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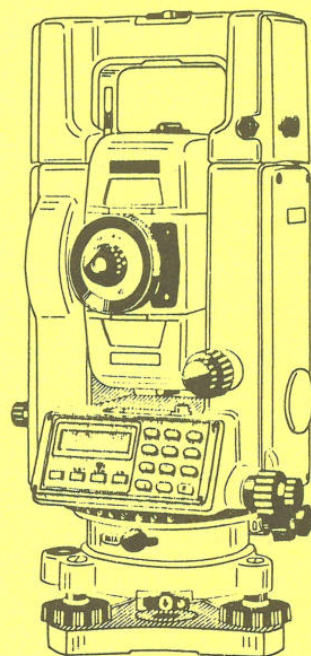
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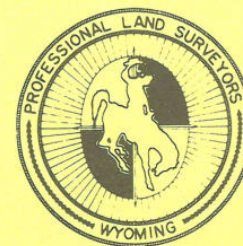


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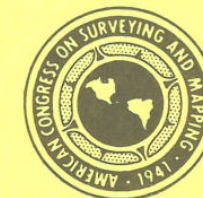
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BEGINNINGS

A professional society newsletter is a hefty responsibility, for all involved and all those who subscribe. *Lines and Points* is beginning its third year, and from some of the recent editorial correspondence, has been reviewed nationwide. We receive very little statewide correspondence. Our last issue presented a draft, THE WYOMING RESOLUTION, penned by the Southeast Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming (P.L.S.W.). This draft resolution was published previous to the quarterly P.L.S.W. Board of Directors (B.O.D.) meeting on September 15, 1990 in Casper. The B.O.D. at this time amended and adopted this resolution. The draft called for the immediate resignation of all officers and members of the Board of Directors of A.C.S.M., and N.S.P.S. that have held office from 1987 through the present. This was amended, and the adopted resolution is reprinted for consumption, as follows:

THE WYOMING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED WYOMING RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONCERN OF THE PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF WYOMING (PLSW), BEING AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS (NSPS) AND THUS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING (ACSM), IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENTLY REVEALED FINANCIAL SHORTFALLINGS ALONG WITH THE APPARENT MISMANAGEMENT AND MALFEASANTS AND LACK OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING.

WHEREAS, the Officers and Directors of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping have acted with a disregard for the fiscal responsibilities with which they were entrusted:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is demonstrated by the apparent one hundred and fifty-three thousand dollar (\$153,000.00) per year cost over run incurred due to the purchase and move to the new headquarters offices in Bethesda, Maryland:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the reported purchase of the in-house publishing equipment for a cost in excess of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) within the last three years which has since proven to be antiquated and has a reported salvage value of approximately three thousand dollars (\$3000.00):

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the reported continuation of the paying for commercial storage for the aforementioned publishing equipment along with the payment of principle and interest incurred by the purchase of said equipment:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the reported recent purchase of an office wide computer system that apparently is not capable of receiving nor creating electronic data that is compatible with ASCII standard systems as utilized by a majority of the membership:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the reported expenditure in excess of seventy thousand dollars for an accounting system for the aforementioned computer system that has failed to perform:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the authorization and subsequent expenditure of excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for nine delegates to attend the FIG Convention in Helsinki, Finland in 1990:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the authorization and subsequent expenditure of excess of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to a public relations firm for the fund raising to support a hot air balloon for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of ACSM. Said project was subsequently canceled and

