

NCSS Spring Board Meeting

May 15, 2021

8:00am	Call to Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance Welcome	Peter Brennan Tim Bowes
8:02am	Roll Call of Chapters – Dale McGowan absent due to illness	Jeff Jeffreys
8:04am	Approval of February 20, 2021 Winter Board Minutes Motion – Jeff Jeffreys Second – Joel Johnson None Opposed	Peter Brennan
8:05am	Approval of Quarterly Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Considering COVID we are finishing well and did not have to dip into savings due to the PPE loan that we will not have to repay. Motion – Joel Johnson Second – David Alley None Opposed	Christy Davis
8:07am	Approve Consent Agenda Motion – Jeff Jeffreys Second – Benjy Brown	Peter Brennan
8:08am	Item 6 – NSPS Fall Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive Director Emeritus – tabled to fall meeting that will be in IllinoisChristy continues to be a great asset to us as one of the two state executive directors that serves on the national level.Take advantage of all of the resources that NSPS has to offer.CST Proctored here in the office on June 9th – paper tests only. Send your employees.	Randy Rambeau
8:10am	Item 12 – Finance & Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">See handout for 2021 proposed budgetJohn Odom asked about 6280 – employee benefits and wages. Less due to a change in part time position for the office manager.Conference budgeted to make less due to location.Education includes \$7,000 to film the CFS Program in modules to make it an online course. Hopeful it will draw at the national level. Vote to approve budget – Approved, none apposed	Peter Brennan Cliff Johnson

- 8:15am **Item 15 – Nominating** Jeff Jeffreys
- If anyone is interested in running for a position, please let Jeff know.
 - Young Surveyor of the Year nominations are due from chapters at the August board meeting.
 - Encourage your chapters to get involved.
 - Surveyor of the Year – please let Jeff know recommendations
- 8:17am **Item 25 – NCSS MAPS, Inc.** David Alley
- Meeting Held – April 13, 2021
 - Financials are on page 22
 - Over 5,000 maps in the database
 - Eddie Hyman brought in Elmo Williams maps for scanning from the Albemarle Chapter.
 - We are full at the moment. Still encourage donations but we will need to limit them in the office. Peter Brennan has space in his office in Wilmington for temporary storage.
 - Scanner working about 25 hours a week.
 - Discussed Bylaw changes – more to come
 - National History Museum – David still working
 - Bodie Island Clean up – November 12th
 - Free to participate
 - Please submit paperwork found online
 - Golf Tournament – October 15th
 - Pinewood Country Club in Asheboro
 - Discussed GIS maps through database
 - Looking at additional fundraising events
 - Discussed promoting the MAPS database at the national level.
- Old Business**
- 8:25am **Item 1 – E-recording Progress in Wake Co.** Tim Bowes
- Wake County Register of Deeds is updating their machines to accept e-recordings by September.
 - Onslow County now accepting e-recordings
 - Cabarrus is coming soon
 - Rich Elkins continues to promote from Secretary of States office. He is ready to meet with chapters in person again.
- 8:28am **Item 2 – Senate Bill 219** David Lee
- See handout – 3rd edition of bill with amendment
 - We had worked with Senator McInnis to negotiate to get to 9, 5, 2 years of experience.

(currently 16 out of high school, 8 with AAS & 2 with BS)

- McInnis took it to senate and commerce and added a section K to say you if you can pass the exam you do not need any experience.
- David, Christy Davis, ED of Engineers, Kerri Burke & Andrew Ritter met with McInnis.
- McInnis owns Iron Horse Auction
- Impetus – He needed a survey done within 60 days and he was told it would be double what his normal price was.
- He said he thought surveyors were button pushers and it wasn't brain surgery.
- He said he would remove section K and roll experience back to 2006 – 7, 4, 2 (We asked for a minimum of 5 for a two-year degree, but he did not agree).
- Passed the senate floor unanimously with section k removed, but kept years of experience at 7, 4 & 2 years and all of those years are not under a surveyor.
- Jerry Callicutt believes that he is untrustworthy and may go after the exam next.
- The bill now moves to the House and we need to decide what steps we take next.
 - Next, it will go to a house committee and it could die there. If so, it can be brought back in the short session. We hope it will go to Rep. Arp's committee where we believe he is opposed to the changes.
 - We need to persuade on the house side from this point forward.
 - If amended in the house, it will go back to the senate for a second vote.
 - We need to address what was broken before 2013 and why we need to fix it.
- We need concrete reasons to oppose.
- Why did we change it the first time? To make education the focus in order to help applicants be successful in passing the exam and better qualified.
- Mike Benton was chairman of education committee when the change was made. He said

2006 NCEES decided to go to a more academic based exam. The committee determined that the average time it took an applicant to pass the exam with a high school diploma was 16. Currently it is 18 years.

