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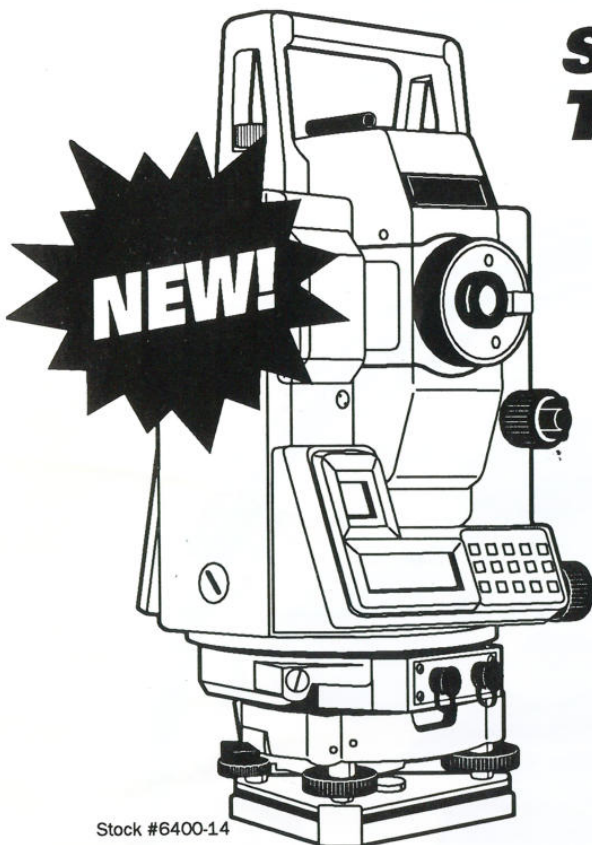
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Surveyors Historical Society schedules Rendezvous

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O NEW PLSW MEMBERS - At the MAY 97 Board of Directors meeting, the following new members were approved:

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Calvin O. Truax, LS	Cheyenne, WY	Member
Thomas H. Effinger, LS	Steamboat Springs, CO	Member

Jefferey A. Young	Pinedale, WY	Associate
Joel A. Schneider	Rock Springs, WY	Student

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

O ERRATA - Last issue of *Lines & Points*, we reported new member William J. Neville as *William J. Beville*. The record has been corrected. Please accept our apology.

O PLSW MEMBERSHIP - Recruiting new members is every members responsibility. **RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER TODAY.**

O SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS - As evidenced by the exhibitors at the annual convention, our advertisers support us. We should support them.

O LOCAL PLSW NEWS - We need news of your chapter's activities. Send us a summary of your chapters activities or other related activities for publication. Summaries need not be typed. The deadline for the next issue of *Lines and Points* is presented on this page.

O PLSW BOARD MEETINGS - Tentative 1997 Board of Directors meetings are scheduled as follow:

September 13	Rawlins
December 11 & 12	Casper (Winter Tech Session)

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O WHERE IS DENNIS J. MOULAND? - The last issue of *POB* has him on the faculty at the University of Wyoming. What? (thanks Paul S.)

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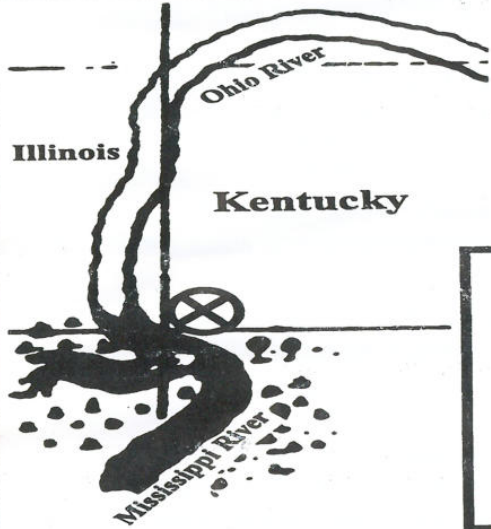
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President's Message

Dear PLSW members:

It seems like we are having a very wet spring this year; but the surveyors I've talked to all seem busy, as it should be.

Your Board of Directors had an interesting meeting in Thermopolis on May 17, 1997. The minutes of this meeting should be published in this edition of Lines and Points. There are a couple of topics that I will expand upon.

PLSW has been invited to be a participating organization of a "multi-state surveyors" conference. This is scheduled to occur at Big Sky Resort, Montana the week of April 18 - 23 in the year 2000. It is being called "Big Sky 2000." After some discussion and a teleconference with Warren Latvala, President of the



Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, we decided to accept their invitation with a stipulation.

The other states participating are Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota. They will designate this meeting as their annual membership meeting. We decided to participate if PLSW did not have to designate this as our annual meeting; but this meeting will serve to replace our annual technical meeting.

The other participants have accepted PLSW as a full participating member of the conference despite our stipulation.

This is an exceptional resort which conference attendees will have exclusive use of for the week. We expect this to be a big conference for surveyors in this region and a very worthwhile venture. PLSW will assist in setting the agenda and will share in the profits based on attendance from Wyoming.

Most of you know that Martin Pedersen is the Land Surveyor on the State Board of Registration. This spring Martin was elected to President of the State Board. I see this as an important step in elevating the profession of surveying in Wyoming. It was only about 10 years ago that the first land surveyor was appointed to the State Board. I have invited Martin to submit a message (column) from the State Board for publication in Lines and Points. Please read his first submission in this issue. I hope that this will be the first of many.

The PLSW Board of Directors approved a new concept for the next W.E.S. convention. We are going to assign a time slot to each chapter to make a presentation(s). I would like to see short topics of interest to surveyors. These topics might include insight into local courthouse research, an interesting project that a member has performed or a new (or old) surveying procedure. The idea is to get many short topics presented by local people about local subjects. We may still have time for one or two longer topics.

John Steil and the Southeast Chapter are still putting together a dedication program for the southeast corner of the state to be held on August 16th of this year.

Sincerely

John P. Lee, President

Memorandum

To: PLSW Chapter Directors and Officers

From: Herbert W. Stoughton, Secretary/Treasurer

Subject: Board of Directors' Meeting of 17 May 1997 action items and other administrative matters.

1. The attendees decided that for the 1988 WES-PLSW Annual Meeting every chapter would be responsible for a portion of the technical program. The minimum length of each chapter's contribution is 30 minutes. The sessions could be individual presentations, panel discussions, etc. The format is left to the discretion of the chapters. Chapters may work together on a session, but the aggregate time of 30 minutes per Chapter is to be adhered to. Suggested topics were:

- Methodologies for record search.
- ALTA experiences.
- FEMA experiences.
- Preparation of Corner certificates (Hudson?)
- Saturday program for surveying technical.
- ?????