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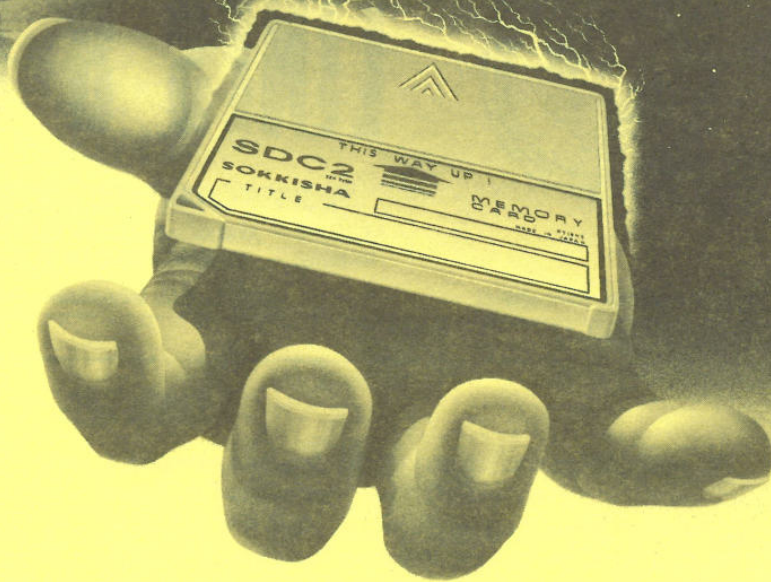
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Board of Directors' Meeting Summary

The Board of Directors met in Thermopolis on Saturday, December 8, 1990, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. All chapters and Area 3 were represented with the exception of South Central and Southwest Chapters.

Business commenced with the approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on September 22 at Casper and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report.

Ray Connin, Chairman of the Education Committee, mentioned the upcoming seminar dealing with land ownership and transfer which will be held in Loveland, Colorado, on March 16, 1991. He also led a discussion concerning the possibility of having a seminar dealing with "how to run a profitable survey business". This would be jointly sponsored project involving Laramie County Community College and the Wyoming Small Business Council. This is tentatively planned to be held in Cheyenne next May.

John Steil reported on his Legislative Committee's progress concerning upcoming proposed legislation regarding surveyor's right of entry and urged all members of the board to contact their local state legislators and senators seeking their support.

John also mentioned the upcoming Western Federation of Professional Surveyors convention, to be held in Las Vegas on April 23 to 27, 1991.

Harvey Copeland reported that progress is being held made by the committee assigned to re-design the "corner record from" format and that board members will be receiving draft versions of the proposed forms and instruction sheets in the near future.

Ray Connin, this time as NSPS Governor, reported on ACSM's response to the Wyoming Resolution which was printed in the last edition of "Lines & Points". The content of the response indicates that the matter has yet to be resolved to our satisfaction. Additionally, the matter will be discussed at the upcoming "West Fed" meeting in January.

The Board of Directors voted to set dates and tentative locations for the 1991 meetings as follows: January 31, Cody (in conjunction with the annual meeting and the WES convention); May 4, Cheyenne (in conjunction with the proposed seminar); September 7, Rock Springs and December 14 in Newcastle.

The Board also voted to direct the staff of "Lines & Points" to publish within two weeks after each meeting and that a summary of each meeting be sent to the staff by the secretary for inclusion in the next edition.

A petition was presented asking that voting rights be extended to our delegates to Western Federation of Professional Surveyors and the National Society of Professional Surveyors.

Other business included a challenge, from the Southeast Chapter to all others, to match the \$100 they will contribute to the District of Columbia bicentennial project and to PLSW to match the total amount raised by the chapters and Area 3. Final action will be taken at the next board meeting in January.

A request, from a member, was heard regarding clarification of the "controlling corner" monumentation requirement. This matter involves the physical monumentation of

all controlling corners used in any land survey and pertains, specifically, to the monumentation of all 1/16 corners established in the subdivision of a section. Becky Braman will investigate this matter and report back to the Board of Directors.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1990.

