

Northeast Chapter of the  
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Meeting

April 12, 2007

Lighthouse Inn, Two Rivers



## Program:

Tony Gromacki will be talking about current water issues.

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**2007 TENTATIVE MEETING**

**SCHEDULE & LOCATION**

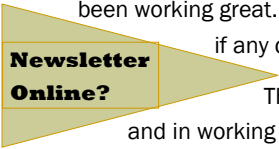
- January 11th, 2007  
Regular meeting - Green Bay  
Townline Pub & Grill
- February 8th, 2007  
Board of Directors - Green Bay  
Mackinaw's
- April 12th, 2007  
Regular meeting - Two Rivers  
Lighthouse Inn
- May 10th, 2007  
Board of Directors - TBD
- July 12th, 2007  
Regular meeting - TBD
- August 16th, 2007  
Board of Directors - Kaukauna  
Out-O-Town Club
- October 11th, 2007  
Regular meeting - Appleton  
Michaels
- November 8th, 2007  
Board of Directors - Appleton  
George's
- January 10th, 2008  
Regular meeting - Green Bay

**Chapter newsletter online update.....**

the electronic version of the news letter has been working great. Please let me know if any questions arise. The Website is up and in working order. Please visit, we have a bulletin board up and running to discuss chapter issues. If you would like to sign up for the electronic newsletter email me at [jmeneau@mach-iv.com](mailto:jmeneau@mach-iv.com)

Visit us at - [www.wsls-nec.org](http://www.wsls-nec.org)

Jeff Meneau - Newsletter Editor



**Attention:**

Congratulations to Mike McCarty who was voted the National Reserves Sea Bee Sailor of the year. He was chosen from about 8000 Sea Bee Reserves. Now he heads to the National Sailor of the year selection process. He will receive his award at a Banquette in Virginia this March

**2006 WSLs OFFICERS:**

- John Baudhuin - (Northeast Chapter Rep.)
- Lisa Van Horn - (President)

**2007 Chapter Representatives**

President - Bob Reider - 920-731-4168  
 President Elect - Gary Zahringer - 920-731-0381  
 Director - Jim Westerman 920-662-9641  
 Past President - Joseph W. Lett, Jr. - 920-433-1845  
 Secretary\Treasurer - Tom Leslie - 920-448-4495  
 Newsletter Editor - Jeff Meneau

<u><b>Auditing</b></u>	<u><b>Program</b></u>	<u><b>Student Chapter</b></u>
Ch: Dale Raisleger (662-2173) Tom Giese	Ch: Terry Vanhout (406-1477) Rob Harris	Ch: Kelly Grzeskowiak (869-3551) <u><b>Trig Star</b></u>
<u><b>Ethics &amp; Practices</b></u>	<u><b>Public Relations</b></u>	<u><b>Photographer</b></u>
Ch: Tom Leslie (448-4495) Dale Raisleger Tom Giese Steve Bieda	Ch: Dan Hoel (731-0381) Mike Kaczmarzyk Joel Wald	Ch: Tom Wood (733-8377) Jim Westerman
<u><b>Land Records</b></u>	<u><b>Scholarship</b></u>	<u><b>CST Committee</b></u>
Ch: Patrick Ford (448-4493) Ryan Duckart	Ch: Tom Wood (733-8377) Dale Raisleger Tom Leslie Ken Wolf	Ch: Jim Westerman (662-9641) Troy Hewitt Bradley Doperalski
<u><b>Legislative</b></u>	<u><b>Membership</b></u>	<u><b>2008 Summer WSLs Host Committee</b></u>
Ch: Ed Harvey (459-3826) Jim Wallen Tony Luloff	Ch: Jim Sehloff (733-8377) Gary Zahringer Scott Debaker	Ch: Steve Bieda (434-9670) Jim Sehloff Terry Van Hout Joe Lett Bob Reider Gary Zahringer
<u><b>Nominating</b></u>		
Ch: Tom Halverson (731-4168) Tom Wood Joel Wald		

# 2007

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Return To:

Tom Leslie  
166 Apple Tree Court  
Green Bay, WI 54302

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Fax) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:**

- Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor  
 \$30.00 in the State of Wisconsin.
- Affiliate Member:** Any person not registered, who is interested in Land Surveying.  
 \$15.00
- Life Member** Any person having reached the age of 65, retired  
 No dues 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.
- Student Member** Any person currently enrolled in a surveying curriculum.  
 \$7.50
- Sustaining Member** Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession.
  - \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a display of their business card in Quarterly newsletter.
  - \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a full page ad and display of their business card in quarterly newsletter.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