Please have your proposals ready for presentation at the next Board of Directors' meeting 13 September 1997.

2. The Board of Directors have asked each Chapter to consider contributing funds to the ACSMNSPS flood relief fund for the Red River victims. Please report your decisions at the Board of Directors' meeting of 13 September 1997.

3. Please note that Joel T. Ebner has been appointed PLSW chairman of the ACSM-NSPS Trig-Star program. Please contact him soon to start the contact with the high schools.

4. The next Board of Directors' meeting will be hosted by the Upper Platte Chapter on Saturday 13 September 1997.

5. Enclosed is a draft copy of the minutes for the last PLSW Board of Directors' meeting. Please review and comment.

6. Enclosed in the committee assignments. Please distribute copies.

7. It has come to my attention that several Chapter officers have not paid their 1997 annual dues. A second dues notice was transmitted in March, with a cutoff date of 1 May 1997. All 1996 members who did not pay their dues have been purged from the directory. The directory distributed at the last Board of Directors' meeting [17 May 1997] contains a list of all currently paid members.

8. At the last Board of Directors' meeting four chapters were not represented - Northeast, Southcentral, Southeast, and Upper Platte. If the elected Director is unable to attend, then it is the Chapter's responsibility to designate an alternate.



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Employees to be Held Personally Liable

In December the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors approved a new regulation on "restitution." Under the revised regulation, employees of engineering and surveying firms would be personally liable to the firms' clients. It appears that the only limit to the employees' personal liability would be the amount of the fee which the client paid.

The Board's new regulation is odd, because the client typically pays the fee to the firm for which the employee works, not to the employee personally. The employee just receives his or her regular salary from the firm. Nevertheless, under the Board's new regulation employees would be personally responsible for paying back fees which the employees never personally received.

In general law "restitution" is a form of compensation to a prevailing party in a breach of contract issue. Restitution does not normally apply to professional negligence issues, which have historically been the primary type of issue which the State Board investigates and adjudicates.

The new regulation would apply to registered engineers and land surveyors in California. The vast majority of the 120,000 plus Board registrants are employees of private firms and public agencies. It is unclear how the Board's new regulation would apply to employees of public agencies.

The Board voted 6-5 to approve the new regulation at a public hearing on December 13 in Sacramento. At the hearing no specific evidence of particular problems was presented that the Board's new regulation will cure. CELSOC representatives testified at the hearing against the proposal.

The Board's new regulation would also eliminate many due process rights. For example, in California law anyone sued in court for civil damages is entitled to trial by jury and rights to prior discovery of evidence. The Board's administrative law procedures have no right to trial by jury and very limited rights of discovery.

The Board's new regulation also exposes registrants to the possibility of "double jeopardy." A person could seek compensation both through the Board's administrative law proceedings and through the already existing civil court system. The defendant would be subjected to two separate and very costly legal proceedings on the same issues.

The Board's regulation also eliminates the possibility of insurance coverage, which is important for consumer protection. Professional liability insurance in California covers civil judgments issued by a court of law. There is no such coverage available covering liability created through administrative proceedings, such as the Board's.

With the December vote, the Board is injecting itself into business transaction disputes in which it has limited time, resources and expertise to resolve. Further, the Board is duplicating the already existing civil justice system. The Board will only divert time and resources from the professional negligence issues on which the Board has historically and quite properly focused.

In May of this year, the Board approved regulatory language that would have limited restitution orders to a maximum of \$20,000. At the December meeting the Board considered raising this to \$50,000. When that effort failed, the Board approved removal of the cap.

To take effect the regulation voted on by the State Board must now be approved by two state agencies: the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Office of Administrative Law. That process is expected to take at least several months. CELSOC will continue to submit comments in opposition to the proposed regulations.

Reprinted from *California Surveyor*

Earth put on pause Monday

PARIS (AP) — Get ready to reset your watches: A leap second is coming.

"The Earth has been turning too slowly," explained Martine Feissel, director of the grandly named International Earth Rotation Service, the organization that decides every six months whether the world needs to add or subtract a second.

The leap second, the 21st ordered by the IERS since 1972, will occur at midnight Monday — briefly delaying the onset of Tuesday.

The change will affect everything that is synchronized by satellites — from communication, navigation and air traffic control systems to the computers that link global financial markets.

The pause also will have historic importance in Hong Kong, where dignitaries from around the world will gather to make the British colony's 12:01 a.m. handover to China on Tuesday.

A byproduct of the atomic age, leap seconds became necessary as a result of the switch from astronomically determined Greenwich Mean Time to the atomic-based Coordinated Universal Time in 1972.

Since then, friction from winds and tides has slowed the Earth's rotation, and the planet simply has not been able to keep up with atomic time.

The Earth's slowing has created gaps between astronomical and atomic time.

Scientists decided not to allow that difference to grow too large, and whenever the gap exceeds 0.9 seconds, the Paris-based IERS imposes a leap second.

The leap second was an unexpected consequence of the 1955 invention of the atomic clock, which revolutionized time-telling.

Atomic clocks use the electromagnetic radiation emanated by Cesium atoms to measure time, a process that is extremely reliable.

Reprinted from the June 27, 1997 *Cheyenne Tribune-Eagle*.

Getting a Multifaceted Education

The best teacher for most of us is firsthand experience. For those in the association community, volunteering provides a truly special opportunity to see our own roles from a different perspective. We don't have to imagine what it's like to be in the shoes of our own volunteer leaders; we can live it, and learn from it.

THE PAYBACK OF VOLUNTEERING

At the point in my career when I was the chief staff executive at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and was selected to serve as the American Society of Association Executives' chief volunteer leader. I had a long list of reasons why I thought serving in such a leadership capacity would be of benefit to SME. What became evident after a year of volunteer service was the additional benefit to me personally. That year of service did more than continuing education or reading or observing could ever do.

Actually, the rewards of volunteer leadership come in a variety of packages. You'll find that the activities you're exposed to as an association volunteer provide numerous opportunities to "steal" ideas, some of which may even be remunerative. In my own case, I chaired ASAE's Education Committee and played a major role in the development of the first CAE (Certified Association Executive) examination. Being so involved in this process made it easy for me to adopt a similar plan of action to develop SME's Certified Manufacturing Engineer program.

Likewise, ASAE's annual meetings taught me how to develop creative and energetic programs. Too, service on ASAE's first International Committee broadened my understanding of issues on a global level, which ultimately resulted in the creation of SME chapters in Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Mexico.

