



GVLSA Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting
February 9, 2017 40 & 8 Club, Rochester, NY

Time: 6:12 PM

* (Jon Navagh volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting)

OFFICERS 2017

President

Roy B. Garfinkel, LS
217 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14608
(585) 458-3020

Vice President

Jared R. Ransom, LS
4509 Allens Hill Road 14471
Honeoye, NY 14471
(585) 737-6881

Secretary

Robert J. Avery, LS
277 Alexander Street, Suite 210
Rochester, New York 14607
(585) 755-0408

Treasurer

Michael A. Venturo, LS
36 West Main Street, Suite 789
Rochester, New York 14614
(585) 423-0324

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeffrey A. Tiede, LS	2015-2017
Scott E. Measday, LS	2015-2017
Douglas W. Magde, LS	2016-2018
Justin M. Roloson, LS	2016-2018
David L. Standinger, LS	2017-2019
Daniel T. Hickok	2017-2019
John F. Gillen, LS	Ex Officio

Associate Representative

Jonathan Navagh 2017

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR

Jared R. Ransom, LS

REGIONAL OFFICE

657 East Avenue
Rochester, New York 14607
(585) 254-2350

gvlsa.com

[facebook.com/GVLSA](https://www.facebook.com/GVLSA)

[linkedin.com/groups/8212223](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8212223)

AFFILIATIONS

New York State Association of
Professional Land Surveyors, Inc.

National Society of
Professional Surveyors

American Congress on
Surveying and Mapping

Rochester Engineering Society

Officers Present: Roy Garfinkel, Pres., Jared Ransom VP

Directors Present: Daniel Hickok, Jeff Tiede, David Standinger, Scott Measday, Jonathan Navagh, Assoc.

Other Members Present: David Zacharias, Darryl Moser, Sean Baldwin, Assoc., James Zerkel, Peter Nicoletta, David Paonessa, Tom Rodak, Richard Maier

Guest Present: None

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:

A motion made by Jeff Tiede, and seconded by Jared Ransom to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2016 and December 17, 2016 meetings was carried.

Acceptance of Agenda:

A motion made by David Standinger and seconded by Jeff Tiede to accept tonight's agenda was carried.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Venturo's written report was read.

Past President:

No report

Vice President's Report:

Jared suggested a one-time memorial donation to the Glickman Scholarship Foundation after Phil Glickman's passing. The Glickman Scholarship committee will attempt to find an appropriate location for the donation and let the board know.

President's Report:

Roy reported on his attendance to the NYSAPLS conference and his first Board meeting as Secretary of NYSAPLS Board of Directors. The recent efforts of the GVLSA to make improvements were received warmly, and Roy noted his enthusiasm with presenting at the Pillars of Excellence award for Associate of the Year to Jon Navagh. Roy also met with the Ethics Committee and noted their intent to circulate a revised Surveyors Practice Guideline.

Public Relations Report:

Bob Hatch forwarded the announcement letter for the newly adopted GVLSA Standards for a Survey Map, and it was read aloud. The Democrat & Chronicle was contacted for possibly publishing the newly updated standards, and awaiting a response. It was noted that we should add the standards to our next RES insert.

Finance Report:

No Report

Membership Report:

Jeff Tiede reported on the unpaid members he had narrowed his list to, and is intending on following up with the last few. A form letter for dues reminder was to be looked into.

Education Report:

Jared noted that he is intending to have the a NYSAPLS Second Showing Webinar (1 C.E. credit) at the offices of Erdman Anthony for our March meeting. A letter of appreciation from one of the Glickman Scholarship winners, Joseph Leiser, was read aloud.

Program Report:

Jared read aloud the proposed meeting schedule for 2017. April 14th, 2017 will be the GIS-SIG annual conference. A revised membership survey was suggested to target new information. The location/date of the annual Holiday dinner was debated, and possibly involving the membership on the decision was suggested. The July Picnic is seeking new leadership, and possible members were discussed.

Associates Report:

Jonathan noted that Jeff and Laura Hefner had put him in contact with the Technology Teacher at Pittsford Mendon High School, for a possible Survey presentation on Friday March 24th during National Surveyors Week. Any members interested in participating can contact Jonathan for details/coordination.

Historical Report:

No Report

Standards Report:

Roy noted the upcoming enactment of updated 2017 GVLSA Standards for a Map of a Survey, and the anticipated effective date being February 15th 2017. The reluctance of the Monroe County Bar's to adopt the Standards was noted, and discussed. The remainder of the conversation was tabled for the general membership meeting.

Conference Report:

Darryl Moser reported that the NYSAPLS conference was a success with over 700 attendees, and warm reception from vendors/presenters. The 2018 conference will be held in Albany, NY at the new conference center with an anticipated construction completion in March 2017. 2019 Conference will be held in Saratoga Springs, and 2020 will possibly be held in Lake Placid (unsure). Interest in hosting the conference in Rochester whenever next available was noted.

Action Committee Report:

David Zacharias reported on the status of the ongoing efforts to host Monroe County filed maps online. Roy Garfinkel and David met with County Clerk Adam Bello in January 2017. County Clerk suggested a few routes for the organization to take, and noted his interest in the opportunity to help. David reached out to the Real Property Staff again to check on their status and was met with disappointing results. Next steps for the committee to take were discussed, and debated.

Ethics Committee Report:

No report

Unfinished Business:

The status of the nominations committee was discussed.

New Business:

David Standinger reported that Don Angelini at the Region 4 NYSDOT office is in need of a project surveyor, and a job posting will be going out soon.

The impending enactment of the 2017 GVLSA Standards on 2/15/2017 discussion was resumed with general membership present. A general concern with the inclusion of the revisions to the setting of property corners was discussed at length, including:

Some of the concerns opposing the setting of corners were:

- There was not enough information regarding the proposed changes in the Standards put out to the membership prior to the vote. A clear response was made by the Board that multiple updates had been put out to the membership over the course of the last 3 years of work and that the changes were clearly pointed out in emails containing the proposed Standards.
- Concerns were also stated that with existing workloads, the added work to set property corners would be too burdensome for some surveyors.
- It was stated that some surveyors see this effort as a “witch hunt” to weed out poor survey work and that this is not the way to go about that type of effort.

Some statements made in the defense of the setting of property corners were :

- That it is the appropriate time to bring Monroe County up to the standards of surrounding Counties and the standards of the large majority of the country by setting property corners with these surveys.
- The mandatory setting of property corners will work towards the betterment of our professions and the surveys being produced.
- The clients, the general public and the purchasers of the property deserve a quality survey with shown evidence on the ground and map regarding their property lines.
- A quote was read from the NYS OPD regarding the statement that as part of any boundary or title survey property corners “should” be set.
- In response to the point that “surveyors cannot be forced to work to the code or standards of the local association”. Points were made that in regards to this issue, the primary obligation to perform the correct level of work for a local survey should fall under the duties of professional conduct and licensure rather than client’s requests.

It was noted that a proxy vote was deemed acceptable for the voting held at the annual holiday dinner meeting. Votes were cast by a combination of mail in ballot, and attendees at the holiday dinner. The vote passed by a large margin. However, concerns were expressed on the total number of votes placed versus the total number of active members in the GVLSA were expressed.

After much discussion, it was proposed if the concerned parties can rally a signed petition from a majority of the GVLSA membership for a call of Re-Vote on the adoption of the standards, that it would be entertained. Discussion continued until adjournment.

A motion by David Standinger, and seconded by Scott Measday was carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