It doesn't seem that long ago that Joe Lett handed over the gavel and gave me the opportunity to serve as your President for 2007 and we're already one quarter of the way through the year. It has been very educational to have been able to work with the various board members and committee members over the last two years. First Steve Bieda and then Joe Lett as your Past Presidents were very helpful in answering any questions and doing whatever they could to prepare the then future President. It is very humbling to be given the opportunity to serve as your leader. I only hope that I can continue with the past precedents set by the previous Presidents and help to continue to grow the reputation of the NE Chapter as a leader of the land surveying profession and WSLs

If the record crowd (21 total) in attendance at the February Board Meeting is any indication of the type of participation we are going to have this year, the NE Chapter should have a great year. Lisa Van Horn, the President of WSLs was in attendance and a great addition in the various discussions. The committee chairpersons did a great job in presenting their committee reports and I would strongly suggest that you read the minutes of the meeting to take in all the information presented.

Lisa has a very aggressive agenda for WSLs this year. Lisa is going to try and revamp the WSLs Ethics and Practice Committee in an attempt to help move complaints through the process in a timelier manner and place the responsibility of filing the complaint on the committee itself rather than one individual surveyor. John Baudhuin, WSLs NE Chapter Rep., informed the board that Frank Thousand was chosen as the new executive director beginning in 2008 when Harold Charlier retires.

Since dues were not raised since 1999 and because of our lower account balance, we will be discussing and voting at the April general membership meeting on a proposed raise in chapter dues. Steve Bieda will be heading the committee for the WSLs summer meeting in 2008. Jim Wallen and Lisa will be co-chairs of the new committee handling the 2008 Farm Technology Days scheduled for July 15-17, 2008 at the Gerrits Farm in the Greenleaf area. More details will follow in later newsletters on both subjects and we will need lots of volunteers. Under direction from the board, I forwarded an email to Representative Steve Wieckert urging his support of an amendment to Chapter 443 of the State Statutes related to requiring continued education for surveyors, architects, engineers and landscape architects. Every member should also contact or email their local state representatives and state their support. Les Van Horn will take the lead in an effort to setup a fall educational seminar on adverse possession. Proceeds from the fundraising effort will go towards the costs related to the Trigstar Program. I attended the meeting of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Surveyors Chapter meeting on Friday, March 9, 2007 and found it very educational and worthwhile.

Tony Gromacki, Chairperson of the Water Issues Committee is scheduled to make a presentation at the April general membership meeting. I would believe everyone would find this helpful and educational since the environmental issues play such a big part of so many surveys today. If you're not on the email list for the chapter newsletter, please contact either Jeff Meneau or Tom Leslie and get your newsletter emailed and reduce the expenses for the NE Chapter.

I hope everyone can attend the meeting and continue to participate!

Robert F. Reider  
Chapter President

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The Thursday, April 12th 2007 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