UNDERSTANDING MOTIVATION

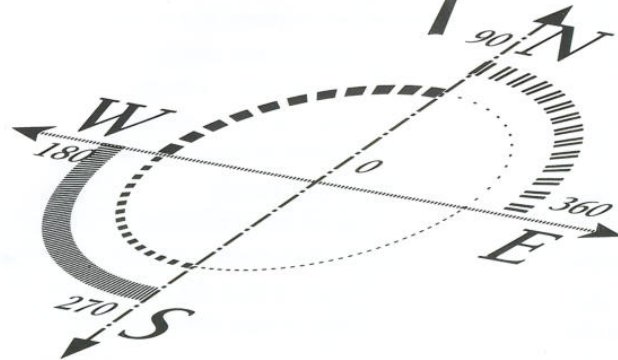
Service on committees gives you more than just experience with a particular subject area or cause. And more, too, than learning how to effectively set goals and strategies. Committee work gives you the opportunity to view your relationship with staff from a volunteer perspective. I learned what I needed to do as SME's chief staff executive to make my elected leader feel important; equally critical, I learned what to avoid, so as not to diminish or undervalue his or her role.

An inherent benefit of serving in a volunteer leadership capacity is the opportunity to have regular contact with so many bright individuals on the association's board. Also of immeasurable value is the opportunity to question and learn from the living legends of the organization for which you're volunteering. I was able to learn firsthand about association law from George Webster, ASAE's general counsel for so many years, and about strategic planning from Sam Shapiro, a former chief elected officer of ASAE. These were the pioneers who had such a great influence on the evolution of the profession of association management.

Yes, I can attest: One of the most value loaded experiences you can have as a chief staff executive is to serve in a volunteer leadership capacity. It's a great educator and one of those roles that just keeps on giving.

R. VWilliam Taylor, C.A.E. is president of the American Society of Association Executives, Washington, D.C.

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Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

17 May 1997

1. The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming.

a. Location: Thermopolis, Wyoming, at the Legion Supper Club.

b. Date & Time: Saturday, 17 May 1997, at 13:00 hrs., M.D.T.

c. Presiding Officer: Mr. John P. Lee, P.L.S., President.

2. Agenda: The proposed agenda was modified. The final agenda is appended. [Appendix A]

a. The following Old Business was added:

1. d. Winter Technical Seminar policies.

2. e. Topics of GPS, GIS/LIS (January 1997 Board of Directors meeting).

b. The following New Business was added:

1. a. Big Sky 2000 conference.

2. b. Red River disaster relief.

3. c. House Bill 105.a.

4. d. Wyoming Geographic Information Advisory Council (WGIAC) meeting.

c. Announcements.

3. B.O.D. Minutes: Motion was made by Hutchison, seconded by Cormier, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting minutes of 30 January 1997 at Casper. Approved.

4. Annual Meeting Minutes: Review of the minutes of the 1997 Annual Meeting - no comments or no actions.

5. Treasurer's Report: A report of financial activities was presented. The balance was \$13,239.21 [Appendix B]. On a motion by Manatos, seconded by Hudson, all monies in the certificate of deposit are to be deposited in a new two-year certificate of deposit. Approved.

6. President's Report:

a. Committee assignments are appended to these minutes [Appendix C].

b. Sixth Principal Meridian Cast Iron Monument - Lee and Stoughton reported on the correspondence to keep public access available in the event the lands become part of an Indian reservation.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Audit-Finance Committee - no report.

b. Bylaws Committee - tabled to the September meeting of the Board of Directors [Appendix D].

c. Convention Committee - Ronald W. Prestfeldt is the PLSW contact for the Sheridan WES 1998 Annual Meeting. Stoughton will assist. A general discussion concerning the technical program ensued. It was agreed that each chapter would be responsible for not less than thirty minutes presentations for the technical program. 'The recommended topics/subjects are:

1. Methodologies for record research.

2. ALTA experiences.

3. FEMA experiences (Hudson?).

4. Preparation of Corner certificates (Hudson?).

5. Saturday program for surveying technicians,

Secretary/Treasurer Stoughton was directed to write a letter to each Chapter informing them of this proposal.

d. Education Committee - James D. Claft submitted a proposal for the 1997 Winter Technical Session [Appendix E]. On a motion by Stoughton, seconded by Hutchison, the report was accepted. On a motion by Hudson, seconded by Hatle, the registration fees for the 1997 Winter Technical Session would be: Member, \$100.00; Nonmember, \$175.00; and Affiliate/Student Members, \$50.00. Approved.

e. History Committee - no report.

f. Legislative Committee - John A. Steil submitted copies of approved legislation. Copies of Enrolled Acts Nos. 43, 65, and 110 were circulated to the attendees.

g. Lines & Points - President Lee directed Secretary/Treasurer Stoughton to forward one quarter of the budgeted funds to Mr. Don Davis.

h. Manual of Professional Practice - no report.

i. Membership Committee - motion by Stoughton, seconded by Manatos, to accept the following applications: Member: Gary G. Caskey, Thomas H. Effinger, Jr., and Calvin O. Truax; Associate Member: Jeffrey A. Young; and Special Member - Student: Jon A. Schneider. Approved.

j. Nominations & Elections Committee - no report.

k. P.L.S.W. Handbook Committee - no report.

1. Professional Awards Committee - no report.

m. Public Relations Committee - no report.

n. S.O.S. Committee - no report.

o. Scholarship Committee - Sonja S. Newell and Edward Reading were awarded scholarships.

p. Standards, Ethics & Professional Practice Committee - no report.

q. Trig-Star Committee - President Lee announced that Joel T. Ebner was appointed chairman.

8. Delegate Reports:

a. ACSM-NSPS Board of Governors - Becky J. Brwnan submitted a written report about the meeting in Seattle, which will be published in Lines & Points.

h. West Fed - Paul A. Reid submitted a written report which will be published in Lines & Points.

9. Old Business:

a. Retired/Deceased Surveyors' List - no report.

b. Conversion of USGS BM Leveling to NAVD 1988 - no report.

c. Reprinting of PLSW "Red Book" - The Board of Directors directed the Secretary/Treasurer Stoughton to contact Martin Pedersen to obtain quotations for 100 copies of the manual.

d. Winter Technical Session Policies - tabled.

e. Topics of GPS, GIS/LIS - This item was tabled at the Board of Directors' meeting of 30 January 1997. No action taken.

