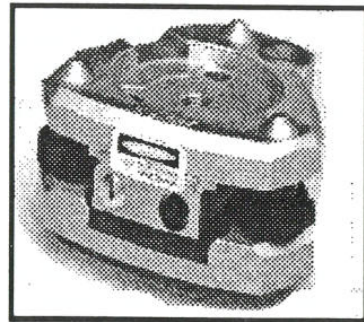


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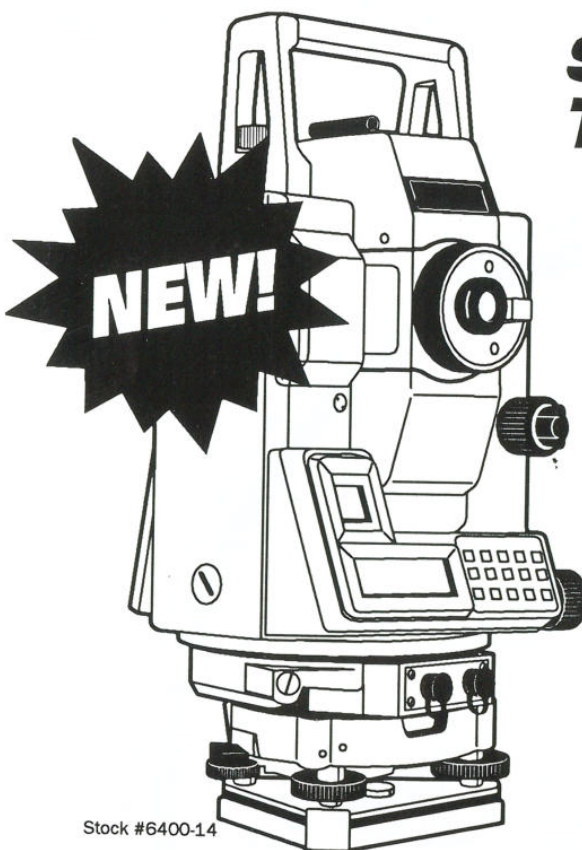
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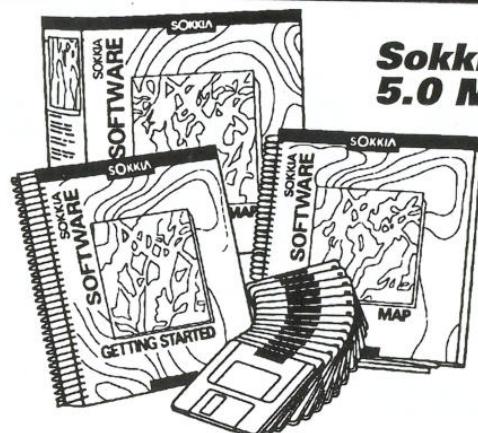
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require CPC units for engineers. The NCEES model document encourages comity between jurisdictions. However, each registrant should contact the Boards for other jurisdictions to ascertain the other Boards' requirements and reporting procedures. If a Wyoming registrant resides in a jurisdiction having no CPC unit requirements, then the registrant must satisfy the Wyoming requirements explicitly. [IX. 10]

Record Keeping And Reporting

The registrant must submit a report of continuing professional competency with the application for renewal for the next biennial period.

Since the registrant must submit the form/report of activities for the past renewal period, the registrant must keep/maintain records of training, education, etc. Most seminars and formal workshops present "certificates of attendance/completion." Academic institution, maintain academic records (Registrar's records) and issue "grade forms/reports" at the end of each academic term. Also, a complete college transcript of courses and grades are maintained in the Registrar's office. For those other activities (teaching, writing, research, attending conventions/technical meetings, and professional society participation), the participation must be documented by the registrant. [IX.7.(c)] Therefore, a registrant should maintain a diary/log of professional activities deemed relevant to CPC unit credit. [IX. 8]

Professional societies can assist in the record keeping. Rosters of attendees at each business meeting, committee meetings, etc. should be attached to the minutes of the function. The secretary should sign and date (the signature) immediately after the name of the last attendee the on roster, in order to preclude addition of other names later. This list is then attached to the minutes (or memorandum or memorandum for record) of the meeting. If the SBRPEPLS desires verification of attendance, copies of the minutes and attendance roster can be forwarded.

