



**GVLSA B.O.D. / General Membership Meeting –February 18, 2016**  
**40 & 8 Club, Rochester, NY**

Time: 6:25 PM

Officers present: Roy Garfinkel, Pres., Jared Ransom, VP,  
Robert Avery, Secretary, Michael Venturo, Treas., John Gillen, Ex Officio  
Directors present:, Jeffrey Tiede, Joseph Hefner, Justin Roloson, Jonathan  
Navagh, Assoc.

Other members present: None

Guests present: None

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Acceptance of Agenda: A motion made by John Gillen to accept the agenda was seconded by Jeff Tiede and carried.

Acceptance of Minutes: A motion made by Jeff Tiede to accept the November 19, 2015 meeting minutes was seconded by Joseph Hefner and carried.

Secretary's Report: Robert Avery made note that there is a revised meeting agenda template and the year's proposed schedule has been emailed out. He is also getting the latest roster from NYSAPLS in order to update our email listing.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Venturo provided a written report. Discussion followed on the cost of our Annual Dinner Meeting in which the Association covered one half of the cost. Mike has also prepared the year-end books. Last year we spent approximately \$450 more than what was taken in. Discussion took place on posting our financials on the website, and how much money we really need to have in reserve. This will be looked into. Additional discussion took place on getting a tax exempt number and filing annual reports to the IRS which is required of not-for-profit organizations such as ours.

Past President's Report: John Gillen was provided a list of past officers from Dick Kellar. Jarod Ransom will post on our website. Also, John will look into having our Sporting Clays event in Batavia. Jarod will check in Canandaigua. President Roy Garfinkel presented John with his Past President's plaque and congratulated him on a job well done.

Vice President's Report: See Program Report.

President's Report: Roy attended his first NYSAPLS BOD Meeting at the Conference. John Warren, President of NSPS spoke. Roy met a third generation surveyor from Manhattan who was concerned about one of the 5 boroughs establishing a grid system with no apparent connection to actual survey mapping. This may become a concern in other areas. There was also a fitting tribute to Robert Shaw at the Conference.

Public Relations: Bob Hatch submitted a written report. As a reminder, all submissions to RES must be made 30 days in advance which is the 10th of the month.

Finance: Roy accepted the 2015 year-end books.

Membership: No report.

Education: Jarod Ransom noted there were 2 Glickman Scholarship winners and 1 for the Shaw Scholarship.

Program: Jarod noted that our March Meeting will take place on the 10th at Erdman and Anthony's office. There will be a webinar titled "Legal Property Descriptions: Basics, Easements, The Gold Standards". The Sporting Clays event in June is being researched., along with the possibility of having a half or full day CEU course on a Saturday.

Associates: Jonathan Navagh anticipates an activity for GIS Day on Friday, March 25th. He will look into doing a joint venture with Bob Hatch who is conducting the Boy Scout Surveying merit badge program. It is hoped that we can expand participation and attendance at this event though disseminating information not only to our members, but to high schools, colleges and vocational schools. We could send the institutional announcements to the Guidance Departments.

Historical: No report.

Standards: Roy Garfinkel made note that we received comments back from the MCBA committees and our committee will now be discussing those recommendations.

Conference Committee: No report.

**Unfinished Business**:

- ✓ The Strategic Plan committee work is currently on hold.
- ✓ Regarding the review and possible revision to the Constitution, Robert Avery and Jarod Ransom will be getting together to continue this project. A handout was made available with one of the excerpts from the document under consideration, the election process. An excerpt from another association's Constitution was also included which appears to greatly simplify the process.

**New Business**:

- ✓ Roy wondered if our roster and contact information is current. Robert Avery noted that in the most recent mass emailing, there were 10-15 emails bounced back.
- ✓ Roy wondered if there was a way to gather more information about our members such as location of practice and type of surveying being practiced. It was suggested that we look into using the survey monkey website where we can send out a questionnaire to members. A committee consisting of Robert Avery, Jarod Ransom, Jeff Tiede, and Jonathan Navagh will look into this.

**For the Good of the Order:**

- ✓ Jonathan was the winner of the clipboard raffle.
  
- ✓ Jeff Tiede spoke on the upcoming GIS/SIG Conference at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 12th. We will get information out to our members on the event.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion by Robert Avery to adjourn was seconded by Mike Venturo and carried. President Roy Garfinkel closed the meeting at 8:35 PM.

