

UCLS Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2011
9:00 a.m.
Salt Lake Community College
Markosian Library, Room 146, Enter Through East Door
Taylorsville, UT

I) Welcome & Call to Order – Mike Nadeau

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

II) Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Michael Nadeau	State Chair
Brad Mortensen	Chair Elect
Jerry Allred	Past Chair
Steve Keisel	NSPS Governor
Ron Whitehead	WestFed Representative
Ken Hamblin	CC Representative
Mike Withers	SL President
David Bronson	BC President
Scott Bishop	CC President
Gary Ratcliffe	TC President
David Kay	BC Representative

Board Members Absent:

Jeff Searle	SL Representative
David Balling	GS President
Dan Knowlden, Jr.	TC Representative
Dallas Buttars	GS Representative

Susan Merrill, Administrative Secretary, was present and Michael Nadeau presided in the chair.

III) Additions to Agenda

It was asked if we sent anyone to the ESRI Conference. We did not. We offered to help someone go, but no one responded. There are people who did go who could probably report if we want them to. Mike Nadeau thought Matt Clark might have gone.

IV) Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ron Whitehead moved to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2011 UCLS Board Meeting. Ken Hamblin seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

At this point, the time was turned over to Von Hill of the testing committee since he could not stay for the whole meeting. That discussion is under the Testing Committee report.

V) Secretary Report -

a) Budget review

There were 63 registrations for the Fall Forum. This number includes the presenters. There were about five people who did not show up. Susan does not yet have the final numbers for the Fall Forum expenses and income.

Susan asked if UCLS wants to accept American Express. There are many companies that have American Express for their company credit cards and it would be beneficial for them. The cards we currently accept range from 4.5% to just under 3%. The fees for American Express would be 3.5%. At one time there was a discussion about tacking on a credit card convenience fee. It was felt that this is just included in the price we already charge and we will not add a fee. We already take Visa, MasterCard and Discover, so we might as well take American Express.

Motion: Jerry Allred moved that UCLS accept American Express. Ron Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI) Follow Up Items

a) Fall Forum – Dave Balling

Dave Balling misunderstood who was supposed to do what for the Fall Forum, but things were put together too late. It was suggested that the Convention Committee do both the Fall Forum and the Convention. Everyone agreed that it should be this way. No motion is needed. It would be easier since they have the speaker lists. There should have been technical sessions at the Fall Forum and there were none. It was suggested that we send out a save the date postcard for the convention now. Officer nomination requests should be included on the postcard. President, Vice-President and Chair-Elect are the offices up for election this year.

Susan mentioned that Walt Cunningham and Dan Perry would like to know if the Fall Forum will be at UVU next year. It was decided that the Fall Forum will be at UVU next year. Scott will work with Dan to set it up for the second weekend in September 2012.

b) New Committee Chair Appointments (no discussion, just for adding new chairs to the minutes)

i) Membership/Public Relations: James Coutts

ii) History Committee: Kevin Bishop – Scott Petersen has stepped down so he can go back to school

c) Four Corners Brochure – the Board needs to decide if they want to pay \$200 to help publish a brochure about the Four Corners monument. It was asked if there is a copyright on it. It says there is on the brochure, but Warren claimed there was not. Steve will check on the copyright issue.

Motion: Ron Whitehead moved to make the payment on the brochure as long as there is not a copyright issue and we can make copies of it. Scott Bishop seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII) New Items

None.

VIII) Committee Assignments & Reports

a) Membership/Public Relations

Randy Smith will no longer be able to serve as the chair of this committee, so James Coutts will be taking over for him. Some of the things he is looking at are to continue the efforts to revamp the website and look at the life insurance option that was brought up before.

i) Membership Drive: James Coutts noted that the other professional societies in which he is involved have had declining memberships. This is partly due to the economy and employers no longer paying for employees to participate. James proposed an idea to give an incentive to members to attend their chapter meetings and committee meetings. Additional points could be given for sponsoring a non-member at a luncheon. Then, those points would be used at the convention to enter a drawing for something like a flat screen TV. One problem is that not all chapters meet equally. There is probably not time to start it now before the next convention, but we could start it next year. The logistics would have to be worked out as to how people would get their points or their tickets. This would all be done by computer and the drawing would be done by computer. Scott suggested that we start promoting it at the 2012 convention and tell what they could win by attending their meetings. The committee has the money for the prizes. People can attend committee meetings by conference call. Some of the rural chapters have a problem getting presenters who can travel to their meetings. It was suggested that a remote meeting could be held in someone's office with a projector so the presenter wouldn't have to

travel. The points need to be clean and easy. The by-laws state that each chapter should meet at least four times per year.