Ambiguities Requiring Clarification

When studying Chapter IX and writing this paper, several questions arose. A letter (dated: 29 April 1996) requesting clarification was submitted to the SBRPEPLS. The response (dated: 8 May 1996) stated: "... I advise you that due to manpower and budget limitations, it is not the practice of the Board to respond to questions such as those presented in your letter, unless they are actual circumstances that come before the Board at the time of CPC reporting. " These issues are:

In IX.5.(f) and IX.6.(f), no mention is made concerning credit for a published review of a literary work. Although Chapter IX is silent on this matter, the effort required to read/review the publication and write the review should justify CPC credits.

In IX.6.(e), teaching credit for full-time faculty is unacceptable. The definition of full-time faculty is somewhat subjective. An elementary definition would be an individual who has an academic appointment with a bona fide academic institution (university or community college) for "full-time" teaching and related academic endeavors. An adjunct faculty member is an individual who enters into a contract to teach a specific course. Therefore, an adjunct faculty member could

1995 or 1 January 1996.

In IX.6.(e), there is no mention as to full-time academic faculty teaching seminars. If teaching seminars and/or short courses are part of the terms of the faculty member's contract, then CPC units cannot be awarded. If, however, the teaching of short courses and seminars is not part of the contract, then the full-time faculty member must petition the SBRPEPLS for clarification.

In IX.9.(b), a registrant who serves on temporary active military duty "exceeding one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days is exempt from obtaining the continuing professional competence required during that year." Unfortunately, there is no annual requirement, but a biennial requirement. If, however, we read the NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors) model law, the document stipulates fifteen (15) CPC units per annum. Therefore, since the SBRPEPLS has stated that the NCEES model law was the source document, we can assume that fifteen (15) CPC units would be waived.

In IX.9.(d), an inactive registrant desiring to return to active practice must complete up to thirty (30) CPC units before returning to active practice. If the registrant is "retired" for less than a biennium, there is no stipulation as to the procedure and/or guidelines for determining the number of CPC units less than 30.

In IX. 12, it is stated that a minimum of ten (10) CPC units per biennial period are required for each discipline for registrants in multiple disciplines. This rule is for the thirty (30) CPC units requirement. However, the SBRPEPLS has not stated whether this requirement is prorated for the next biennial renewals where only twenty (20) CPC units are required. Also, it has been assumed the distribution of CPC units applies to PE/PLS registrants. Since this section states two disciplines, then professional engineers registered in two engineering disciplines must satisfy this requirement.

Concluding Remarks

Several professional organizations, or their chapters, conduct meetings with meals served. The registrant citing attendance to such events must deduct the time spent socializing and eating. It is recommended that the secretary/recorder note the times of beginning and termination of the business meeting/technical session.

"Active participation in professional and technical societies" does not include being a dues paying member. To obtain CPC units for such participation, the registrant must be an officer or a committee member. In the event the registrant claims activity on a committee, there must be a written record of the committee's activities (minutes, telephone conversation records, annual report, etc.) substantiating active participation. [IX.7.(d) and IX.8]

The registrant is permitted considerable latitude in earning CPC units. The critical factor is that the registrant must maintain adequate documentation of professional activities. It is this writer's opinion that a registrant should attempt to earn a "few" additional CPC units. In the event the SBRPEPLS questions or rejects some CPC units, the registrant would have sufficient additional CPC units to satisfy the Board's requirements. Also, if no CPC units are rejected by the SBRPEPLS, these additional



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Continuing Education for Registration Renewal

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Background

On 11 March 1996, Governor Geringer signed (approved) the Wyoming State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors (SBRPEPLS) Rules And Regulations. A major change to the previous edition of the SBRPEPLS's Rules And Regulations was the addition of Chapter IX: General Provisions: Continuing Professional Competency. There have been a number of questions raised concerning this Chapter. This paper will attempt to interpret Chapter IX. Interpretations will cite the chapter/section/subsection in brackets in order that the reader may refer to the regulatory pronouncement.