10. New Business:

a. Big Sky 2000 Conference - a conference telephone conversation with Warren P. Latvala, Past-President of the Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors took place. It was agreed that PLSW would like to participate. There was no financial commitment at this time. Mr. Latvala indicated that the participating organizations would declare the meeting the societies' Annual Meeting. PLSW explained that because of the relationship between PLSW and WES, we could not do this, but would declare that the Big Sky 2000 meeting would be PLSW's official Technical Session for the year 2000. The site selected is Big Sky (south of Bozeman). President Lee would

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write a letter to Mr. Latvala stating PLSW's interest [Appendix F].

b. Red River Disaster - ACSM - NSPS is collecting funds to assist victims of the Red River flood. On a motion by Cormier, seconded by Manatos, that this matter be referred to the Chapters for evaluation. Approved.

c. House Bill 105a - no action taken.

d. Wyoming Geographic Information Advisory Council meeting - no action taken.

II 1. Announcements:

a. There will be a rededication of the astronomic monument for the north boundary of Nebraska at Valentine, Nebraska, on 31 July and 1 August 1997. The ceremony will be Thursday afternoon starting with a barbecue at 12:00. On Friday, a number of papers will be given at a workshop, followed by a banquet. Point-of contact: Niobrara Valley Consultants; P.O. Box 50; Valentine, Nebraska 69201.

b. The Southeast corner of Wyoming rededication ceremony will take place on 16 August 1997. John A. Steil is in charge of the function.

c. Vickie Hudson circulated an announcement for the "HOGUST" [Appendix G].

12. Next Board of Directors Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, 13 September 1997, and will be hosted by the Upper Platte Chapter.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 17:10 hrs.. M.D.T.

Respectively submitted,

Herbert W. Stoughton, Secretary/Treasurer

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION NEWS

The March, 1997, meeting was the last for Ralph Goodson, PE&LS, of Sundance, who has served the profession for 8 years, the last two as president of the board. Replacing Ralph was Peter J. Hutchison, PE&LS, of Cheyenne. Pete is the immediate past president of PLSW, and a partner in the firm of Intermountain Professional Services, Inc. of Cheyenne.

Reappointed to the board by Governor Geringer for another 4 year term was John Steadman, PE, of Laramie, and Mr. William J. Edwards of Cheyenne, the Public Member of the board. The other members of the board are Donald J. Livingston, PE&LS, of Cody, Duane Weber, PE, of Casper, Jeff Fassett, PE, the Wyoming State Engineer, and Martin Pedersen, LS, the Land Surveyor member of the board.

The board had legislation introduced in the 1997 session that would have changed the word Registrant to Licensee, Register to License, etc., the Board name to Wyoming Board of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, and would have allowed the Board to promulgate minimum standards for Land Surveyors. The bill was passed in the House, and out of the Senate committee with a "do pass" recommendation, but died on the floor in the senate. No reason was given, but it was rumored that the senate felt that the bill was "fence building" to help current registrants. Contrary to the beliefs of many, NO changes were sought that would in any way change any of the requirements for registration. The

corner recordation Law was modified to put it in the same place in the statutes as the Registration Laws, (33-29), and to make it a punishable violation to not record the certificates when required to do so.

The board also supported a bill that would have given licensing boards the authority to assess a civil penalty to non-registrants, but this bill died, as it was never introduced onto the floor despite many agencies supporting it.

This renewal period was the first renewal since the adoption of the Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) requirement in March of 1996. As of April 1, the Board has had 211 registrants who have failed to renew their registration, which was due the first of January. This is against a normal drop of about 100 persons. The Board can only assume that this increase of about 200% in non-renewals was due to the CPC requirement. A large number of registrants also opted for the retired or inactive status, where they pay the fee, but do not practice Engineering or Land Surveying until they have brought the CPC requirement up to date. This option was mainly chosen by out-of-state residents.

The Board of Registration now has it's own home page on the internet. The address is <http://www-wwrc.uwyo.edu/wrdsftrpe/borpe.html>. On this page you can find the statutes, rules, and regulations of the board, directory of the board, the annual report, and application and examination information, as well as to the University of Wyoming and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. The board is anticipating putting the list of registrants on as well.

In the past year, the board had investigated several complaints, with one registrant losing his license, and other registrants being given a variety of penalties. Remember, it is your duty to help police your profession by reporting violations of Statutes or Board Rules and Regulations.

The Board had written to the BLM and some state agencies asking for their cooperation in enforcement of Wyoming Statutes requiring that all maps, plans, plats or designs filed in any office of public record in the State of Wyoming be stamped and signed by a registered land surveyor or engineer. This includes BLM district offices, PSC, DEQ, State Engineers office, State Land Office, and any City or County offices. This matter has been brought to the boards attention by looking at right of way maps depicting the location of a pipeline monument and filed with right of way easement documents that do not have a seal or signature of a surveyor on them.

The next board meeting will be held in Cheyenne June 19th, and is open to the public, except for disciplinary hearings and executive sessions.

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For details, write to: ACSM Certification Workshop Program, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 493-0200.

ACSM Scores Seattle Convention Success

The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) concluded an excellent Annual Convention and Exhibition in Seattle, Washington, April 5-10, 1997. Co-sponsors included the American Society on Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), Resource Technology Institute (RTI) and Auto Carto 13.

The convention was attended by 3,241 professionals from spatial data fields. The exhibition included 128 exhibitors; the general response from those companies was that traffic through the exhibit hall was excellent both in numbers and quality. In addition, 430 individuals attended the 19 pre-convention workshops conducted by the co-sponsoring organizations.

Charles Trimble Jr., president and founder of Trimble Navigation Ltd., and Steve Smith, lead geographer at Microsoft Corp., spoke at the opening general session, giving insights into the rapid convergence of geospatial data, global positioning satellite systems, and computer software and hardware.

The ACSM Awards Ceremony was conducted on April 9, 1997. More than 60 individuals were recognized for their accomplishments and contribution to the profession. Part of the awards included more than \$17,500 in scholarships and prizes to both students and practicing professionals.

A K-12 Program was part of the conference. This enabled elementary and secondary-school students to visit the convention and explore career opportunities within the spatial data field. More than 20 vendors presented private demonstrations for the students.