R. L Hudson

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WESTERN
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(WFPLS) RESOLVES THAT:

The WFPLS will encourage the member associations of WFPLS, and all other affiliate member associations of ACSM, to sponsor an aggressive membership drive on behalf of the member organizations of ACSM if the following concept is adopted by the ACSM Board of Direction on November 8, 1990:

1.) ACSM will send a ballot to the membership by the end of November 1990 to reorganize the ACSM Board of Direction to represent the Member Organizations on a per capita ratio of the membership of each Member Organization:

a.) Each member of ACSM shall be requested to adopt an existing Member Organization as their primary organization for voting and future Board of Director Membership allocation:

2.) The ACSM Directors, representing their respective Member Organization shall be elected by a procedure adopted by the respective Member Organizations:

a.) The officers of ACSM shall be elected by the Directors from the membership of the ACSM Board of Direction:

3.) Ballots from the ACSM membership are to be returned to an independent accounting firm for safe keeping and counting on December 31, 1990:

4.) If approved by the membership, the new ACSM Board of Direction shall be convened at the March 1991 Convention in Baltimore:

a.) The new ACSM Board of Direction shall adopt strong fiscal guidelines to prevent future deficit spending.

Reference: ACSM Bylaw re: MO Allocation of Dues

Adopted by the WFPLS Board of Directors at a meeting on November 4, 1990, Anaheim, California

Editorial Potpourri*

• Chapter Minutes – Other chapters can benefit from hearing about your activities and maybe even help your organization. Send us a summary of your organizations activities by February 15. Summaries need not be typed.

• Join PLSW Now – A new application for P.L.S.W. membership is included in this issue. If you are a member, recruit a new member.

• Support Your Advertisers – The advertisers in this issue help make this publication possible. Support your advertisers.

• Next Issue – The deadline for the next issue of *Lines and Points* will be February 15, 1991. Please submit your comments, letters to the editor, and articles to Box 904, Casper, WY 82602.

• Surveying Firms – Have you considered advertising in this newsletter? The *Lines and Points* staff is proposing to print a page or one-half page of business cards of surveyors or surveying firms. The cost is minimal and it will help support the newsletter. Please consider advertising your services in the next issue.

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Joe Feeley	Sheridan, WY (m)
Bruce L. Hughes	Riverton, WY (m)
Marshall Lindeen	Rock River, WY (A)

Welcome and Congratulations

• Chuck Carayan will be the speaker at the "How to Run A Profitable Survey Business" in Loveland, Colorado on March 16, 1991. For further information contact Ray Conin in Cheyenne at 638-1522.

• The Board of Directors P.L.S.W. have taken under advisement the motion to include the editor of *Lines and Points* on the board. Any comments should be directed to the board.

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funds forfeited with the membership receiving no benefit. WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the seizure of one hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) of NSPS reserve funds and Certificates of Deposit without the authorization of either the NSPS Board of Directors or the NSPS membership:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the failure to provide the membership with a comprehensive accounting of expenditures and indebtedness nor to cause an independent audit so as to allow the membership an insight of these expenditures:

WHEREAS, this lack of fiscal responsibility and violation of the trust of the membership is further demonstrated by the action taken during the month of August in the year of our Lord 1990 to increase the annual dues structure of ten dollars (\$10.00) and to incur a "one time" assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to attempt a temporarily alleviation of the financial shortfallings as incurred, due to the aforementioned lack of fiscal responsibility and leadership.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; As members of ACSM and/or members of an affiliate member of ACSM, as a protest to the apparent mismanagement of the society assets, it is recommended that all ACSM members submit their dues for only the amount as paid for the year 1990 and to refrain from paying either the dues increase or the assessment fee until an independent audit of all society expenditures and investments be conducted to investigate society expenditures and investments be conducted to investigate the source of authorization for these expenditures and that the results of this audit be presented directly to the membership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, All officers and members of the Board of Directors for ACSM and NSPS to prepare a detailed plan to insure the fiscal integrity and continual operation of ACSM and the member organizations.

The economic situation of A.C.S.M. was the basis for this resolution, and by now most of us have received our dues notice from A.C.S.M. As suggested above and it is understood the payment of last years dues, and the refusal to pay the \$10.00 increase and the one-time \$15.00 assessment fee has been accepted by ACSM and that a balance due notice will follow.