Requirements

Every registrant desiring registration renewal must submit to the SBRPEPLS satisfactory evidence of attending suitable academic and training/seminar courses for renewal. [IX.3] If the registrant's renewal date is 1 January 1997, the registrant may utilize education/training received after 1 January 1995. [IX.5] If the registrant's renewal date is 1 January 1998, the registrant may utilize education/training received after 1 January 1996. [IX.5]

The registrant may earn the credits upon successful completion of: (1) college courses; (2) formal continuing education courses; (3) correspondence, televised/compressed video, videotaped, audiotaped, and other short courses and tutorials; (4) seminars, in-house training sessions, workshops, professional/technical sessions at meetings, conventions, or seminars; (5) authoring papers, articles, monographs, or books; (6) active participation in professional and technical societies; (7) patents; and (8) self-study and research. As long as the registrant is not a full-time faculty member at post-secondary academic institutions, credit may be earned teaching or presenting information for items (1) through (4) above. [IX.5 and IX.6]

Individuals registered in professional engineering and professional land surveying must earn CPC units pertinent to each registration. [IX. 12] For a biennial renewal period, the registrant must demonstrate that a minimum of ten (10) CPC units be relative to one (of the two) professions. [IX. 12] It should be noted that the SBRPEPLS is silent on the requirement for the distribution of CPC units for the renewals on 1 January 1997 and 1 January 1998. However, IX. 12 is very specific after the renewals of 1 January 1997 and 1 January 1998, and thereafter.

Definitions And Credits

The common unit of reference is the Continuing Professional

Competence (CPC) unit. One contact hour (normal hour) of instruction or presentation is equal to one (1) CPC unit. The Continuing Education Unit (CEU) equals ten (10) contact hours of instruction [thus ten (10) CPC units]. A one semester credit hour equals forty-five (45) CPC units. A one quarter credit hour equals thirty (30) CPC units. Authorship of technical papers, articles, monographs, or books cannot exceed ten (10) CPC units per item. If a registrant who is not a full-time faculty member, teaches academic course work, seminars, etc. for the first (initial) time earns twice (double) the number of CPC units awarded/earned by an attendee. If a registrant registers a patent, ten (10) CPC units are earned. A registrant can earn no more than five (5) CPC units per annum performing self-directed study/research. [IX.5]

The determination of academic credit awarded for college courses is solely within the authority of the academic institution. [IX.7.(a)] Credit for attending workshops, seminars, etc. is awarded for the number of contact hours for the session(s). [IX.7.(b)]

If a registrant earns more than the minimum CPC units per biennial renewal period, the registrant may apply up to fifteen (15) CPC units to the next biennial period. [IX.5]

Exceptions

A new registrant is exempt from satisfying the CPC units requirements for the first renewal period. [IX. 9. (a)] Registrants serving one-hundred and twenty (120), or more, consecutive days on active military duty are exempt from obtaining the required CPC units for that calendar year. [IX.9.(b)] Although not specifically stated, since thirty (30) CPC units are required per biennial renewal period, it is assumed that IX.9. infers that fifteen (15) CPC units would be waived. If a registrant experiences physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstance, the registrant may submit to the SBRPEPLS a request to waive the CPC units requirement for that period. [IX. 9.(c)] The SBRPEPLS reserves the right to grant or reject such a request.

If a registrant stipulated being retired (or inactive) [no longer performing professional work/practice] and no longer receiving remuneration, no CPC units will be required for the biennial registration renewal period. [IX.9.(d)] If, however, that registrant elects to return to active professional practice, the SBRPEPLS has mandated that the registrant must earn CPC units (up to thirty (30)) before returning to active practice. [IX. 10] Individuals who elect to return to professional practice (either professional engineering or professional land surveying, or both) should contact the SBRPEPLS office to ascertain the actual number of CPC units required. [IX. 9. (d) and IX. 10]

Comity With Other Jurisdictions

The Wyoming SBRPEPLS wrote Chapter IX to reflect the NCEES (National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors) model document [Section 14: Continuing Professional Competency]. A Wyoming registrant who is licensed/registered in other jurisdictions may be required to satisfy different CPC unit requirements for that other jurisdiction. At this time (April 1996), most of the jurisdictions have CPC requirements which are different than those established for Wyoming registrants. Twenty-one states require CPC units for land surveyors and seven states

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EDITORIAL POTPOURRI

O PLSW FIRST LIFE MEMBER - John T. Doyle, of Pinedale, was confirmed as PLSW's first life member by the Board of Directors. Congratulations John and thanks for 15 years of support to PLSW.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PLSW

The report that I have from Marshal Lindeen, Trig-Star State Chairman, that Jason Facer from Afton is the Trig-Star winner. The May 4th Board of Directors meeting voted to award the State Trig-Star a plaque as well as provide a \$300.00 award. All that remains is the presentation to Jason.