The ACSM Board of Direction, chaired by President Jud Rouch, met on April 12, 1997. The board:

- * Appointed Mary Clawson as Treasurer of ACSM;
- * Appointed Mary Cummins as Secretary of ACSM;
- * Confirmed the chairs of 27 active committees of ACSM;
- * Appointed David Gibson and John Dailey as delegates to a special summit meeting on NCEES Model Law;

* Requested that the Communication Committee explore new options for the publication of ACSM's scholarly journals, to include the possibility of combining the two current journals into one;

* Presented a "resolution of thanks" to A. Nicholas Bodnar, chair of the 1997 Conference, and the entire volunteer staff;

* Approved a recommendation to hold Auto Carto 14 in conjunction with the 1999 ACSM Conference in Portland, Oregon;

* Ratified the designation of 18 ACSM members as Fellows;

* Approved a special complimentary Sustaining Membership for six months to all non-members exhibiting at the 1997 Annual Conference;

* Requested that ACSM's Member Organizations waive membership dues for one year for all non-members who register as non-members at the Raleigh, North Carolina, Workshop Program, to be held in September, and the 1998 Annual Conference;

* Approved an ACSM Code of Ethics, subject to legal review, and the discharge of the Ethics Committee once the code is approved;

* Requested legal review of Environmental Concerns Guidelines prior to their presentation for adoption at the Board meeting to be held in Cincinnati this fall, in conjunction with the GIS/LIS 1997 Annual Conference and Exposition, to be held October 28-30 in Cincinnati, Ohio;

* Requested that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee review the possibility that one person representing more than one Member Organization could be elected to the ACSM Board;

* Approved the implementation of a 401 (k) or similarly designed retirement program for ACSM headquarters staff, to take effect either later this year, if it can be done within the current budget, or in 1998;

* Directed that future stationery indicate that ACSM is a member of international organizations such as ICA and FIG;

* Directed the disposal of the 1997 ballots;

* Approved a proposal that the NSPS Foundation and the ACSM Awards Committee work together to present NSPS Foundation-sponsored awards;

* Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the NSPS Foundation and ACSM outlining areas of responsibility in awarding scholarships;

* Approved additions to the ALTA/ACSM "Classification for the ALTA/ACSM Land Tide Surveys";

* Approved revisions to the 1992 ALTA/ACSM "Land Tide Surveys Minimum Standard" detail requirements;

* Requested that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee outline procedures required to allow one representative from the ACSM Sustaining Members serve on the Board of Direction, without vote;

* Approved a financial reserve fund policy; and

* Approved a position statement on the Freedom From Government Competition Act.

The next Board meeting will be held during the GIS/LIS 1997 Annual Conference and Exposition.

Winners of the 1997 ACSM/ NSPS Map/Plat Design Competition

SUBDIVISION PLATS

First Place	William D. Braman, Cheyenne, WY
Second Place	Sandy Beckett, Quitman, GA
Third Place	James E. Smith, Neenah, WI

MISCELLANEOUS MAPS

First Place	Sean O'Malley, Jackson, WY
Second Place	Ernie Gammon, Baton Rouge, LA
Third Place	Jacek Szymanski, Rochester, NY

Engineering Firms Merge

Jack Noblitt & Associates, P.C., of Cheyenne and Eastern Wyoming Engineering and Surveying Professionals of Torrington will merge and become BenchMark of Cheyenne, P.C. and BenchMark of Torrington effective Saturday.

The engineering firm of Jack Noblitt & Associates, P.C., has been in business for more than 15 years and was purchased in January 1996 by Scott Larson, P.E. Its founder, Jack Noblitt, remains with the firm as a project engineer. EWE&SP, co-owned and managed by Robert Taylor, P.L.S., has been in Torrington for more than nine years. Taylor has actually been with the consulting firm in Torrington, which was formerly under different ownership, for 24 years.

Both offices will remain in their present locations, enabling BenchMark to provide full-service civil engineering, planning and surveying to a broader area. The civil engineering and planning services consist of water supply and distribution, sewage collection and treatment; stormwater management; highways, roads and streets; airports; commercial and residential development; and municipal, traffic and construction engineering. Surveying services include boundary, retracement/public land surveys, improvement location certification, ALTA/ACSM Land Title surveys, subdivision design surveys, construction control and layout topographic and water resource/water rights surveys.

Robert Taylor is a member of PLSW.

1997 PLSW Winter Technical Session

The 1997 Winter Technical Session is planned for December 11-12, 1997 at the Park Plaza Hotel, Casper Wyoming. The topics for this year's session are Development, Implementation and Future of the National Spatial Reference System, presented by David R. Doyle and Renee Shields of the National Geodetic Survey. Also planned is a course on Cadastral Surveys utilizing GPS Real Time Kinematic Systems (RTK), presented by Michael Londe of the Bureau of Land Management and Carl Sumpter of the U. S. Forest Service.

These sessions are designed to allow the land surveyor the needed information to utilize the various geodetic datums available, datum transformation and the use of the Wyoming High Accuracy Reference Network. In addition, a course on proper procedures needed to utilize GPS RTK technology for boundary surveying is planned.

The cost is \$100 for members, \$50 for affiliates and \$175 for non members. The seminar will provide 16 Continuing Professional Competency (CPC's) credits. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Parkway Plaza at a cost of \$35 per night, lunch will be provided both days. Make plans to attend this educational and timely seminar.

For more information contact Jim Claflin at 307-686-6750.

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Measure for Measure

ONCE UPON A TIME, when the world was simpler, a foot was really as long as someone's foot, and a cubit the distance from someone's elbow to the end of the middle finger. Now we measure things that are much smaller than shoes and larger than arks, but there is still a desire to put them in human context.

Sometimes comparisons to the old and familiar work-so many football fields, so many times to the moon. But other times it appears as if nature is too much with us as we try to express our expanding powers of science and industry in comprehensible terms. Take the micron, for example, a unit so small - one millionth of a meter - that it seems hard to cast in human context.

It can be hard to grope with the big too. A marketing newsletter once said that 1.8 billion slices of frozen pizza are sold each year-enough to cover 511,366 square miles. How big is that? Enough to cover New York, California, Texas, Maine, Delaware and Rhode Island combined. The newsletter attributed the data to the National Frozen Pizza Institute, a trade association. But the institute's executive director said it did not keep track of sales. Besides, he said, "I don't know how you'd figure that out anyway."

Life magazine says Yellowstone National Park is three times the size of Rhode Island. The Associated Press describes one Iceland ice cap as three Rhode Islands. The Golan Heights, says the Washington Times, is one Rhode Island. "It keeps coming up - it's kind of fun," said Elmer Cornwell, former parliamentarian of the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

Rhode Island isn't always the handiest measure. For example, the Exxon Valdez is widely reported to have spilled its oil across an area 15 times the size of Rhode Island. That might just as easily have been described as 2 New Jerseys, but a New Jersey just isn't an accepted yardstick. Nor would it do to call something half a Rhode Island, or 1½ New York Cities. Some fractions just aren't poetic.

Nor have writers finished determining how many metaphors can dance on the tip of a pin - which is about the same size as the period at the end of this sentence.