# Lighthouse Inn

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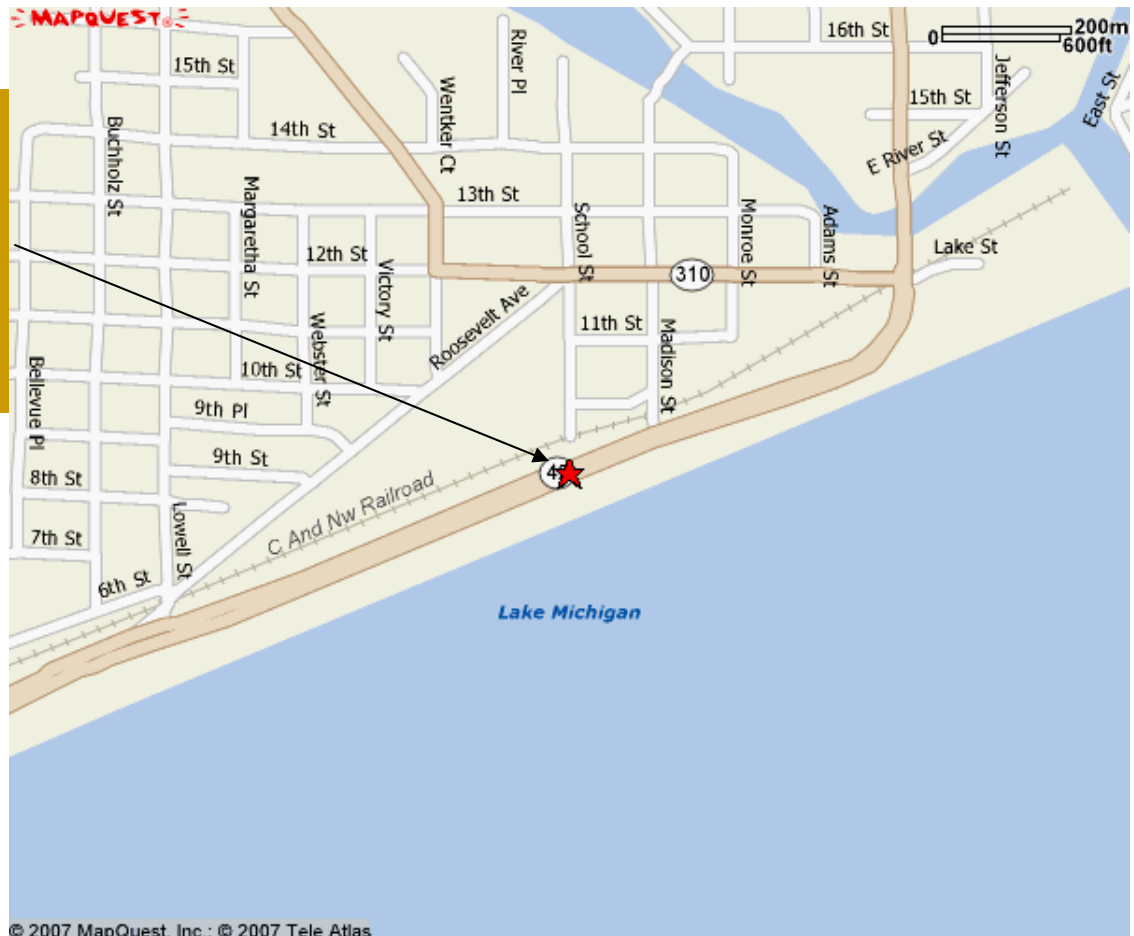
**Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 6:45 pm Dinner will cost \$15.00**

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 Bob Reider - President- (920) 731-4168

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## 2007 WINTER General Membership Meeting Northeast Chapter of WSLs

The 2007 Winter General Meeting met January 11, 2007 at the Town Line Banquet Room in the Village of Howard. There were 62 members present, including 3 retirees and 5 students, when President Joe Lett introduced:

### Guest Speakers

**Renee Powers – Plat Review**

**Jim Logan – Plat Review**

Everyone received a handout titled “*Certified Survey Maps & Platting aka Anything you want to ask, discuss, debate related to CSMs or plats*”. Any and all questions were entertained, with the following topics being discussed:

- The new plat media requirements are working well – no complaints, but with a few suggestions to surveyors:
    - beware of ***bending or folding*** of maps - creates problems
    - use an ***ultra fine sharpie marker*** for the best drying and least smearing of signatures
  - Electronic recording of plats is getting closer to reality, and will probably start with CSMs
  - A *reproduced* signature is the same as and has the same power as the original signature
  - More counties are requiring a Treasurer’s Certificate and/or an Owner’s Certificate on plats & CSMs  
*Should a change be made to the State Statutes requiring both certificates on all plats & CSMs?*
  - Consideration will be given to allow the vacation of a CSM. More research is needed before a decision can be made
  - State Statutes are *very clear* on the review process of condos: The allotted time for review of condos is 10 days. These 10 days would be better used as a formality of approval & signing rather than a full technical review, with limited time constraints and “need everything yesterday”. Plat Review applauds local technical review of
- condos BEFORE being recorded - less recorded errors and fewer headaches for surveyors
  - When taking land out of a condo **DO NOT USE CSMs TO REMOVE LAND FROM A CONDOMINIUM!!** as this will create a HUGE problem
  - Once land is properly removed from a condo, any further description of that removed land will revert back to the underlying plat, if any
  - Minor Assessor’s Plats will hopefully be added to the State Statutes within the next year. They should be similar in style to CSMs and must be initiated by the owners of the lands involved
  - Building setbacks and all those “extra lines” on a map should be used and shown with extra caution. *If you put a line on a map it WILL be used whether you mean it to or not. Use more notes on plats, such as “Subject to Change, “Check with local authorities for zoning and setback limits before the start of any construction” or “Field locates needed at time of construction”*. If these ESA, wetland, setback lines are needed or required, make them more definable, computable lines if possible. This will be especially helpful in the staking of buildings
  - Commencing at the Center of Section IS NOT allowed unless it is an ***original government corner. Period.***
  - CSMs do not have the same authority in the Statutes as Subdivisions – different language used in each, and this creates the inconsistencies. Utilities are arguably “quasi-public”, but are not allowed ingress/egress or access easements exclusively from utility easements shown on CSMs – a recorded document is needed for such access to be granted
  - On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the subject of Severability (rivers and streams) was discussed at the State Government. A decision from the State must be made within 60 days. Stay tuned for this one



President Joe Lett thanked our guest speakers for the excellent discussion on current plat issues. He then called the general meeting to order at 8:30 pm.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of October 12, 2006.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the January 2007 Newsletter.

#### Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- Please email Jeff at [jmeneau@mach-iv.com](mailto:jmeneau@mach-iv.com) if you would like to receive future newsletters by email

#### WLSL Report (John Baudhuin)

- Last meetings was held December 2, 2006 in Stevens Point
- Bucky's Trivia Challenge has 15-16 teams signed up so far
- National Surveyors Week will be sometime in March 2007
- The WLSL should be more involved in the geo-caching craze, giving surveying more public exposure
- Current proposed legislature will combine several key surveying issues, including OHWM and lake beds, into one proposal
- Plat Review discussions included electronic filing of plats, the popularity of condo plats, and affidavits of correction
- Raffle tickets are now on sale, with an ATV and trailer remaining the main prize
- Al Schneider has agreed to Chair the TrigStar Committee
- 2006 was a very good year for seminars and workshops, with excellent attendance and income

#### Auditing Committee (Dale Raisleger)

- He received the 2006 packet from the Treasurer and will make a report at the February Board Meeting

#### CST Committee (Jim Westerman)

- 40 applicants (including 20 students) have registered so far. The Madison Chapter will match the WLSL donation of \$50 for each chapter student registered (Northeast Chapter currently donates \$30)

#### Ethics and Practices (Jim Westerman)

- No report at this time

#### Land Records (Mark Teuteberg)

- No report at this time

#### Legislative (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

#### Membership (Jim Sehloff)

- There are 7 New Registrants in our Chapter area. They will each receive a letter of congratulations and request to join our Chapter FREE for one year

#### Nominating Committee (Tom Wood)

- Nominees have been chosen, with open nominations also accepted from the floor. A motion was *made, seconded and passed* to **close nominations and accept the following 2007 Officers:**

President – *Bob Reider*  
 Past President – *Joe Lett Jr.*  
 President Elect – *Gary Zahringer*  
 Director – *Jim Westerman*  
 Secretary/Treasurer – *Tom Leslie*  
 WLSL Rep – *John Baudhuin*

#### Program Committee (Terry Van Hout)

- Thanks to Lisa Van Horn for help in arranging tonight's guest speakers
- **Contact Terry Van Hout with any program ideas.**

#### Public Relations (Lisa Van Horn)

- The Chapter display has been taken down at the National Railroad Museum, with some things moving to the Door County Museum and some to a West Bend area museum
- More, smaller displays should be used and are encouraged. Please let the committee know of any ideas for a display – possibly high schools?

#### Scholarship Committee (Tom Wood)

- The *2007 Annual Northeast Chapter Scholarship* was awarded to **Jeanette Harley** of NWTC
- The *2007 Don Rhode Scholarship* was awarded to **Tiffany Heisel** of NWTC

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Students** (Jeanette Harley)

- Thank you to the chapter for sponsoring CST test students – It's greatly appreciated

**Trig Star** (Jim Westerman)

- Terry Van Hout will again present at Southwest H.S
- Tom Wood and Jim Westerman will start at De Pere and West De Pere H.S.

**Old Business**

- Mike McCarty has been named a Finalist for "Sailor of the Year"
- January's Puzzle was correctly answered by Bob Reider and Scott Massey
- FVTC alumni have a team sponsor for a Bucky's Trivia team at the Institute. Contact Lisa Van Horn if interested
- JULY 2008 REMINDER: The Chapter will be staking out "Tent City" at Wisconsin Farm Tech Days; to be located somewhere in southern Brown County
- AUGUST 2008 REMINDER: The Northeast Chapter will be hosting the 2008 WSLs Summer Meeting

*PLEASE consider volunteering for any of the various committees. The Chapter has many things happening in the next few years – your time, knowledge, ideas and hard work are needed and appreciated. These are great opportunities to get involved!*

**New Business**

- A motion was *made, seconded and passed* to **donate \$1000 to the WSLs Foundation**, being presented by President Bob Reider
- After some discussion, it was decided to NOT have any sort of fund-raiser involving brat frying or pizza sales. An increase in dues would be a better, less time consuming way to raise needed funds
- A motion was *made, seconded and passed* to **procure \$50 for Jim Wallen to use his 2007 WSLs At-Large Director campaign**
- Dave Mau thanked the Chapter for the nice plaque he received at his retirement party in December 2006
- Steve Bieda was the first winner of the 50/50 Raffle for Scholarships. Thanks to all who bought tickets! \$120 was raised

President Joe Lett thanked everyone for the great experience of leading this Chapter in 2006. He then handed the President's Gavel to incoming President Bob Reider.