Geotronics has offered to sell 6 total survey stations at a reduced price for the L.C.C.C. surveying program. The asking price is \$6,000.00. The pledges and checks for the purchase totaled \$3,400.00 as of May 4th. The Board of Directors voted to provide the additional \$2,600.00 to meet the total request for the purchase. If you wish to contribute make the checks payable to PLSW and send them to Rick. There are conditions to be met by L.C.C.C. and the President of the College. The major condition was the return of the equipment to PLSW if the survey technology program at L.C.C.C. was to be discontinued. The College President has agreed to the conditions as they were presented. The funds are in hand and we are waiting for the correct protocols to transfer funds, take delivery of the equipment, etc.

You will notice that a good share of the information noted above has to do with education, both the Trigstar program and the L.C.C.C. equipment purchase. As I stated in February, I think that education is critical for surveyors self perpetuation. We all need to be thinking of ways that we can enhance educational opportunities and to also begin to train and accept new practitioners into the profession.

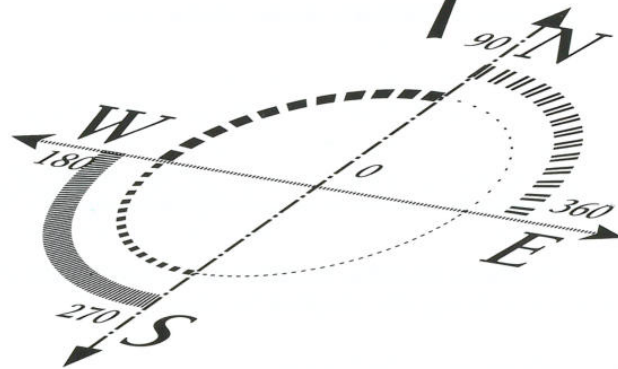
The NSPS Governor's Report is located elsewhere in this publication. I think it is important to review those action items as they were published in the report. There is also the active participation by state organizations to see if there may be a viable method or steps to establish a self regulating opportunity.

The PLSW Board of Directors has found a glitch in the system. Prospective new registrants are asking us for the Guidelines for Professional Practice of Land Surveying, a publication by The Wyoming Association of Consulting Engineers and Surveyors. PLSW has been given permission by WACES to distribute the Guideline but the information coming from the Board of Registration has indicated that the document can be purchased for \$30.00. The Board feels that we should offer the guidelines for Professional Practice of Land Surveying to prospective land surveyor candidates for a fee of \$50.00. The mailing would include an application as an affiliate member in PLSW. The \$50.00 fee will provide the Guidelines for Professional Practice of Land Surveying, a membership application to the PLSW and once the membership is approved, the Surveyors Handbook then becomes available and is sent to the surveyor affiliate. This process seems like a bargain for land surveyor candidates to pursue membership status and get the handbook.

Dr. Herbert W. Stoughton has prepared a Guideline and Analysis of the Board of Registration Continuing Education Requirement. He notes that there are some ambiguities, but he also points out how to fill the form out and to what extent the information would likely be accepted by the Board. Call or write to either Herb or me for a copy, it is quite informative.

The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors is scheduled to meet in Saratoga on the 21st of June. I have made plans to attend this meeting. We still do not have any respondents from PLSW as to desire to serve on an Industrial Advisory Committee. It is a committee of the Board of Registration for the growth and development of Surveying Technology Programs as a means of assuring technical currency of the programs offered through institutions of higher learning in the State of Wyoming.

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through this proposed resolution than are answered. The task committee passed a motion for the Board of Governors to appoint an adhoc committee to study the proposal and report its findings to the BOG at the meeting in November, 1996, in Denver.

D. There was a motion to request the NSPS to support quality based selection (QBS) as a method for contracting for public sector A/E Design Services. My understanding is, surveyors have not been involved in the QBS process unless they may have been the prime consultant. Engineers are also allowed the opportunity to be chosen based on quality even when they are subconsultants. It would be fair if surveyors were accorded the same consideration.

E. As noted above by the various individual State actions a motion was introduced that the NSPS BOG form a committee to exchange information and ideas with state affiliates and other professional societies regarding self regulation. The specific goals are to establish an information network, develop a method of implementation by state societies, and determine the pros and cons of self rule. A written report is due by the time of the Denver BOG Meeting.