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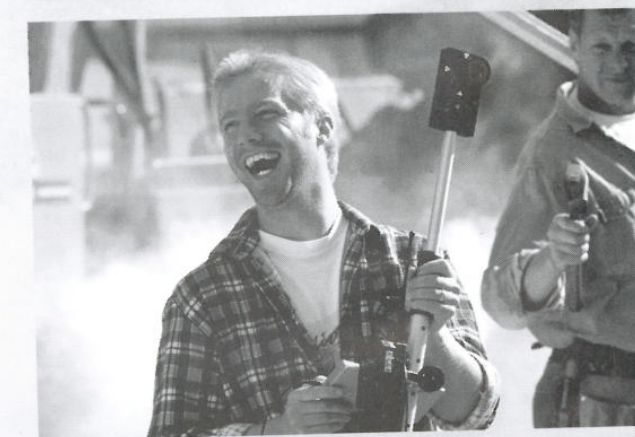
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Meeting Report Western Federation of Professional Surveyors

Board of Directors, Nile Room @ Luxor Hotel and Casino,
Las Vegas, Nevada

March 9, 1997

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Whitehead @ 9:07 a.m. Roll call with a declaration of quorum was made with the following members in attendance: Ron W. Whitehead, WFPPS Chairman, Utah Delegate; Blair Meggitt, WFPS Chair-Elect, Arizona Delegate; John Abenroth, WFPS Immediate Past Chairman, Washington Delegate; Dave DiFulvio, WFPS Secretary, Colorado Delegate; Jerry Tippin, WFPS Treasurer; Harry "Bud" Campbell and George Strother, Alaska Delegates; Charles "Chuck" Paddock, Arizona Delegate; Richard Siegmund and Steven C. Wilson, California Delegates; Patrick Cummins, Hawaii Delegate; David Couch, Idaho Delegate; Tom Russett, Montana Delegate; Jim Dorsey and Eslyn "Babe" Brenner, Nevada Delegates; Charles "Chuck" Pearson and Brian Weigart, Oregon Delegates; Randall Williford, Utah Delegate; Don Dunsmore, Washington Delegate.

Meeting minutes of the November 15, 1996, Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Chairman Ron Whitehead submitted a written report and message. In his message Ron stated that West Fed was created to give a stronger voice to our 13 states and to further the surveying profession. West Fed, just like the state organizations that are members of West Fed, are more or less run by volunteers who believe that our profession is important enough to donate time and effort to promote our causes and protect our profession. It seems that the level of enthusiasm of our volunteers is directly proportionate to the size of the fire on the hill. When the fire grows bigger and closer to home the volunteers are more interested in filling the buckets with water and getting them up the hill to put the fire out. During low fire times we need to keep up the work in our organizations making sure everything is functioning to peak capability. These are good times to change things or add new equipment (legislation, rules, benefits for members) to help our organizations. West Fed is at a point where we have no major fires to fight and most of the founding members of our organization have left the board. It is up to the newer delegates to make sure West Fed continues to serve its purpose. Delegates should be giving written reports to their state associations outlining the business of our meetings, provide our secretary with state reports in a timely manner and keeping the delegate and state officers list updated. Also, if given assignments or ask to furnish information for your state to other delegates, please follow up and make sure it gets done.

Dave DiFulvio gave a verbal Secretary's report.

Jerry Tippin submitted a written financial report ending March 8, 1997 for West Fed. From the financial report it was reported that total assets were \$167,572.54 of which \$62,141.39 is in the Money Market account with U.S. Bank, \$20,807.75 of the money market funds are designated for scholarships. The checking account balance was \$105,431.15. To date, registration income for the 1997 convention is \$92,428.00, representing approximately 400 paid registrants. Income from the sale of

exhibitor booth space is \$27,000 which represents 36 paid booths. Jerry stated that the payout after expenses for the conference will be 60% CLSA NALS and 40% WFPS.

A review of the action list and update was done, with the following noted: All delegates were to provide Terry Mc Henry updated information concerning continuing education/professional development requirements from their respective states. All delegates were to provide copies of legislation regarding Statute of Limitations and Right of Entry to Blair Meggitt.

The Conference 1997/1999 committee chairman, Chuck Pearson reported that there appears to be a very good turnout for the present conference. The 1999 conference will be held in conjunction with the Oregon and Washington societies.

During the legislative committee report there was discussion concerning GIS/GPS and Land Positioning. This appears to be a sensitive area and is the subject of legislative action in a few member states. The use of GPS for GIS mapping, the reluctance of land surveyors to become involved with the process and the fear of the further degradation of the profession of land surveying was discussed at length. Interestingly, it was mentioned that California courts have determined that liability goes to the registrant or licensee rather than to a company the registrant is employed by.

Bart Dalton, City Surveyor for the City of Las Vegas gave a presentation on having round table discussions on common retracement problems with conflicting evidence. Bart has traveled around the state of Nevada to different chapters and has been having a great amount of success with the round table breakfast meetings. This appears to be a project that PLSW could implement.

Much discussion was held concerning ACSM and a WFPS resolution. It appears ACSM is still not out of the woods yet concerning its financial status with its building purchase, organizational administration and NSPS affiliation. More on this later.

Review of written State Reports with verbal updates was done with the following highlights:

Alaska - Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS) has 168 members paid for 1997. The 32nd Annual Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference was held at the Anchorage Hilton from February 10 to 14th. The conference is a joint conference with ASPLS, ACSM-AK Chapter, URISA, ASPRS and the ARC/INFO Users Group. The conference was attended by about 375 people. A Gateway 2000, professional G6-200MHz computer was raffled off by ASPLS, with a net income of just over \$4,000. Harry "Bud" Campbell was granted Life Membership in ASPLS.

Arizona - The 1996 annual convention was a great and successful convention. 1996 ushered in a new era for APLS, namely the beginning of an educational fund, primarily funded by what is hoped to be an annual event, the Scholarship Auction. The 1996 auction netted proceeds of almost \$3,000. The 1997 convention will be held again in Phoenix, May 1 through May 3 with a Golf Tournament to be held May 4.

Idaho - Idaho Society has a proposed bill in the legislature that allows engineers and surveyors to use electronic disclaimers in place of handwritten signatures on certain engineering documents to be for informational purposes.

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NSPS NOTICE OF AWARDS

SURVEYING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Staff Liaison: Pat Canfield m ACSM/NSPS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2122

Presented to a person who performed outstanding service to the surveying profession, this award includes an engraved plaque and a \$500 honorarium contributed by POB Magazine, Troy, Michigan.

