

Northeast Chapter of the  
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Meeting

Thursday April 9th, 2009

Cobblestone Creek, Brillion, WI



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Program:

Rick VanGoethem will be discussing the proposed AE-10 (Continuing Education)

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**2009 TENTATIVE MEETING  
SCHEDULE & LOCATION**

- January 8th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Green Bay  
The Ravine
- February 17th, 2009  
Board of Directors - DePere  
Sports Corner
- April 9th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Brillion  
Cobblestone Creek
- May 14th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Appleton
- July 9th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Luxemburg  
Northbrook
- August 13th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Green Bay  
Mackinaws
- October 8th, 2009  
Regular meeting - Appleton
- November 12th, 2009  
Board of Directors - Kaukauna  
Out O' Town
- January 14th, 2010  
Regular meeting - Green Bay  
Ravine

Chapter newsletter online update.....

the electronic version of the newsletter has been working great. Please let me know if any questions arise. The Website is up and in working order. Currently we have 80% of our members receiving the newsletter by e-mail . If you would like to sign up for the electronic newsletter email me at jme-neau@mach-iv.com

Visit us at - www.wsls-nec.org

Jeff Meneau - Newsletter Editor



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- John Baudhuin - (Northeast Chapter Rep.)
- Jim Wallen - (President)

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# 2009

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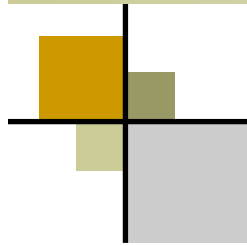
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**Membership Dues:**

- ( ) **Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor in the State of Wisconsin.  
\$40.00
- ( ) **Affiliate Member:** Any person not registered, who is interested in Land Surveying.  
\$20.00
- ( ) **Life Member** Any person having reached the age of 65, retired from practice, having been a member for two years prior to the date of retirement, having been recommended by a member and application approved by the Board of Directors.  
No dues
- ( ) **Student Member** Any person currently enrolled in a surveying curriculum.  
\$10.00
- ( ) **Sustaining Member** Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession.  
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\$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a full page ad and display of their business card in quarterly newsletter.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

My first quarter as the Northeast Chapter President for 2009 is almost over. It truly is amazing how fast the time does go by. As a kid I can recall my dad telling me to enjoy life while you can because it goes by faster as you get older. Like any kid, I said "whatever dad". Now I can appreciate his words of wisdom.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Nominating Committee and the Northeast Chapter for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I would like to recognize Bob Reider for serving the last 4 years on the Chapter Board and my predecessor, Gary Zahringer, for his leadership as your former president. I would also like to congratulate Jim Wallen for his recent position as the President of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors.

I have been in the land surveying profession for twenty plus years and this year has been the slowest of economic times that I have seen. But what is remarkable to me is that even in the slowest of economic times, the land surveyors throughout the state share the same camaraderie and professionalism towards one another as they would during the best of times. What a unique group of individuals to be a part of! Let's hope that the proposed stimulus money gets our profession back on track.

The Public Relations Committee will be participating again this year in the "A Day in the Life" at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay April 21st-23rd. If you would like to volunteer please contact Lisa Van Horn for details. On March 11th Rick VanGoethem proctored a CST exam for 14 of his students. All 14 received a Level 1 Certification. Way to go! On March 13th the Northeast Chapter sponsored a seminar on easements and riparian rights. The seminar was well received by all that attended. A special thanks to Gary Zahringer for organizing this event.

Rick VanGoethem is scheduled to make a presentation at our general membership meeting on April 9th at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion. He will be discussing the proposed chapter AE-10 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This is a pertinent topic as the continuing education rules will be in effect next year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting.

James R. Westerman

Chapter President

The Thursday, April 9th 2009 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