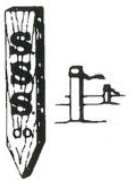
F. The BOG also passed the "Tennessee/North Carolina" Resolution. The basis of the resolution is lenders, title companies, and realtors are abandoning the law and established practice of ordering a survey at the time of real estate sale or mortgage transaction. In lieu of a new survey, some of these entities are securing an affidavit from previous home owners as to the facts shown on an old survey. In light of the many problems that may develop over time, particularly in residential property, the NSPS BOG believes

that it is an unsound business practice to request anyone other than a licensed land surveyor to sign such affidavits. The resolution indicates that the general public be made aware of the pitfalls that may be encountered as a result of not insisting that a survey of the property be made by a licensed surveyor. And it is further resolved that this organization is on record as strongly condemning and resisting the practice of enlisting affidavits from sellers of property as to matters of survey and that the practice of distributing and using altered and/or outdated survey plats and maps for transactions other than that for which they were prepared.

The NSPS Foundation began the Governors meeting having acquired nearly \$39,000.00 for the NSPS Foundation Scholarship Fund. There was \$22,600.00 in a restricted account designated the Bonnie Atwell Fund. Additional funds were collected during the convention.

Coming up in the week of the 12th of May is the celebration of engineers and surveyors week on the island of Puerto Rico. May 14th is the prime date for surveyors. The activities held that date are the cancellation of a pictoric stamp in commemoration of the 150 year anniversary of the regulation of the profession in Puerto Rico. Ceremonies Presentation of the distinguished surveyor of the Year 1995 will also be made at these ceremonies. On May 18th at the San Juan Hotel, is the celebration of the 58th anniversary of the College of Engineers and Surveyors. I think this is significant in that Puerto Rico has been licensing surveyors for 150 years. The State of Wyoming has been specifically licensing surveyors since 1925 (Noah V. Kurtz #1).

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REPORT FROM THE NSPS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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All in all my exposure to the NSPS Board of Governors was positive. The kind of work that these guys do is much the same as we are working toward but on a national level. The turn-over of governors is quite low. I believe this helps to maintain continuity and establishes good interstate working relationships. I don't know if it was just my wide-eyed perception, but it seemed as though the Board of Governors (BOG) carries an awful lot of clout while not having much authority granted them. The reason I say this is because several members of the NSPS Board of Directors as well as the ACSM Board of Directors were recognized from the audience during our work session.

The meeting was chaired by Robert Prescott the New York Society of Surveyors and the secretary's position was filled by Tom Brooks of Alabama. In the subsequent elections on April 21st, Tom Brooks was elected Chairman for the coming year and the new secretary will be Jon Warren from Washington.

There were a number of legislative items that came before the Board of Governors. Some of the items were points of interest and in other cases helped establish action items to be dealt with by the BOG. For instance during the current year session of the Alabama State Legislature, a senator introduced a bill that would require surveyors to maintain the boundaries of a survey they have performed for a period of 10 years. The said maintenance would be provided at the land owner's request, and there would be no additional charges allowed. Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors quickly mobilized and kept the bill from coming out of committee. The BOG Agenda Item faciously called this the bill to unemployee surveyors.

Also there are at least six states that are pursuing or have some form of self regulation on the books. The State of Illinois Society is actively pursuing it because of the poor past performance from their Board of Registration. In addition, a house bill introduced in Colorado and which has been postponed indefinitely "Concerning Privatization of the Regulation of Professions and Occupations." PLSC Board of Directors believes that the legislative pursuit and result is inevitable. PLSC has set up a task force to study the issue mainly by compiling other states self regulatory statutes.

Florida Society of Mapping and Surveying Board of Director voted by slim margin to support a bill repealing mandatory continuing education. The FSMS members who fought for the requirement were extremely disappointed. It seems like there is about 10 or 12 states where some form of mandatory continuing education requirements has been approved or is in the process of approval.

Action Items

A. The NSPS Board of Governors recommends to the NSPS Board of Directors to reimburse ACSM Directors elected by NSPS according to the Policy on Reimbursement

for NSPS, Inc. Domestic Travel less any amount reimbursed by ACSM. This is for an NSPS member to the Board of Directors of ACSM would be allowed an additional reimbursement amount that is more realistic than the \$250.00 presently allowed by ACSM.