The person does not have to be a surveyor or a member of NSPS or ACSM, but candidates must be nominated for the award by an ACSM affiliate section or two NSPS members at large. If nominated by an ACSM section or affiliate, the nomination must be signed by two officers of the organization. If nominated by two NSPS members at large, the nomination must be signed by the sponsors and accompanied by four letters of recommendation.

Each nomination must include a narrative stating the reasons why the sponsors feel the nominee is deserving of this honor, specific accomplishments the nominee has made toward the profession and biographical data that can be used in the award presentation.

The staff liaison must be notified of any nomination by December 1, 1997.

MOST INTERESTING SURVEYING PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Staff Liaison: Pat Canfield m ACSM/iNSPS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2122

This award consisting of a Pentax IQZoom 105 Super 35mm camera with case, a plaque, and 1000 reprints of the resulting published article contributed by Pentax Corporation, Englewood, Colorado, is presented to individuals, companies, governmental units, or state associations having knowledge of interesting projects and the ability to provide documentation of the project-technical information, releases, photographs, and a record of the personnel and equipment involved. The project need not have occurred in the last year.

Interested candidates should submit a project by December 1, 1997 to PO.B., Attn: Most Interesting Surveying Project, PO. Box 2600, Troy, MI 48007-2600.

STUDENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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This award consists of a plaque and a \$500 honorarium, contributed by C&G Software Systems, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, as well as paid travel and lodging expenses to the ACSM-ASPRS Spring Convention.

A submitted paper should describe a project in which the applicant was a participant and may involve a group of students and/or non-students. The paper must be written by one person only. Advice and constructive criticism from the applicants' instructor or supervisor is permissible and encouraged. The project need not have occurred within the preceding 12 months. All papers submitted will be considered for presentation and publication by ACSM specifications for the format of the manuscript can be acquired from the staff liaison.

Completed papers should be submitted to the staff liaison by December 1, 1997.

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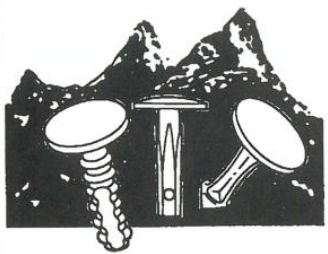
An engraved plaque is presented annually to the ACSM affiliate society whose newsletter was judged to have the highest quality during the previous year. In the past, judging was made by the editors or publications chairmen of the newsletters participating in the contest. Any editor wishing to participate should contact the chairman for information.

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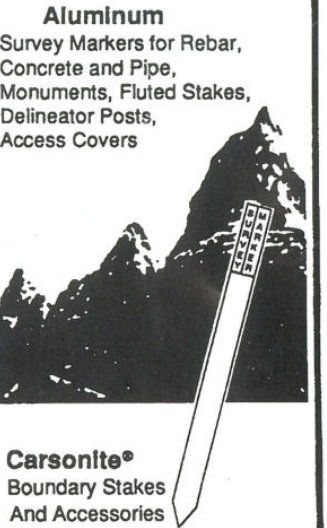
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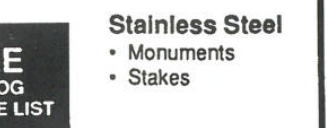
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BLM NEWS

This letter is to inform you of official cadastral surveys in Wyoming that have been accepted on April 4, 1997, were officially filed and are now available in the Survey Records Office, Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1848, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

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



SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WYOMING

Township and Range	Type of Survey	Meridian	Accepted
T. 20 N., R. 109 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 21 N., R. 104 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 22 N., R. 71 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 22 N., R. 72 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 1 S., R. 110 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 2 N., R. 2 E.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 1 S., R. 4 E.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	4/04/1997
T. 50 N., R. 71 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	12/13/1996
T. 47 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	12/13/1996
T. 48 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	12/13/1996
T. 28 N., R. 71 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	2/12/1997
T. 35 N., R. 113 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	2/12/1997
T. 43 N., R. 72 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 42 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 43 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 44 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 45 N., R. 73 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 43 N., R. 74 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 44 N., R. 74 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	3/03/1997
T. 15 N., R. 79 W.	Corrective Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	5/12/1997
T. 29 N., R. 106 W.	Dep. Res.	6 P.M.	5/12/1997

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Montana - The 1997 Conference in Great Falls had 110 registered attendants. The Tiny Tillotson Scholarship Auction was a huge success raising over \$6,500 for the scholarship fund. A six state conference in Big Sky for the year 2000 if being followed up by Warren Latvala.

Nevada - The 1998 Joint NALS/CLSA Conference will be held in Lake Tahoe. NALS has given a \$1,000 scholarship to California State University of Fresno and \$1,000 scholarship to the Southern Nevada Community College surveying program.

Washington - The survey career development program continues to be very productive with over 200 technicians having received certification. Trig-Star is currently in process state wide and plans to participate in the national competition in May are underway. Work continues on rulemaking for a new law on electronic authentication act which will become effective Jan. 1, 1998.

The next WFPS Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 28, 1997 in Reno, Nevada.

Meeting was adjourned @ 11:47 p.m.

"BIG SKY 2000"

May 26, 1997

Warren P. Latvala, P. L. S.

President,

Rte 85 Box 4244

Livingston, MT 59047

Dear Waffin:

Thank you for inviting the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming (PLSW) to become a fully participating member of the "Big Sky 2000" Conference.

I'm glad that we could visit with you by telephone during our recent Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. This teleconference helped to answer many questions that members of our Board had. Thank you for taking time out of your Saturday afternoon for us.

The PLSW BOD wishes to accept your offer to be a sponsor of this multi-state surveyors' conference. We will make this an official meeting of PLSW for the year 2000. We will not sponsor a technical education session that year in lieu of this conference. We feel that we cannot make this our official annual meeting as the travel to this location would be a burden on the majority of our membership.

We will gladly assist in the planning for this conference. Please keep me informed about conference developments.

Thank you,

John P. Lee, P. L. S.

President, PLSW

Notice of Spud and BOP Test

This memo is a reminder to all operators that under Rule 323(f), the Supervisor is to be advised at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of all HOP Tests. I would also ask that operators notify this office of spud dates for wells in Federal Private, and State Lands,

Rule 308 Changes:

Wyoming Oil and Gas permits are good for one (1) year with a \$50.00 fee.

