 to CSRC that was not cashed. The 2023 donation has not yet been sent. There was a request to receive a copy of their financial reports.

MOVED and SECONDED to suspend the funding until "strings attached" can be determined to make sure the CSRC funds are being used appropriately.

MOVED and SECONDED to table this discussion until after the Legislative Committee discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee report was included in the agenda packet. Mike Belote provided a legislative update. The legislature is on summer recess for another 2 weeks. They will return on August 14th for 5 more weeks of activity before they adjourn in September. Policy Committee hearings are now over. The last 5 weeks are dedicated to fiscal issues. CLSA successfully passed SB566 (State Plan Coordinate System). He thanked the Legislative Committee for their efforts. Mike informed the group that the legislature relies on guidance from CLSA on technical issues and the CLSA is trusted at the Capitol.

Mike Belote provided information on the following bills:

- ... AB334 (Rubio) – conflicts of interest for people serving on boards and bidding on jobs
- ... AB342 (Valencia) – architects and real estate appraisers
- ... AB996 (Low) – conflicts of interest in continuing education
- ... AB1204 (Holden) – contractors and subcontractors, applies only to Contractors State Licensing Board
- ... SB7910(Padilla) – contracting with state entity is public record

The Legislative Committee will work through the fall to determine what will be addressed during the 2024 session.

Mike Belote provided information on regulation changes proposed by the Department of State Hospitals regarding QBS. The regulation comments are due Monday. Mike has been working with the ACEC lobbyist who has put a letter together to address some of the regulation changes. The letter and draft regulations were distributed to the Board yesterday via email. The regulations lump land surveying in as a subset of engineering. Mike Belote recommends that CLSA signs on to the letter.

MOVED and SECONDED to approve CLSA signing onto the letter with ACEC. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Belote reported that next year is a Sunset Review year where the routine examination of licensing laws will take place. CELSA would like to start working on the review now. They have drafted a letter that has issues (greater enforcement of unlicensed activity, mandatory professional liability insurance, mandatory continuing education requirement among others) that CLSA might be interested in reviewing. Mike Belote asked for advice on how to proceed with communicating CLSA positions to CELSA. Kevin Hills indicated that the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee will review the CELSA Sunset Review letter and will provide feedback.

Mike Butcher reported on the Legislative Committee recommendation for PLS Act, Section 8771 draft language. There was discussion on the draft language which was referred to the Legislative Committee for fine tuning to be brought back to the Board.

MOVED and SECONDED to table the draft 8771 language and send it back to the Legislative Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Butcher asked everyone to send their bullet points on the 8771 language to Kim Oreno for forwarding to the Legislative Committee.

LUNCH BREAK FROM 12:30PM – 1:15PM

Mike Butcher provided an update on the Lot Line Adjustment (Gov't Code 66412) Project. It is still in process.

The digital submissions issue is still in process.

Kevin Hills was asked to draft a letter of inquiry to utility companies to ask them what their process is for preserving monuments under 8771 and what their permitting process is. That letter is in process.

TREASURER'S REPORT (con't)

There was additional discussion on the CSRC donation.

MOVED and SECONDED to change the funds from a consortium to a donation and attach specific uses for the CSRC donation and make the donation contingent upon the receipt of financial reports.

MOVED and SECONDED to table the CSRC donation discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report was included in the agenda packet.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The report was included in the agenda packet. Kim Oreno reminded chapters that they can add their chapter events through the chapter portal on the website. She provided an update on the transition to Naylor for advertising sales, magazine publication and eNews distribution. She let everyone know that Russ Uzes has given CLSA permission to include Chaining the Land in the CLSA new member packets. She also reported that she called all non renewed Corporate members and received about 35 renewals as part of that process.

Kim Oreno provided an update on the 2023 Annual Industry Survey. There were over 300 respondents. Kevin Hills, Kevin Nehring, Warren Smith and Connie Barrett will serve on the panel for the 2023 Annual Industry Survey results webinar.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Warren Smith reminded everyone that anyone can submit awards nominations any time of the year.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

No written report.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE REPORT

No written report. The committee has not met this year.

PAST PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kim Holtz reported that there are 5 people on the committee. Sherry Toutges submitted a Trig*Star report. Trig*Star reports are due on May 1st. They're working on a letter to chapters to encourage Trig*Star participation. They are also looking into a logo item to give to students who take the exam. The committee will meet on August 2nd.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Spencer provided a verbal report. The Education Foundation has been working on the endowment structure for the Founders Endowment and potential future endowments.

The Fresno Endowment has been revised and agreed upon. A press release was sent to all CLSA contacts.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Landon Blake provided a verbal report. The next several webinars have been scheduled.

2024 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

CLSA has been invited to participate in the 2025 conference in Reno, 2026 conference in Las Vegas and 2027 conference in Reno. There was discussion on holding an event to celebrate the CLSA's 60th anniversary during the 2026 conference.

**MOVED and SECONDED to join the 2025, 2026 and 2027 joint conferences.
MOTION CARRIED.**

OIT LIAISON

Michael Pully provided a verbal report. The advisory committee has not met for quite some time.

PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE

A written report was distributed in person today. Jay Wright reported that CLSA volunteer attendance at the Physics, Science and Math days was not well staffed and probably won't happen again in the future. The committee is looking into exhibiting at the Fresno and Cal Poly Pomona student conferences. The committee is looking into a Zazzle site for branded merchandise.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Written report included in the agenda. The Board was asked to review the ESRI proposal for licensing to set up a CLSA supported monument data collection field app with supporting webmap. The link in the report was not working. Kim Oreno will distribute the link with the meeting minutes.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY COMMITTEE

Connie Barrett provided a verbal report. The committee is working on education including emotional intelligence and communication. They are looking for creative ways of distributing handouts.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Report included in agenda packet.

SURVEYOR COALITION AD HOC COMMITTEE

David Woolley provided a verbal report. There has not been a meeting because there haven't been legislative issues to discuss. A meeting will be scheduled after today's Board meeting.

A letter from the International Union of Operating Engineers was distributed to the Board via email yesterday. David Woolly provided an overview of the letter and the issue.

MONUMENT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A written report was distributed. Mikey Mueller reported that a letter for city engineers will be up for Board review at the next meeting. Steve Martin announced that the deadline for submissions for the transformation tool for the GPS on Benchmarks is coming soon. He thanked those who have been participating on the GPS on Benchmarks efforts.

LIAISON WITH BPELSG REPORT

Rob McMillan provided a written report and included information on the June meeting. Michael Hartley accepted the gavel from the current President. CLSA sent a letter of endorsement a few months ago. Kevin Hills will double check the records to confirm that the letter was sent.

NCEES-POLC LIAISON REPORT

Rob McMillan reported that the next meeting is in Boston on August 15-18, 2023. He will try to attend that meeting to represent CLSA.

WFPS DELEGATE REPORT

A written report was distributed yesterday. Kevin Nehring attended the last meeting. The bulk of the meeting was a discussion on the Crownholm case. Ric Moore attended and provided information on the case.

CALTRANS LIAISON REPORT

Written report was distributed yesterday. A new liaison will be appointed because Caleb McCallister is changing jobs.

CSRC LIAISON REPORT

No report.

CEAC LIAISON REPORT

No report.

ACEC LIAISON

No report.

LCSO LIAISON

Written report included in the agenda.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Report included in the agenda packet.

NSPS REPORT

No report.

BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA COMMITTEE

Bryan Mundia provided a verbal report. He's been reviewing the merit badge requirements and has been in touch with chapters regarding assisting with merit badge program requests. There was discussion on the need for a background check to volunteer for girl scout programs.

CALIFORNIA SURVEYOR

The Naylor transition is moving forward. The editor position is currently vacant. Kim Oreno will ask the editing team if anyone is willing to serve as editor.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Report included in the agenda.

YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

Adrian Aguirre submitted an agenda request for CLSA to purchase the caysn.org domain. There was discussion on the content that would be included on the site and whether a stand-alone website or pages in the CLSA website would work best.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Channel Islands

No report.

Gold Country

Report included in agenda packet.

San Diego

No written report.

Sonoma County

No written report. Mikey Mueller reported that they are holding meetings and they are going well.

Bakersfield

Report included in agenda packet. Ron Nelms was thanked for his efforts in securing speakers for their meetings.

Marin

Report included in agenda packet addendum.

Orange County

Report included in agenda packet addendum. Bryan Mundia provided an overview of chapter activities.

... Record of Survey Fee Limits

MOVED and SECONDED to request the Legislative Committee to return language to modify the Business and Professions Code Section 8766.5 to \$750 maximum with an annual adjustment tied to an economic indicator – not to exceed 2% - for the Board’s approval and have a bill prepared before the legislative deadline in February 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

... Modify Labor Code to Recognize Land Surveyors as Professionals

MOVED and SECONDED to request the Legislative Committee to return language to modify the Labor Code to recognize land surveyors as professionals for the Board’s approval and have a bill prepared before the legislative deadline in February 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

San Francisco

Report included in agenda packet. They are having a workshop with Gary Kent. They will invite students.

Los Angeles

No written report. Rich Snedaker reported on their February and June meetings. They had a joint meeting with Channel Islands chapter recently.

San Joaquin Valley

Report included in agenda packet.

Central Coast

Report included in agenda packet.

Desert

Report included in agenda packet.

... PLS Act 8773.3 revision

MOVED and SECONDED to request the Legislative Committee to review request to amend Section 8773.3 of the PLS Act. MOTION CARRIED.

Cascade

No written report. Jesse Lenaker reported that the chapter is holding recurring meetings (8-12 per year). They are working on their annual picnic.

Monterey Bay

Report included in agenda packet.

Riverside/San Bernardino

No written report.

Santa Clara/San Mateo

Report included in agenda packet. Jay Wright mentioned that there is a new form elevation certificate. He suggested that CLSA organize a webinar on the new certificate.

Central Valley

No written report.

East Bay

No written report.

Humboldt

No written report. Michael Pulley reported that they held a mixer last weekend. They hope to have a business meeting soon.

Sacramento

No written report.

Student Chapters

- CSU Fresno – no written report
Adrian Aguirre provided a verbal report on CSU Fresno chapter events.
- CSU Monterey Bay - no report
- CSU Pomona – no report
- Santiago Canyon – no report
- East LA College - no report

RESOLUTIONS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

President-Elect Kevin Nehring adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.