It was suggested that we hand out the current laws at the convention again this time as was done a few years ago. It was also suggested that we take pictures at the convention again so we can put the missing ones on the website. We could set up a separate booth that people could go to and have their picture taken. We could also consider putting all of the handouts on a pocket drive and save the cost of copying them. James mentioned having a large prize and some smaller prizes to give away. We can consolidate and just have the one give away whether it is a door prize or earned from chapter attendance. There are companies who will put the information on the jump drives for us with the UCLS logo on the drive.

Motion: Brad Mortensen moved to have the Membership Committee make a proposal at the next meeting regarding the final details of the incentive program. Jerry Allred seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- b) **Legislative** – Mike Withers reported on 17-23. The committee decided to take two or three things out of 17-23 and do some wordsmithing. They do not want to have a lot of statutes regulating them but would rather rely on rules. The county surveyors are concerned about people tinkering with the code. The committee is taking comments from the board and also input from the county surveyors. There is some confusion about “corner plats” and “corner records” and that needs to be fixed. 17-23-17 part 2 where it talks about gathering data needs to be cleaned up as well. These two issues are the drive behind the change. It is important to get feedback from as many people as possible.

The trespass issue was brought up. Mike reported that after much discussion it was decided to add it to the UCLS rules and they will take it to the hill in the coming months.

Splitting into two groups – boundary and construction – was brought up. Most people felt that would weaken their profession.

- c) **Education** – They met and talked about the scholarships. There were two applicants. The education committee recommended that both candidates receive scholarships. Steve Keisel asked about the Roger Monsen scholarship. We may have missed the deadline. This is the first semester that the program has been in place at UVU. We should ask Dan to advertise the scholarship in his classes as well as the Roger Monsen scholarship.

Motion: Jerry Allred moved to grant scholarships to both students as per their load - \$1,000 for a full-time student and \$500 for a part-time student. Ron Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Susan will check with Walt Cunningham to see if Terry Rusby is a full-time student. The scholarship recipients will be expected to help at the conference in St. George where they will be recognized. Steve would like to ask Gary Christensen to submit bios on the students for Foresights.

- d) **Publication – Foresights** – Steve has had problems getting advertisers for a digital version of Foresights. The publication committee has been assigned to research doing an electronic copy versus a hard copy.

Motion: Brad Mortensen moved to publish a hard copy again. Ken Hamblin seconded the motion. There was no vote on this motion.

There was talk about finding a publisher and using Sophie Hanson again. Some people were unsure about working with her again. We could find another publisher but may have to sell advertising ourselves. We would still need Steve to be the editor and the driving force to obtain content. A lot of people like to have a hard copy. Several societies do both a hard copy and a digital copy. It is hard to know what Sophie is

really bringing in for advertising revenue and what her true costs are. It is easier to track if we do it ourselves. Steve would get more advertisers if we put out a hard copy.

Steve Keisel suggested sending out a monthly digital flyer and then sending out a hard copy once or twice per year. Jerry Allred said we need a hard copy in the fall to advertise the convention and include a registration form. If we did a spring or summer issue, we could have Fall Forum registration in it as well. The monthly newsletter would not be very long and could have a calendar and short information about chapter activities.

Motion: Brad Mortensen moved to publish a hard copy of Foresights twice a year and put out a monthly newsletter. We should also talk to our vendors about their support of this idea. Mike Withers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was suggested that Steve work with the Membership Committee on this and we include the convention application as well with a link to the website. Scott will give Steve highlights of the convention.

Steve would like articles from the county surveyors, BLM, DOPL, and GIS.

e) Convention

Our keynote speaker will be Dennis Mouland. We have made a down payment to him. Charles Stormont from the attorney general's office, Charlie Tucker from the railroad will do a teaser on right of way and problems, Wayne Jeppson from DOPL on how to file a complaint, Bill Stone, the Construction Committee. Scott is not sure what is happening with the silent auction. Scott is trying to decide what to do with entertainment – maybe it should be dropped. Perhaps going to a different venue for the banquet for a change would be good. Scott is looking at having handouts such as a laptop backpack, UCLS stickers, etc. We could get some nice hats made.

f) Standards and Ethics

i) Corner Reports Discussion – Matt is looking for comments on the corner record perpetuation sheets. They are currently required by law, but there is really nothing in the law that says what should be included on the sheet other than a signature and a seal. It says what is encouraged, but not what is required. UCLS should set the professional standard. There should be an example to follow. We need to do a better job of policing ourselves.

g) Testing

i) State Geologist Discussion: Von Hill discussed an issue about a complaint that was filed about geologists doing surveying work. The complaint falls under the geologist's board and not our board. Geologists are of the opinion that anything outside of boundary work is okay and does not fall under the practice of surveying. It is a problem that is really going on nationally as the tools of measurement are becoming more available to the public. That is the broad issue. Geologists are recent in licensing – within the past seven years. Geologists have tried to overlap into surveying in the past by trying to push through legislation that would allow them to do surveying. The line is not clear as to when a measurement becomes surveying and it is a continuing discussion.