The publication of the Resolution brought this spirited line by line response from Ms. Patricia Caldwell Lindgren, President of A.C.S.M.:

LINDGREN LETTER

It is difficult for me to express to you the great sense of dismay that I felt when I first read the Wyoming Resolution. Asie from the possibility that some of the statements therein may be libelous, most of the statements are inaccurate. I am astounded that a group of individuals who purport to be aligned with the welfare of our society

would circulate or publish such serious and damaging charges without first checking the facts, especially when that could be accomplished with a simple phone call or facsimile. Unfortunately, a check was never made.

Ordinarily, I don't believe there is much to be gained by responding to unsubstantiated allegations, but the ACSM Board felt compelled to respond and Dr. Herb Stoughton identified you as the appropriate person to whom this should be addressed. The Wyoming Resolution is inaccurate, unfair and damaging. Below you will find a paragraph by paragraph response to the resolution.

Paragraph 1. The Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming (PLSW) is not a member of ACSM, it is an affiliate. Affiliation is accomplished through articles of affiliation, not through membership. Responsibilities of an affiliate include: "support the programs of ACSM on a local level"; "conduct an active membership campaign . . . on behalf of ACSM"; and "establish communication with the Executive Director of ACSM to report the Affiliate's position on issues programs and problems." The executive director did not hear of the concerns of PLSW until I saw the resolution in Lines and Points, and resolutions of this kind are hardly compatible with supporting ACSM's program or recruiting ACSM members.

Paragraph 2. The allegation made in this paragraph is not supported because of the inaccurate and misleading statements that follow.

Paragraph 3. This paragraph is misleading, for it provides only part of the relevant facts. ACSM does pay approximately \$153,000 per year more for its new facility now than it paid for its old facility. However, if ACSM had stayed in the old facility, the costs there would have increased significantly, narrowing this cost differential. The old facility was in need of major, immediate repairs, including replacing the entire heating and cooling systems and repaving the parking lot and driveways, as well as numerous lesser repairs and general rehabilitation. ACSM also would have had to occupy the entire building which would have cost us rental income. Finally, at some point, ACSM would have had to deal with the asbestos ceilings in the old facility. This would likely require temporary relocation of headquarters and a very high repair bill.

Paragraph 4. These numbers are approximately correct. The in-house publishing equipment was used for a time, but it proved to be difficult to operate and inappropriate for our purposes. The equipment is not antiquated, but the purchase was a mistake.

Paragraph 5. This is wrong. RNRF provides ACSM with a storage locker on the grounds of the complex which is paid for in the monthly condominium fee. This locker is used to store items that are part of our salable inventory, old records, materials to be mailed, and similar things. The publishing equipment is stored in this locker.

Paragraph 6. This is wrong. ACSM's new computer system is compatible with ASCII.

Paragraph 7. This is wrong on both counts. The accounting system cost \$9,000 not \$70,000. Also, the

The Certification

by Robert E. Blackburn, P.S.

According to Risk Analysis Resource Corporation, the word "certification" is an "assumption of liability which is not insurable."

The reason is that the word "certify" could be interpreted to mean an express warranty carrying the full weight and authority of professional education and experience. If such an interpretation was made, it would no longer be necessary to prove negligence, only to prove that something certified to be so, in fact, was not.

Certification in any form is an unreasonable requirement. It extends liability well beyond that imposed on the surveyor by common law. It represents an assumption of risk for which compensation is not normally included in the fee. Nor should it be – surveyors are not in the insurance business.

All professional liability insurance policies exclude warranties, guarantees and certifications. If possible, change the wording "certifies" to "states". When you are required to sign a certification form, the wording should be "I/we hereby state to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief..."

The fact that certification by the surveyor is uninsurable should convince most reasonable clients of this change in the wording. It would not be in their interest or the interest of other parties to deprive themselves of the financial means of standing behind the survey.

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Message from the President of PLSW

Over the past year many problems have presented themselves to the surveying profession not only nationally but also right here in Wyoming. One of these, which I would like to address, is a problem which exists throughout Wyoming; the destruction of survey monuments.

