

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Arctic Trails Chapter 71
Executive Board Meeting
January 16, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by the President, Stu Pechek, in Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way, Fairbanks Alaska.

Roll Call: Present were Stu Pechek, Steve Taylor, Larry King SR/WA, Terry Griffin, Jacquie Goss, and George Stefan.

Approval of the Minutes: Steve moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Executive Board meeting and Terry seconded. The minutes were approved without objection as submitted.

Treasurers Report: Terry reported the checking account balance was **\$2,713.60**, the same as last month. She received two checks: a \$2 reimbursement check from Headquarters for the October C802 course and a \$10 rebate check due to the number of C802 course registrants.

President's Report: Stu welcomed everyone and commented on the great Christmas party at Larry's. He described it as "Knights around the long table." Larry offered there is potential for a summer party at his place. Stu presented Steve with the Chapter 71 Professional of the Year award. George accepted the award for the Fairbanks North Star Borough as Employer of the Year. George will forward the award on to the Mayor's office.

Committee Reports

Education (Steve Taylor, chair): Stu began the discussion and referred to the emails regarding potential courses and classes. Steve continued the discussion on the following education plan:

- **C902—Property Descriptions:** Steve offered to reach out to the local real estate professionals for registration. There may be a lack of training funds for ADOT staff. Steve Schmidt will be available in March or April. Chapter 71 would pay \$600 for his course fee, and it's assumed we'd cover his airfare. No overnight hotel cost to worry about it. The course would likely be at the DNR conference room as offered by Larry. Thursday would be a good day for it, and we'll try to schedule it in late April to give us time to certify the course with the Greater Fairbanks Board of Realtors. There was further discussion on course material and instruction resources.
- **Seminar—"Know Your Property":** Steve summarized the seminar would be similar to the permitting seminar held in the FNSB Assembly chambers several years ago. The seminar would be led by professionals from different backgrounds: land surveyors, FNSB planning (zoning) and platting staff, title examiners, and loan officers. Target participant groups would be realtors, property owners, developers, and builders. Larry discussed the benefit of budgeting for the seminar to be held in the spring to allow for C802 to be held in the fall. Steve said he would get an education committee together to develop the plan and timeline.
- **C225—Social Ecology:** Stu described this course as essentially listening to the community and that he had taken it in Denver. The course is relevant as we learned with the City of North Pole water utility expansion and issues related to the lack of transparency. Larry recommended the course be pushed to Spring 2020 in order for "Know Your Property" to be held in Spring 2019 and C902 in Fall 2019.

Membership (Tim Sprout, chair): Stu provided the status on Dianna Leinberger's application. Steve mentioned Dian Sigfried of UAF Land Management called him, and she is possibly interested in membership. She was mainly trying to find out her course completion status. Larry said it's appropriate that Pat Thayer follow up on that since she's the professional development chair. Jacquie offered to send Steve the course credential path requirement list she created.

Professional Development (Pat Thayer, chair): No updates

Program (Vacant): Stu said Karen Tilton could possibly present on her RS 2477 AK Supreme Court case, offering a great insider view on the subject. Stu offered to potentially tag team with A.J. Wait on the management challenges of controversial trail easements like Rex Trail and Stampede Trail. Stu has a strong background on the Rex Trail, and A.J. has the management headache background. Stu asked if Larry might be interested in presenting on the easement elements. Steve reported that Melanie Vriesman of Arctic Appraisers is not quite ready to present, but maybe later this spring.

Web & Blog (Charlie Parr, chair): No updates

Budget: Completed and No updates

Other Committees: Larry was contacted by Dee Oakland, Region 7 chair, to see if he wanted to continue as the Region 7 co-representative for the Committee of Practice for Surveying and Engineering. Larry said he's never been contacted by the committee to participate in any meetings, but he indicated to Dee that he would continue as co-representative. Steve had a similar story with his Region 7 status as chair of the Environmental Committee.

New Business: Stu brought up attendance for the March 7-8 Spring Forum in Portland. Stu is available, and Steve isn't. There's a good chance Pat can attend since she lives in Seattle. Stu said Sharon is normally interested in attending. There was discussion on nomination for the Regional Professional of the Year and that Chapter 71 typically nominates the Chapter Professional of the Year. Larry nominated Steve for Regional Professional of the Year and Stu seconded. All approved of Steve's nomination.

Old Business: It was discussed that Chapter 71 Executive Board meetings do not necessarily have to be held in FNSB conference rooms.

Next board meeting: 12:00, February 20, 2019 at Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Minutes Approved 2/20/19 By:  **Stu Pechek, President**