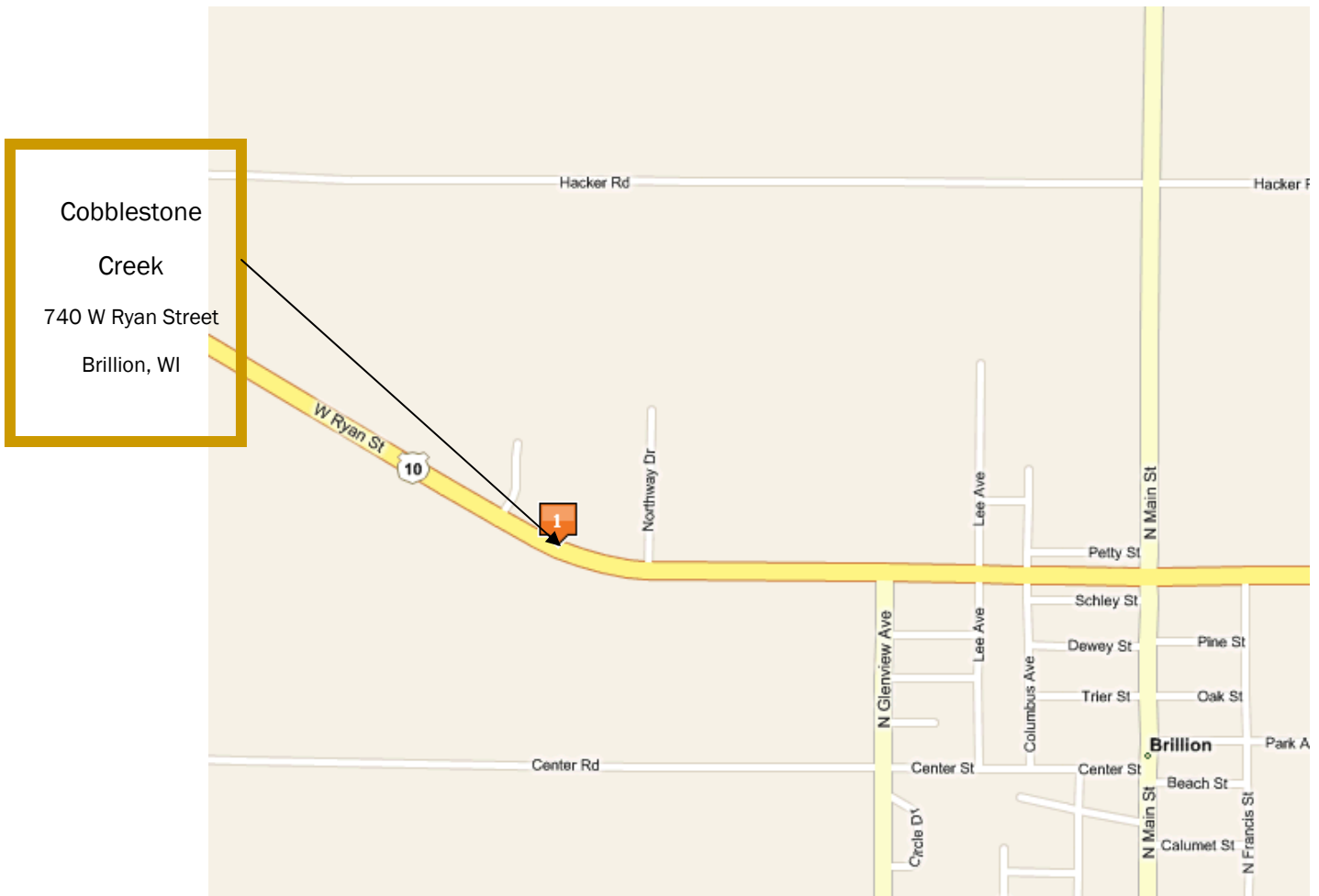
**Cobblestone Creek**  
**740 W Ryan Street**  
**Brillion, WI**

**Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 6:45 pm Dinner will cost \$15.00**

One paid member in attendance will receive a FREE MEAL compliments of Jim Winkler of Valley Surveying Instruments.

If you plan on attending the meeting please RSVP so we can get an accurate count for the meal.

Tom Leslie Secretary\Treasurer (920)448-4495 or Jim Westerman - President- 920-662-9641





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## 2009 WINTER General Membership Meeting Northeast Chapter of WSLs

The 2009 Winter General Meeting was held on January 8, 2009 at The Ravine in Green Bay, WI. There were 49 members present, including 4 students, when Gary Zahringer called the General Meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of October 9, 2008.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the January 2009 Newsletter.

### Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- No report at this time

### WSLS Report (John Baudhuin)

- Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors got a cease-and-desist order against a firm advertising on the web for survey services without a licensed surveyor on staff
- Standards Review Committee gave an update of current reviews in progress
- Brian Meyer was selected as the La Crosse County Surveyor
- Foundation received a donation of a number of books. A Gurley solar transit and a Burger mining transit were obtained thru on-line auctions
- Walworth County has an individual, already fined \$250 for unlicensed practice, still continuing his "practice". With evidence, the County DA will happily make more charges
- A draft of the survey modernization bill will be out in January, once attorneys are finished working on the bill
- A notice for the CST exam in January has been placed on the WSLs website and mailed to affiliate and student members

### Auditing Committee (Dale Raisleger)

- The committee has received the books from the Treasurer and will have a report at the February Board meeting

### CST Committee (Jim Westerman)

- It appears that there will be a significant drop in the number of participants as more

schools are proctoring their own tests (35 last year, around 10 this year)

- Still hammering on the DOT to include CST requirements in their hiring practices, especially construction staking

### Ethics and Practices (Tom Leslie)

- No form requests since the last meeting

### Land Records (Pat Ford)

- Brown County Register of Deeds Cathy Williquette is the recipient of the 2008 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Badger Award. The award is given for demonstrating outstanding effort to protect and enhance openness in conducting public business
- Gregg Moore, a member of the Eau Claire County Board, is the interim chair of the Wisconsin Geographic Information Coordination Council (WIGICC). His term runs to September 2010. The WIGICC mission is to facilitate the delivery of public services, encourages economic development, and helps protect the public and the environment by improving the quality, accessibility, utility, and value of geographic information and technologies. Note there are no surveyors on the 15-member WIGICC board. The next meeting is February 11<sup>th</sup> at a site to be determined
- Local governments are working to do a 2010 aerial photography flight. The 2010 Wisconsin Regional Orthophotography Consortium has selected the team of Ayres Associates and Aero-Metric as the preferred contractor
- Information for section corners is available through PLSSFinder on the State Cartographer's website for Brown, Calumet, Green Lake, Portage, Shawano and Winnebago Counties in the NE Chapter area
- 2008 Wisconsin National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) is complete. The photography is 1 meter true color and will be available as a free download from WisconsinView.org later this year
- The WLIA annual conference will be February 18 through 20 at the Kalahari



**Legislative** (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

**Membership** (Jim Sehloff)

- Membership counts as of Dec. 31, 2008:
  - 64 - Professional
  - 11 - Affiliate
  - 26 - Student
  - 5 - Sustaining
  - 15 - Lifetime
  - 121 Total

**Nominating Committee** (Tom Halverson)

- Terry Van Hout has agreed to accept the nomination of Director for 2009
- A complete list of previous chapter officers is available online

**Program Committee** (Terry Van Hout)

- No presentation for this meeting.
- Contact Terry with your suggestions for possible topics for upcoming 2009 General meetings

**Public Relations** (Dan Hoel)

- Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts for the past years activities, including the National Railroad Museum "Day in the Life", WSLs museum set-ups around the State and the Farm Tech Days

**Scholarship Committee** (Tom Wood)

- The **2009 Northeast Chapter Scholarship** was awarded to **Grant Sackett** from Nicolet Technical College
- The **2008 Don Rhode Leadership Scholarship** was awarded to **Troy Collins** from Michigan Tech University

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Student Representative** (Don't know name)

- Schools are still in winter recess so not many students attending

**Seminar Committee** (Gary Zahringer)

- Seminar has set up for March 13 at Rock Gardens (same as last year) with Gary Wickert for the morning session and ??? for the afternoon session
- Cost should be around the same as last year

**Trig Star** (Tom Wood)

- The raffle raised \$172, including the winner's share, which was donated back

**Old Business**

- Students introduced themselves
- Welcome to Lifetime Member Dave Mau

**New Business**

- A Continuing Education update was given by Lisa Van Horn & Dave Chrouser – discussion included:
  - 100% online PDH credits allowed in current draft. WSLs is not happy with this – looking for 75% online max
  - Institute will do a "trial run" using sign-up sheets for each seminar, maybe using a stamp to mark attendance?
  - WSLs is planning on keeping track of PDH hours for members of WSLs (not as "big brother" but as a benefit to the surveyor)

- 2009 Elections were held with the following results:

**President – Jim Westerman**  
**President Elect – Dale Raisleger**  
**Director – Terry Van Hout**  
**Secretary/Treasurer – Tom Leslie**

- Rob Harris is running for WSLs Director-at-Large for 2009. PLEASE VOTE!!
- NE Chapter will sponsor Bucky's Challenge t-shirts. The shirts will display the NE Chapter logo (good promo for the Chapter!)
- An update will be given on the computer software issues after January 19th
- A motion was *made, seconded and passed to continue the Chapter \$1000 donation the WSLs Foundation*. The check will be given to Jim Westerman for presentation at the Institute Foundation meeting
- A BIG "Thank You" to Bob Reider for his 4 years of invaluable service on the NE Chapter Board