- NC has the second highest requirement for high school experience.
- Exam is for minimal competency.
- He is on the insurance committee – can we present the issue with faulty ALTAs?
- Discussion on best direction to head.
- Action Plan
 - Have Kerri Burke, lobbyist, meet with Rep. Arp with bullet points from the perspective of protecting the public and ask what he is thinking.
 - If Arp doesn't want to totally oppose, ask for all years of experience to be under a licensed surveyor and to take years of experience back to 9 & 5. If he will not do 9 & 5 then ask for at least 7 & 5.
 - If he doesn't think he can do that then ask Arp if we can work on it for a year to craft a bill that would be best before bringing it back.
 - Talking points sent to membership from the perspective of protecting the public to call representatives if none of the above happens.
- Motion – by Jerry Callicutt to create a list of talking points regarding the perspective of protecting the public. Have Kerri Burke, lobbyist, take those to Rep. Arp. Notify membership of status SB 219.
- Vote – all in favor, none opposed.
- Motion by Jeff Jeffreys to do the following by preference.
 - 1. Ask Arp to hold the bill in committee
 - 2. Ask Arp to modify bill to amend the bill to 9 & 5 years of experience and all experience be under a professional licensed surveyor.

- 3. Ask Arp to delay the bill until the next session and give us a chance to write a better bill.
 - 4. Drop back to 7 & 5 with all experience under a PLS.
 - Second – Joel Johnson
 - Vote – motion carries, none opposed
- 9:36am **Break**
- 9:52am **Item 3 – T-Shirt Total Sales** Sherri Barron
- Sold 237 T-Shirts
 - Profit of \$2,279.98
- 9:58am **Item 4 - Workforce Development** Peter Brennan
- Christopher Bryant had reached out to us about a program in Onslow County. Has anyone heard from him? John Odom reached out to him twice but haven't heard back. Anticipate that he was surprised at the interest. Not sure what might have happened.
 - Maybe we should look for other opportunities to create something on our own.
 - Tim Bowes - Long Range Planning is working on something.
- 10:02am **Item 5 - Right of Entry** Jerry Nave
- Writing of bill was referred to the Legislative Committee.
 - Hopefully we will be able to present the bill in the next long session.
- New Business**
- 10:08am **Item 1 – Committee Activity** Peter Brennan
- Christy will be sending out an updated list of committees and their members.
 - In research Peter realized we were not following the bylaws/policy manual regarding committees.
 - If you are on a committee that wants to make a change, if you need help from other committees or the full board please let Tim Bowes, Long range Planning Committee Chairman.
 - There is a lot of good work to be done, let's make sure the committees are active.
- 10:13am **Item 2 – NCBEES Sued by UAS Company** Peter Brennan
- Everyone should be aware of this from all of the publicity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographer was reprimanded by NCBEES for “practicing surveying” using a drone. • They are suing individual board members, not the board. • NSPS is aware and willing to help with an Amicus Brief if needed. • In a holding pattern as he did not take all of the steps of appeal that NCBEES offers. • Christy will reach out to Hope Morgan for an opinion as photogrammetrists. 	
10:25am	<p>Item 3 – Senate Bill 545</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill – if you were licensed in another state for a year and came to NC and established residency you could become licensed in NC without taking the NC exam. • It died in committee. • 14 different states had bills like this. 	Peter Brennan
10:33am	<p>Item 4 – Tarheel Surveyor Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer companies have been advertising with us. • Not ready to go digital completely yet. • Beginning this fall we will be producing a full color magazine for the next couple of editions and see if it helps with our advertisers. 	Christy Davis
10:37am	<p>Item 5 – Friday Feature Archive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous editions can be found under the Resources tab (1 month archived) • Membership Renewal Begins May 18th online 	Sherri Barron
10:42am	<p>Item 6 - Chapter Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger push to engage with chapters by the executive committee • Jerry Callicutt shared how their chapter works that is successful for them. 	Peter Brennan
10:56am	<p>Adjournment Motion: Joel Johnson Second: David Alley</p>	Peter Brennan
NCSS PAC Committee Meeting		
10:56am	Call to Order	Peter Brennan
10:56am	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Report – Balance: \$7,500.26 • Adam Canoy donated \$500 to the PAC at the banquet last night. 	Shane Strickland

- Raffle Tickets – All chapter presidents should have their pack tickets. \$700 Airbnb gift card and three \$100 gift cards at Institute.
- Bring all money and unsold tickets to the November board meeting.

11:01am

Adjourn

Motion – Jerry Callicutt

Second – Jeff Jeffreys

Peter Brennan