NOTE: Effective September 3, 1996

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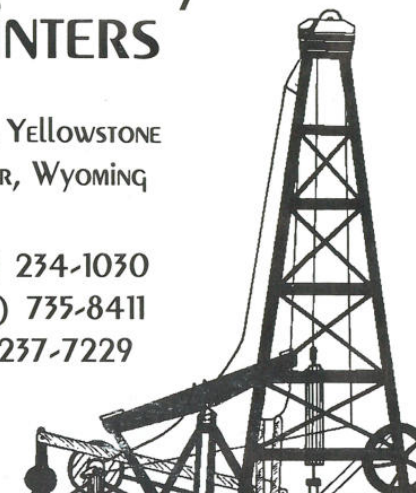
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REPORT OF GOVERNOR NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

APRIL 5 AND 6, 1997

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Governors for the National Society of Professional Land Surveyors was held in Seattle on April 5 and 6, 1997. The major items discussed included revising of ALTA/NSPS survey standards, the United States-Canada-Mexico North American Free Trade Agreement and its implementation for Land Surveyors, and several items of general interest to NSPS.

The committees of the American Land Title Association and NSPS have been working for several years on a new, revised version of the ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey requirements. A final decision has been made on correcting the requirements as to what to survey. Also, much thought and work by the NSPS committee has gone into the revision of the accuracy standards. Complaints have been common in the past from land surveyors that the old accuracy standards were very impractical for a property with a short side. The new ALTA/NSPS accuracy standards will include the angular and distance requirements for the control survey with the surveyor certifying to positional accuracy for the items located on the property and the boundary. Copies of the standards as discussed at the Board of Governors are included with this report. These revisions passed the Board of Governors.

The NSPS Board of Governors continued work on the proposed agreement with Canada and Mexico regarding land surveying. Many surveyors, especially those in border states, of course, are very concerned about this issue. The motions passed by the NSPS Board of Governors will provide for a two-part approach to the agreement. Non-boundary surveying, including surveying for engineering projects, will be covered in the first phase, essentially coming under unrestricted trade. Any boundary or land surveying will not be under this current agreement, with the states continuing to exert exactly the jurisdiction which they now have. Boundary line determination will be evaluated as a special case in the future. No federal agreement will supersede the control of the states. I have several documents of explanation available for anyone who wishes further information.

NSPS has worked with National Society of Professional Engineers to develop a list of continuing education courses and

in accrediting such courses. A joint clearinghouse has been established. NSPE will review and accredit engineering courses while NSPS will review and accredit surveying courses. The persons or firms offering the continuing education credit courses will apply for accreditation and pay a fee for the accrediting. Also, both engineers and surveyors will be able to maintain continuing education transcripts through the clearinghouse. This action is being coordinated with the National Council of Examining Engineers and Surveyors.

The international Right-of-Way Association and National Society of Professional Surveyors signed an agreement of mutual recognition. This will mean that IRWA members can attend NSPS seminars and classes at the member rate while NSPS members can attend IRWA seminars and classes at the member rate. The IRWA is very active in training and sponsors seminars of great interest to surveyors.

Finally, the NSPS Board of Governors recommended that a National Surveyors' Week be established, with the week being Presidents' Week (the week including Presidents' Day.)

Wyoming was well represented at the NSPS map/plat contest. 85 entries were received in the five categories. Maps from Wyoming won two of the five categories, including Sean O'Malley of Jackson winning first place in the Miscellaneous Maps and Bill Braman winning first place in the Subdivision Plats.

Becky J. Braman, NSPS Governor for Wyoming

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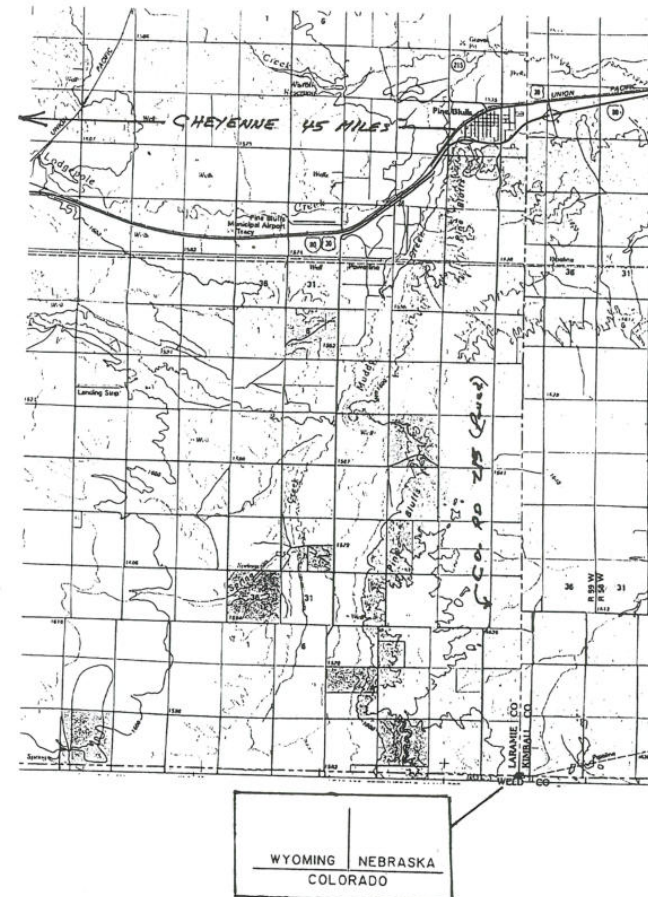
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DEDICATION OF RESTORED CORNER MONUMENT COMMON TO NEBRASKA AND WYOMING ON THE COLORADO LINE TO BE HELD AUGUST 16, 1997



The Surveyors of the 6th P.M., the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming, the Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska and the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado, invite you to attend and participate in the DEDICATION OF THE RESTORED CORNER MONUMENT COMMON TO NEBRASKA AND WYOMING ON THE COLORADO LINE AUGUST 16, 1997.

This public program is co-sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the survey societies of Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, the Historical Societies and Citizens of Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming and will be held on site at the corner.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- 10:00 a.m. * Program begins, John A. Steil, PLS, presiding
* Honor Guard, presentation of the colors and pledge of allegiance.
* Welcoming remarks
* Introduction of distinguished guests.
* Introduction of surveyor leaders.
* History of the south boundary of Nebraska establishing the corner common to Neb/WY on the Colorado state line - Gene Thomsen, Nebraska Deputy State Surveyor
* Astronomic determination procedures used in 1869 Dr. Herbert W. Stoughton, Geodetic Engineer & PLS
* Presentation of deeds, awards, etc.
* The Public Land Survey System and its importance to the development of the country - John Lee, Bureau of Land Management
* Closing remarks and retire colors 12:00 p.m.
* Western style picnic served on site (cost to be determined)

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