Approximately 23 years ago I first came upon this problem while working in the oil fields. During the oil "boom" in the Powder River Basin it was very difficult to preserve original stone "Public Land Survey" corners because people working in the oil industry were not aware the original corners were monumented with stones. The only way we knew to preserve them was to set a Brass Cap with a steel post alongside, then most equipment operators would stay clear if they saw them, otherwise the corners were usually destroyed; either by a pipeline or road. More recently this problem presented itself in greater detail due to the widening of county roads into Farm to Market Roads. During the homestead years when people were settling in Wyoming most roads in northeast Wyoming were surveyed 66 feet wide. Many of these roads followed section lines where possible or the roads were tied to section corners when the road deviated from the section lines. The various stations were numbered and referenced 33' Right & 33' Left of centerline. At that time stones were set as reference monuments on each right-of-way of the road. Many times these are the only physical evidence of the original section or quarter section corners.

When the county started widening the roads they were not surveyed before construction so therefore no one in the County Roads Department even knew these monuments existed. Perhaps the road would be straightened by removing the right-of-way fence only on one side of the road and then widened only on one side. In this way the road could be re-built without having to rebuild both right-of-way fences. Sometimes, however, they are widened on both sides. During this process, many of the county road (CR) stones are destroyed. Approximately 8 years ago, I called one of our County Commissioners about the problem and he arranged a meeting with the other Commissioners. I invited some other local surveyors to attend the meeting along with the County Engineer. However, very little was accomplished as the Commissioners did not actually understand the problem, nor did the County Engineer as we were asked to submit a proposal for surveying all the county roads after they were rebuilt. Nothing ever came of it and monuments continued to be destroyed. A few years later I brought it to the Commissioners attention again, but still no success in preserving the monuments.

Due to the dire need for much of northeast Wyoming to be resurveyed because of non-existent corners or extremely irregular sections the BLM

veys. When their corners followed county roads many of their monuments were also being destroyed by the rebuilding of the county's roads.

Throughout the surveying community in the State of Wyoming there has been a growing concern about the destruction of survey monuments during the reconstruction of roads. All surveyors know that a missing monument, due to reconstruction, can be very costly to the client and can be time consuming to re-establish which ultimately cuts into the surveyors margin of profit. This problem can be attributed to a lot of things. I believe one of the main causes is the value we put on road right-of-ways. In most of the United States a road right-of-way is a pretty strong indicator of property rights. Throughout most of Wyoming, during the boom days, the road departments had plenty of money. With the increased traffic, due to energy exploration, a wider, straighter, flatter road was more important than loss of a few feet of prairie either side of a county road. Although most road construction crews are aware of what is involved to re-establish a corner of the Public Land Survey System. By destroying these monuments they are not only destroying the corners themselves but also property lines as well as mineral lines. We surveyors know that once a "corner" is destroyed it is very difficult if not impossible to re-establish it in the original position.

Although the right-of-way fences along a recently reconstructed county road in Wyoming are relatively meaningless relating to property lines, the significance of the corner positions that were destroyed are not. The only solution to this problem is communication and education with those directly involved with construction work along these roadways.

A recent incident in Campbell County revealed that complaints to the County Commissioners were not being relayed to the County Road and Bridge Department or to the County Engineer's office. The fact that a Township corner in a road way could possibly control property and mineral lines for six miles in all four directions is not always understood by everyone.

I believe it is our duty as Professional Surveyors to help educate the public as well as the different state and county agencies about the value of survey monuments and the necessity of preserving them. This can be done through letters, talks and articles in local newspapers. Perhaps a letter written to these different agencies from the President of PLSW would be appropriate.

Suggestions from the members would be welcome.

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accounting system has not failed to perform. It is being brought on line one part at a time, and, so far, it works fine.

Paragraph 8. This is wrong. The original budget request for FIG delegate travel was \$15,000 not \$25,000. This request was disallowed by the ACSM Board which allocated only \$2,500. Subsequently, an additional \$5,200 was allocated by NSPS and \$1,200 by AAGS for a total of \$8,900 in combined ACSM and MO funds.