*Valley Surveying Free Meal: Lee Telfer*

*Chapter Free Meal: Jim Hebert*

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn 8:21 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

**Thomas Leslie**  
 Secretary/Treasurer

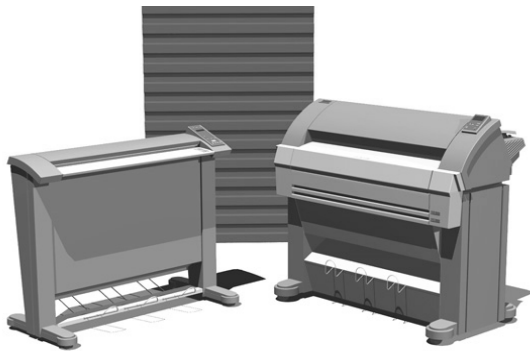
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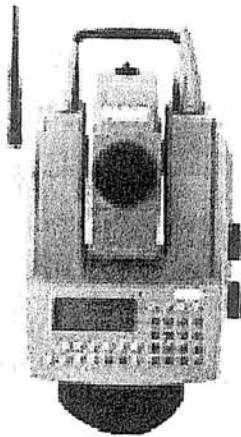
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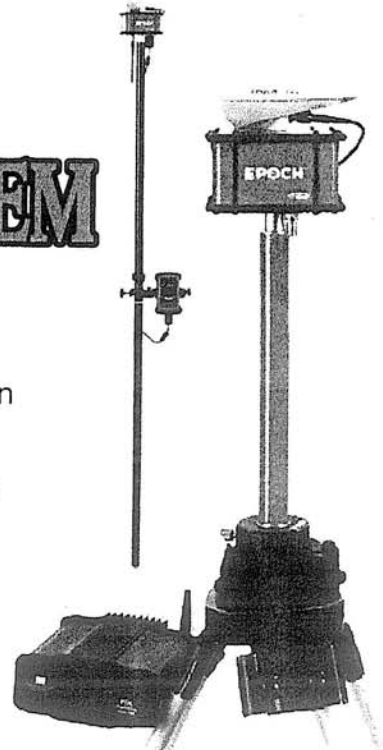
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The TAC is seeking written comments from local surveyors and developers to assist in updating technical standards and ordinance language. Several topics to be reviewed by the TAC include increasing the minimum acreage necessitating a Certified Survey Map (CSMs) or plat, addressing requirements for geotechnical studies, establishing mandatory pre-submittal sketch plan review guidelines for CSMs, refining the electronic submittal and distribution process, and development of specific language for planned unit development (PUD) and traditional neighborhood design (TND) ordinances.

Please forward your written correspondence to Brown County Senior Planner Jon Motquin at [motquin\\_jp@co.brown.wi.us](mailto:motquin_jp@co.brown.wi.us). The TAC welcomes any suggestions by July

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### March 22, 2009

#### Checking Account

Starting Balance	2-17-08		6038.32
Deposits		2660.00+	
Checks		1275.29-	
Outstanding Checks		798.07-	
Current Balance			<b>6624.96*</b>
Cash Box Money		100.00+	
(* - Checking Account contains \$615 for donated student meals and \$925 for TrigStar)			<u>1,540.00-</u>

**Available Chapter Funds: 5184.96**

#### 6-Month Certificate of Deposit

Last Maturity Balance	10-28-08		2108.16
Total Interest (2.15%)	on 10-28-08		25.37
			<b>2133.53</b>
Next Maturity Date:	4-28-09		

**TOTAL ASSETS: \$7318.49**



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January 26, 2009

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**Re: W.S.L.S. Foundation Donation**

Dear Tom

The Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyor's Foundation, with deep appreciation, acknowledges your 2009 contribution of \$400.00 From Golf Outing & \$1000.00 Donation in support of the advancement of education in the field of Land Surveying.