There were some gross errors made because some people did not know the limitations of their abilities and lacked understanding of their tools. There seems to be no acknowledgement that they did anything wrong. If there is a hearing, it will go before the Geologist Board. There may be some kind of sanction against the geologists. Scott Bishop offered to go to the geologists and explain exactly what they did wrong because they don't seem to understand it. Scott proposed that UCLS send a letter stating their position in this matter. It was asked why a surveying question is going before the Geologist Board. It is because it is a licensed geologist who is in question. It was asked if the description of geologists overlaps the description of land surveyors. Von said it only overlaps in the ability to create maps in a general sense. It doesn't really give

geologists the ability to do surveying. Von said it would be appropriate to put this in Foresights magazine.

Motion: Scott Bishop moved to have UCLS send a letter to DOPL stating that we think as serious a reprimand as the board can give is appropriate for what has been committed. Scott would also like a resolution reaffirming our definition of surveying. Brad Mortensen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The letter needs to be sent immediately, but the resolution can be worked on over the next few months. Scott will prepare the letter and send it to the board for comments before it is sent.

- ii) Von Hill's Replacement - Mike Nadeau talked to Von Hill about his replacement since his term is up. Von suggested Steve Keisel for his replacement. Scott Bishop said he would be interested in the position as well. Other suggested nominees were Keith Russell, Jim Pitkin, Darryl Fenn and Keith Hafen. The time commitment is attending monthly meetings, traveling back east for a conference, and serving for a four-year term. That person would be the UCLS Testing Committee Chair.
- h) **Historical** - Kevin Bishop is working on collecting pictures and ideas for the calendar. He is looking at the history of surveying being the theme of the calendar.
- i) **Construction Surveying** – Scott Bishop reported that Lance Greer will not be able to handle chairing this committee right now. Scott asked Russ Flint if he would be willing to step in and Lance felt he was probably too busy right now. Jerron Atkin was suggested as a replacement.

IX) Chapter Reports

- a) **Book Cliffs** – Brad Mortensen came and talked about the surveying merit badge. He talked about getting teachers for Trig-Star. They need to be excited.
- b) **Color Country** – Sean came and talked about AGRC. Russ Shirts will come and talk in the next month.
- c) **Golden Spike** – no one in attendance to report. Val Schultz apparently made a presentation.
- d) **Salt Lake** – they had more than 50 people at their last luncheon with Jeff Searle giving the presentation on GIS. They had a change of venue with was a bit of a problem as far as the food was concerned, but it was a good meeting. A venue change can be helpful for attendance. There was some discussion about the convention and doing an activity on Wednesday like golf or a trap shoot.
- e) **Timpanogos** – there were about 20 people at the last meeting with Dan Webb talking about the CFeds program.

X) **NSPS Report** – Steve reported that the biggest question is their relationship with ACSM. NSPS voted to disband and they are currently in this process. They have a meeting in December. The Board of Directors is running the ship and the Board of Governors is not in the loop. LightSquared is another issue that Steve is following.

XI) **West Fed Report** – Janet Wilkins has been brought in to temporarily run the CFeds program. There are about 511 CFeds certified people in the country.

They said they are concerned about the ACSM/NSPS split as well. They wrote a letter to be delivered to the Board of Governors and found out that it was never delivered. The Board of Directors did not deliver the letter.

There were elections held and Harold Baldwin from Arizona is the new Chairman, Richard Heieren from Alaska is the Chair-Elect and Nancy Almanzan is the Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board of Directors seems to do its own thing and does not seem to give credence to the Board of Governors' decisions.

WestFed is currently concerned about their conference revenue. Other states are struggling to make money with their conferences. They had heard that NSPS was going to do one membership only for the Boundary Surveyor. That is concerning and WestFed set up a committee to send an unspoken message to NSPS that if they were not willing to incorporate these other people, other organizations would. NSPS has now made the decision to try and include everyone. The revenue source for NSPS is its dues.

Arizona is looking at changing from a two-year to a four-year degree requirement for surveyors.

XII) Adjourn

Motion: Ken Hamblin moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next board meeting will be November 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
Ron Whitehead's office, St. George, UT