B. The BOG also approved a request to the NSPS Board to adopt a policy for the design and operation of geographic or land information systems. Upon adoption of such policy the Board of Governors requested that it be forwarded to ACSM as a policy statement. I have a copy of that motion by the BOG as modified based on the task committee recommendations. The BOG also understood that geodetic surveying is new in the context as it deals with GPS. The request of the NSPS Board is to facilitate the formulation of an education program in the field of geodesy. It would be cosponsored by NSPS and AAGS.

C. The Arizona Governor presented a motion for consideration by the BOG in which an annual affiliate organization be assessed the yearly fee of \$2.00 per member in order to sustain existing NSPS programs and begin new ones. The reason for this request is that the NSPS now finds itself unable to adequately fund the programs. The task committee recognized more questions have been raised

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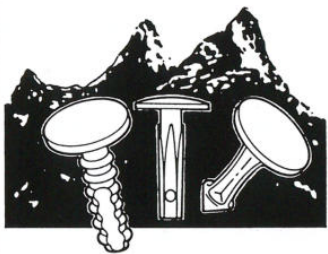
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING SUMMARY

The spring meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Holiday Inn in Laramie on Saturday, May 4, 1996. The meeting was hosted by the Southeast Chapter, arrangements having been made by Joel Coffey.

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Hutchison at 9:08 A.M. with nine board members and three other members present and began with revisions to the agenda.

Copies of the minutes of the February 2nd board meeting, held in Casper, were distributed and presented by Secretary Rick Hudson. Following discussion, they were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was presented, also by Rick Hudson, and consisted of tabulations of the current funds as well as expenses and balances for the first four months of the year.

Paul Reid had no "WestFed" report since there has been no meeting since his last report at our annual state meeting in February. The next meeting will be in June.

Pete represented PLSW at the National Society of Professional Surveyors Board of Governors' meeting in Baltimore on April 20th and 21st, filling in for our Governor Becky Braman who was unable to attend. He distributed copies of his report and summarized various issues and topics that were presented at the meeting. Specific items included various state legislations, the "Tennessee/North Carolina" Resolution, the NSPS Foundation, the Bonnie Atwell Fund, the "Mapping the Frontier" raffle and the 150th anniversary of professional registration in Puerto Rico. PLSW member and NSPS Director John Steil provided background on the structure of NSPS and stressed the need for more activity regarding governmental activities. He also stated that ACSM is paying interest on the loan from NSPS.

Reports were presented by Education, Legislative, Public Relations, Handbook, SOS/NSPS Plat, Newsletter and Trig-Star Committees.

Jim Claflin's Education Committee report indicated that plans are being finalized for our first "Winter Technical Session", this December in Casper. A general discussion indicated a consensus toward a registration fee of approximately \$75.

John Steil distributed copies of his Legislative Committee report and led a general discussion concerning Senate File 0013, now designated Enrolled Act No. 22. This law, which was not supported by either WACES or PLSW, sets forth additional requirements regarding the location (and now elevation) of various utilities. According to John, there is a possibility Governor Jim Geringer may call the legislature into special session to reconsider the consequences of this law which, incidentally, was

not signed by the Governor.

Public Relations and Publications Committee, now chaired by Jack Studley, is seeking input from members for press releases.

Jack Porter, employed by Steil Surveying Services, LLC, of Cheyenne, won first place in the miscellaneous map category of the NSPS Map/Plat Competition and was the recipient of a plaque and \$100. Congratulations Jack!

John Hibsman, of our newsletter "Lines & Points", stated that the deadline for the next issue is June 15th; adding that material for publication is always needed, whether on paper or 3½" diskette.

Marshall Lindeen, state coordinator for the NSPS "Trig-Star" Program, updated board members on this year's competition. He reminded us of the May 18th deadline for testing and led a general discussion which resulted in board action to award \$300 and a plaque to the state winner.

Following a 20-minute break, the board discussed a matter of old business regarding the addition of a "corresponding member" category of affiliates. Following a general discussion and vote, the review of this and other membership categories, was referred to John Dolinar's Bylaws Committee.

The first item of new business was the consideration of Life Member status for John T. Doyle of Pinedale. Rick presented background information, stated he had mailed memos to four members he thought might qualify, and had received one reply. Pete read the reply and led a general discussion. The board confirmed John T. Doyle as the first Life Member of PLSW. Congratulations and thank you for your membership over the past fifteen years.