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## 2009 WINTER MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2009 Winter Board Meeting was held at Sports Corner in De Pere on Tuesday, February 17. There were **13** members present when President Jim Westerman called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

*A motion was made, seconded and approved* to accept the last Board Meeting minutes of November 13, 2008

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted

The following reports were given:

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- No report at this time

### WSLS REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- Last meeting was held January 23, 2009
- WSLS has offered assistance to the Dept. of Licensing & Regulations, especially in complaints dealing with un-licensed practice
- 630 total registrants for the last Institute, down from previous years but still considered a successful event
- The Board warned of mixing the operations of the Ethics Committee with the Standards Review Committee. The committees have different functions and directions
- There will be a seminar on CSM descriptions in April and another in late May or early June
- A Strategic Planning meeting about SWOT will be held on March 20 in the Stevens Point area
- Changes are needed to the Condominium Law, including monumentation requirements
- A lobbying effort will be made to acquire some \$\$ from the Federal Stimulus Packages and earmark it for remonumentation efforts in Wisconsin
- Elizabeth Roat, WSLS member and RLS, has been hired by WSLS to take on unlicensed survey practice around the State (starting in Burnett Co.)

### AUDITING (Tom Giese)

- A handout of the 2008 audit was reviewed. Everything looks good

### CST (Troy Hewitt)

- 14 registrants are ready to take the CST Level I test on March 14 at NWTC (Rick recently sent an email stating that all 14 passed the test)

### ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- No requests for forms were received since last Board meeting

### LAND RECORDS (Pat Ford)

- No report at this time

### LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

### MEMBERSHIP (Jim Schloff)

- There are 98 paid members as of this meeting
  - 50 Professional
  - 4 Affiliate
  - 26 Students
  - 3 Sustaining
  - 15 Lifetime
- Affiliate membership has taken the biggest drop in numbers (usually 20-25 but last 2 yrs. have been 4)

### NOMINATING (Bob Reider)

- No report at this time

### PROGRAM (Terry Van Hout)

- Rick Van Goethem has agreed to lead a discussion at the next General Membership meeting concerning the latest A-E 10 (Continuing Education) requirements

### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Lisa Van Horn)

- Coleman H.S. has asked for a presentation to their Landscaping/Architecture class on April 29. There is a NSPS surveying video available online if needed
- May 7 at NWTC will be the Engineering Open House
- National Railroad Museum has again asked the NE Chapter to participate in "A Day in the Life" from April 21-23. There will be two shifts each day with 3 people per shift. Lisa VH will be contacting you to volunteer your services!!!

### SCHOLARSHIP (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

### SEMINAR (Gary Zahringer)

- This year's seminar will be held on March 13 at Rock Gardens. An member list from WSLS will be used for mailings, along with the flier being sent to local attorneys, county and state related departments, title companies and surveyors

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (Scott Van Calster)

- CST exam will be at NWTC this March
- March 4 will be Mock Interview Day at NWTC
- Internships are coming up soon for students. *Should we post summer jobs on the NE Chapter website if possible?* It was pointed out the NWTC does do mailings similar to this idea.



**TRIG\*STAR COMMITTEE (Tom Wood)**

- \$925 in the coffers right now – *should some of this money be made available for CST?? Perhaps one splitting the meeting between the two funds??*
- De Pere, WDP and Southwest should be good to go this year
- Pizza Hut has offered a “prize” of some sort to help in hopefully obtaining student participants
- The NE Chapter does pay for the plaque engraving each year

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Scott De Baker has chosen what programs he needs to revamp the Chapter website. Lisa VH will obtain the programs through her association with NWTC and pass them on to Scott ASAP
- Photos and the amount of them shown on the website was discussed. We do not want to overwhelm the website but pictures here and there would be a nice addition – scholarship winners, presenters, special guests, golf & trap
- *Did anyone get to see how our logo looked on the Bucky’s Challenge t-shirts?* (Personal note – our team was robbed of the “Best Dressed” prize)

**NEW BUSINESS**

- After a short discussion, it was agreed that the NE Chapter will pay for the meal of the Student Rep at all Board meetings. Any other students who happen to attend will be on their own
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow students a special “bare bones” cost to the NE Chapter Seminar on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Gary Z will get a price to the Board (\$25 is the agreed cost)
- The programs, seminars and Chapter meetings should be more geared towards earning PDHs
- *Should some sort of Certificate of Attendance be generated for hand out at the seminar?* Jim Westerman will take charge of this
- *Who approves the content of our seminars for PDH hours?*
- *Do case/survey problems presented at a General Meeting qualify for PDHs?*
- *Should the Chapter keep track of the paid members PDH hours?*
- Hopefully most of these questions will be answered at Rick VG presentation at April’s meeting in Brillion

Being no further business *a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn* at 8:52 PM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Leslie  
Secretary  
Winter 2009 Board Meeting



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