Paragraph 9. This is misleading. Actually, substantially more than \$35,000 was paid to a PR firm over two years to develop proposals and projects for the celebration of ACSM's fiftieth anniversary. The hot air balloon proposal was a part of that work. Contracting with the PR firm may or may not have been a good idea, but it is not correct to say that \$35,000 was spent to raise funds for a hot air balloon.

Paragraph 10. This is wrong. ACSM cannot "seize" money from itself. ACSM is made up of three member organizations each of which have representatives on the Board, with NSPS having the greatest number of representatives. The reserve funds were accessed by Board action in the manner prescribed by ACSM policy.

Paragraph 11. This is wrong on both counts. Every ACSM member is provided with an annual report which includes a financial summary and instructions on how to receive further financial information. An independent audit is done every year by a certified public accounting firm.

Paragraph 12. This is an opinion, not a fact. The erroneous statements which precede it make even an opinion difficult to accept.

Paragraph 13. The allegation of "apparent mismanagement of society assets" and the consequent call for payment of reduced dues are clearly not supported by the falsehoods and misleading statements which precede them. Also, as stated above, an independent CPA audit is conducted every years and the results are available.

One of the first actions the new executive director took upon joining ACSM was to send each state a list of all ACSM members in that state hoping to boost your state's membership. It was a gesture to encourage cooperation and mutual respect.

To receive the draft Wyoming Resolution in return was indeed disheartening.

*Sincerely,
Patricia Caldwell Lindgren
ACSM President*

We also received the following critique from A.C.S.M. President Elect Gunther H. Greulich, Boston, Massachusetts:

GREULICH LETTER

October 24th, 1990

REFERENCE: The Wyoming Resolution

Dear Editor:

I have received copies of three pages of your

not identified, and I cannot address you personally. I noticed, however, that three officers of PLSW are listed, i.e., President, President-elect and Secretary-Treasurer. The following is my personal response and not necessarily the official position of ACSM.

I have read "The Wyoming (draft) Resolution" so-called and was surprised and dismayed that you would publish such an unofficial and unapproved draft document prepared by an anonymous committee in such a misleading manner. The word "draft" and its explanation appears only once, and in small print, at the very end of your reprint. "The Wyoming Resolution" as printed and announced in bold letters twice is obviously not a resolution at all at the time of your publication. I find that inappropriate for a professional journal.

As to the contents of the draft, I find them prejudicial, inflammatory, defamatory, even irresponsible and lacking of facts. The leading WHEREAS that "officers and directors of ACSM have acted with a disregard for their fiscal responsibilities" are allegations presented as foregone conclusions, which is quite contrary to American fairness, tradition and law. "Innocent until proven guilty" used to be the American way. I hope it is also still the Wyoming way.

Your draft call for the resignation of all ACSM and NSPS officers and directors is not even fair to those NSPS directors who voted against the ACSM board action. As you may know, our vote, however necessary to manage our cash flow crisis, was not unanimous.

As an elected officer of ACSM and as a member of the Special Task Force Committee which had been appointed by ACSM President Patricia Caldwell Lindgren to review our financial condition, I deplore your hasty action.

I can assure you however, there have been neither "violations" nor "disregard" nor irresponsible actions by anyone. If anything can be charged, it would be the traditional over-optimistic expectations of fall conventions, of membership gains and of the future economy in general. All factors which are being dealt with by the Board of Direction now.

As a Fellow and Life Member of ACSM, I would urge all of our Wyoming members to ignore your draft call for a partial withholding of their dues payment. If our profession is to be second to none, then our support of that profession through our national membership in ACSM must be second to none.

I think you owe it to your members and to our noble profession to withhold judgment until all the facts are known. ACSM President Lindgren will see to that.

As seen by the previous correspondence, this publication has new exposure, and being guilty as charged has only opened the journalistic door to continue publishing subjects both controversial and enlightening to our fellow Professional Land Surveyors.