Director Paul Blough presented a nomination from his Northwest Chapter for Honorary Membership of John S. Bereman, formerly of Cody, and distributed copies of the nomination document. Following a general discussion regarding the procedure (PLSW Policy No. 92-2), the board confirmed Mr. Bereman as the 1996 Honorary Member. He will be notified and invited to our annual state meeting next February in Rock Springs.

Pete and Rick mentioned the requests, every six months, primarily from out-of-state applicants taking the LSIT and PLS tests for copies of the "WACES Guidelines". It was stated that PLSW has filled those requests in the past, primarily as a courtesy to the applicants, but does not have a stated policy. Following a general discussion, the board took action wherein we will advise the State Board of Registration to refrain from quoting a price and refer applicants to Handbook Distribution within our Upper Platte Chapter. In order to encourage membership, a cost of not less than \$50 was also mandated.

Following a break for lunch, Pete reconvened the meeting and began with consideration of the January 1994 draft of "Code of Ethics for Professional Land Surveyors". He provided background information, stating that the draft had been prepared by Herb Stoughton's Professional Practice Committee. John Hibsman and John Steil provided background information on the long-running efforts of NSPS to produce a code of ethics that is acceptable to the U.S. Justice Department. Following a general discussion, the board voted to adopt the NSPS "Surveyor's Creed and Canons". Furthermore, specific items set forth in the 1994



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draft are to be considered as topics for continuing professional competency presentations at the Wyoming Engineering Society convention.

The next item for consideration was the 1994 draft "A Policy On Control Surveys For Utilities In Wyoming", also prepared by Herb's Professional Practice Committee. A general discussion revealed the consensus favoring the work by renaming it as "A Guideline . . .", and an attitude of suggestion rather than strict compliance. Further action directed the Professional Practice Committee to update the work, on such matters as corner recordation and state plane coordinate use, before printing and distribution as an insert in the Handbook.

Pete presented a request for funding, on behalf of Herb Stoughton and Martin Pedersen, for equipment purchases for the Laramie County Community College Engineering Technology program. Geotronics has offered to sell six total station instruments to LCCC for \$6,000. An envelope containing checks and pledges totalling \$3,400 was presented. Following a general discussion, the board voted to provide up to \$2,600 to meet this request subject to certain conditions being met by the recipient.

Director John Lee, on behalf of his Southeast Chapter, made a presentation calling for assistance with a rededication ceremony for the southeast corner of the state. John Steil volunteered to contact our neighboring societies in Nebraska and Colorado as well as Professional Surveyors of the 6th P.M. for a cooperative effort.

Rick reminded directors that PLSW Handbook inserts, from the Upper Platte Chapter, were sorted, boxed and ready for transport upon conclusion of the meeting. Inserts include Roster, Rules and Regulations, History, Projection Tables and Corner Record Guide.

Following several announcements, and a reminder of the next board meeting on September 7th in Rock Springs, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 P.M.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1996.

R.L. Hudson, Secretary / Treasurer

Turk Receives Award

Christine Turk, director of the Wyoming Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors was recently honored at a meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying held in Jackson.

Attendees gathered from 15 western states including the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

Turk received the Distinguished Service Award for the NCEES Western Zone. She has been active in NCEES and the activities of the Western Zone for many years. In 1994, Turk received the Western Zone's Vice President's Award for her outstanding service to the zone.

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BLM NEWS

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1996, requesting information regarding the remonumentation of the Wind River Initial Point. We are pleased to hear that the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming are considering the remonumentation of this significant and historical Public Land Survey System monument.

Should a new monument be set for this position, it is the opinion of this office that it should be placed at the present position of the GLO iron post set in concrete, originally set in 1913 and rehabilitated in 1931. Field notes from 1913 describe this iron post as being set "N. of and alongside" the recovered sandstone monument; however, when the monument was subsequently recovered and rehabilitated in 1931, it is our presumption that all the monuments recovered at this position were excavated and the iron post and concrete base were placed at the true point occupied by the sandstone monument. The excavation that took place in April of 1995 seems to confirm this presumption as both sandstone monuments were recovered neatly placed directly alongside the concrete base. Furthermore all official surveys executed subsequent to the 1913 survey have been referenced to the iron post position.