PLSW recognizes some variation in the numbers published in the resolution but the theme stands as

1991 W.E.S. & P.L.S.W. Convention

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Cody, Wyoming Holiday Inn
Rooms to be announced

Wednesday, January 30, 1991

P.L.S.W. Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, January 31, 1991

P.L.S.W. General Membership Meeting
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

W.S.P.S. - W.E.S. - A.S.C.E. General Membership Meetings
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wyoming Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Friday, February 1, 1991

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM U.S.B.R.- Buffalo Bill Reservoir Project
Horizons - Grand Canyon Survey
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM U.S.B.R. - Buffalo Bill Reservoir Project
GPS - Speaker to be Announced
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Jeff Fassett, State Engineer - Wind River Water Rights
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Tim Hudson, Chief Maintenance Engineer
Yellowstone National Park - 1988
Yellowstone Fires
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Open - To Be Announced
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Mr. Brown - Metro College Surveying Curriculum
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM Joint Meeting - Board of Directors for Professional Engineers and
Land Surveyors -
Revisions to Surveying Examinations
6:30 PM - ? Irma Hotel - Banquet and H.T. Person Endowment Fund
Dancing Follows

Saturday, February 2, 1991

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Joint Meeting - Roadway Weather Stations by Scancast
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM University of Wyoming's new Snow Plow
Huff-N-Puff Oil Recovery
Future of U.W. College of Engineering
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM Beryl Churchill - Wyoming Water Development
Commission on Big Horn Basin - Shoshone River History
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Tours (Tentatively)
1) Buffalo Bill Museum
2) Buffalo Bill Dam
3) Shoshone Water Treatment Plant
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM W.E.S. Business Meeting
6:30 PM - ? Holiday Inn - W.E.S. Awards Banquet

The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors plans to hold an informal discussion concerning continuing education units, at a time and place to be announced.

BLM News

This letter is to inform you of official cadastral surveys in Wyoming that have been accepted from July 1, 1990, through September 30, 1990, and are now available in the Survey Records Office, Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2515 Warren Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001.

The accepted surveys are listed below by township, range meridian, and acceptance date.

Township and Range		Meridian	Accepted
T. 55 N., R. 77 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Survey	6 P.M.	07/02/1990
T. 48 N., R. 77 W.	Supplemental Plat	6 P.M.	08/22/1990
T. 48 N., R. 75 W.	Dependent Resurvey	6 P.M.	08/22/1990
T. 48 N., R. 76 W.	Dependent Resurvey	6 P.M.	08/22/1990
T. 48 N., R. 77 W.	Dependent Resurvey	6 P.M.	08/22/1990
T. 55 N., R. 94 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Survey	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 56 N., R. 94 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 57 N., R. 94 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 58 N., R. 94 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 56 N., R. 95 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 57 N., R. 95 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990
T. 58 N., R. 95 W.	Dep. Resurvey & Subd.	6 P.M.	09/19/1990

As other surveys are completed, I will advise you of their acceptance. You may circulate this letter among the membership of the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming.

Starting November 19, 1990, prices for maps, plats, field notes and other data available from the Bureau of Land Management will be changing.

In an effort to provide better service for all customers, the BLM is standardizing costs so the same rates will be charged for records, regardless of where the office is located. Adjusting the rates of hard copies will ultimately help BLM recover the costs of the materials.

This will also make the prices for regular requests and requests made under the Freedom of Information Act the same. New Prices:

Plats	2.00 ea.	Field Notes	2.00 pg.
Public Land Status Maps	4.00 ea.	Mailing Tubes	1.00 ea.

Charges for microfiche and aperture cards remains \$1.00 each. FAX copies are \$4.00 per request plus cost of the documents. Records search is free for the first 1/4 hour and \$4.00 for each additional 1/4 hour.

For more information about current prices for hard copy records, please contact the Wyoming State Office, Attn: Survey Records, telephone (307) 775-6222.

Sincerely,
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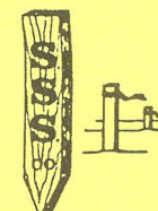


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