If our office can be of any assistance in this remonumentation effort, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

John P. Lee, Chief, Cadastral Surveyor Group

Meeting Report Western Federation of Professional Surveyors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ASSEMBLY ROOM AT FLAMINGO HOTEL AND CASINO,
RENO, NEVADA — JUNE 1, 1996

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Whitehead at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance were: Ron W. Whitehead, WFPS Chairman, Utah Delegate; Charles "Chuck" Paddock, WFPS Secretary, Arizona Delegate; Jerry Tippin, WFPS Treasurer; John Abenroth, WFPS Immediate Past Chairman, Washington Delegate; Harry "Bud" Campbell and George Strother, Alaska Delegates; Fred W. Kett and Darrel "Skip" Harness, California Delegates; Robert "Chic" Chichester and Dave Difulvio, Colorado Delegates; Thomas Russett, Montana Delegate; Eslyn "Babe" Brenner, Nevada Delegate; Jim Botsford, New Mexico Delegate; Charles Pearson and Brian Weigart, Oregon Delegates; Keith Russell, Utah Delegate; Don Dunsmore Washington Delegate.

The minutes of the January 6, 1996, Board of Directors Meeting were handed out at the meeting therefore they were tabled for approval at the next board meeting after members had a chance to review the minutes.

A review of the Action List was made with discussion and the following notes: Chairman Ron Whitehead sent out a letter to each member state organization requesting all Board members to receive their respective state newsletters. Delegates were to bring any copies of legislation regarding Statute of Limitations and Right of Entry and give it to Blair Meggitt. Arizona had requested information concerning the downsizing of NGS and what are states doing to create and maintain State EDM calibration lines. Washington reported that by law registered surveyors are required to tie into the baseline once a year. Therefore, they are being trained by the NGS on baseline maintenance and will rent NGS equipment to do so. California delegates raised the question that if it is required by law why doesn't the State of Washington do the maintenance and recalibration? A state by state report on what each State society does for their members was to be sent to Blair Meggitt. Colorado reported on the insurance program that they have instituted. Evidently it has been so successful that it may be implemented region wide. There will be a representative of the insurance program at the next WFPS meeting to discuss and give a review of the program. Amended Articles of Incorporation have been filed in the State of Montana. Past records of WFPS were discussed and the use of scanners and putting the data on a CD. It was reported that several areas in different states now have assessors maps, recorded subdivisions and other documents on CD's available for surveyors for their research work. A company that does the scanning and provides the CD services is to give a report at the next WFPS meeting in Denver.

Chairman Ron Whitehead reported on his attendance to the Canadian Surveyors meeting in Alberta. He has been trying to get around to each member states annual convention.

Jerry Tippin presented a financial and budget report for

the nine months ending May 30, 1996. Jerry reported a \$70,131.77 in the Market account with U. S. Bank, of which \$20,268.36 is designated for scholarships. As of May 30, 1996, the checking account balance was \$1,585.52. Preliminary budget for the next fiscal year was reviewed and approved. The preliminary budget was to be reviewed by members and final approval to be at the next meeting.

Conference committee reported on the 1999 conference update. There were some questions on ACSM participation. The 1997 conference will be in mid March, 1997 in Las Vegas. It will be held in conjunction with California and Nevada societies annual convention. The convention site is presently under construction and to be completed December 31, 1996. There was some question as to the site being completed on time for the convention. Nevada delegate "Babe" Brenner stated there should be no problem on it being completed on time because there was too much money involved.

Brief written and/or verbal reports were given by the Continuing Education, Scholarship and Professional Society Liaison committees.

Discussion with no action was held concerning the 1997 NSPS B.B.Q. to be held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, June 7, 1997.

Review of written State Reports along with verbal updates was completed.

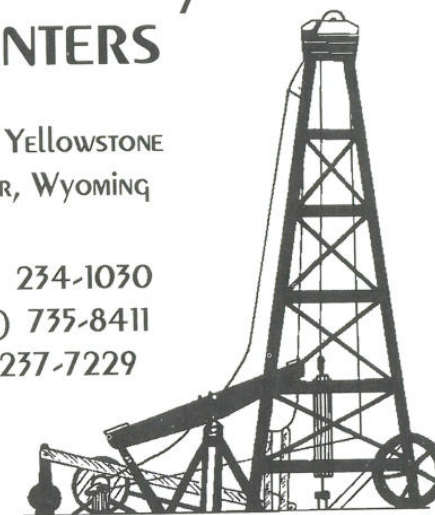
The next Board of Directors meeting of WFPS is scheduled for the November 8, 1996 after a noon luncheon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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