President Bob Reider thanked Joe for his leadership the past year, accepted the gavel, and presented Joe with a Past President plaque. Bob then stated he is looking forward to another great year for the Northeast Chapter.

*Valley Surveying Free Meal – Andy Cleveland  
Chapter Free Meal – Mike Gonnering*

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

**Thomas Leslie**  
Secretary/Treasurer



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1/7/2007

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1/13/2007

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Lee Telfer & Associates  
1/13/2007

Mark Teuteberg  
Oconto County LIS  
2/7/2007

Raymond Tilly  
Retired  
1/1/2007

Lisa Van Horn  
Van Horn & Van Horn, LLC  
1/13/2007

Les Van Horn  
Van Horn & Van Horn, LLC  
1/13/2007

Terry Van Hout  
TNT Professional Land Surveying  
1/13/2007

Rick VanGoethem  
Northeast WI Technical College  
2/7/2007

Adam Verkuilen  
1/7/2007

Joel Wald  
Martenson & Eisele, Inc.  
2/20/2007

Keith Walenski  
Harris & Associates, Inc.  
1/13/2007

James Wallen  
Brown County Property Listing  
1/13/2007

Bernard Watermolen  
Retired  
1/1/2007

Aric Weber  
Baudhuin, Inc  
2/16/2007

James Westerman  
Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc.  
1/13/2007

Don Wiegel  
Survey Supply Shop  
3/6/2007

James Winkler  
Valley Surveying Instruments  
1/13/2007

Ken Wolf  
Earthtech  
1/13/2007

Thomas Wood  
Harris & Associates, Inc.  
1/13/2007

Gary A. Zahringer  
Martenson & Eisele, Inc.  
2/20/2007

Steven Zeitler  
American Surveys, LLC  
1/13/2007

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**March 19, 2007**

**Checking Account**

Starting Balance	2-7-07		1838.92
Deposits		825.00	
Checks		0.00	
Service Charge		9.50	
Statement Date	3-19-07		<b>2654.32</b>

**6-Month Certificate of Deposit**

Last Maturity Balance	10-26-06		<b>3948.28</b>
Total Interest (4.45%)	(on 4-28-07)	(88.09)	
Next Maturity Date:	<b>4-28-07</b>		(4036.37)

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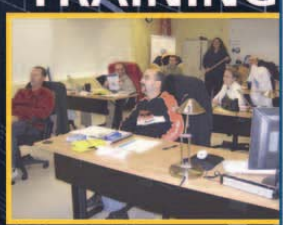
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## 2007 WINTER MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2007 Winter Board Meeting was held at Mackinaws in Green Bay on Thursday, February 8th. There were 21 members present when President Bob Reider called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. *A motion was made, seconded and approved* to accept the last General Meeting minutes (Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>) and the latest Treasurer's Report (Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>)

The following reports were given:

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- Rob Harris will now get his newsletter emailed

### WLSL REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- Attendance was the highest ever (approx. 803) for the Annual Institute. Next year's Institute will again be held at the Kalahari, with 2009 moving back to the KI Center in Green Bay
- Various water issues are now part of a proposed Survey Practice Modernization Bill. Sponsors are needed for this bill.
- In addition to water issues, the bill also contains language to change Chapter 443 of the Statutes to give authority to the Dept. of Regulation and Licensing to require continuing education *A motion was made, seconded and approved to draft a letter from the Northeast Chapter in support of the proposed changes to Chapter 443.* President Bob Reider will use similar letters by Past President Joe Lett and WLSL Secretary Harold Charlier to create this letter, which will be forwarded to Representative Steve Wieckert.
- New proposed ideas for CST program include bonus points for CST participation in the Map/Plat contest, a CST newsletter, and a special page on the WLSL website
- A new committee, "Internal Communications", needs more volunteers to help decide on better ways to disseminate information on the Internet
- There is a two-day exam preparation workshop scheduled for March 23-24 at MATC, with another possibly in the Eau Claire area
- National Surveyors Week is scheduled for March 18-24. Chapters should develop ideas for publicizing the week-long event
- Prizes for TrigStar winners may be increased
- DOT's Height Modernization Program is presently bogged down due to a shortage of workers (hiring freeze) and lack of funds
- Francis Thousand has been chosen as successor to Harold Charlier as the Society's Executive Director.

### AUDITING (Dale Raisleger)

- The 2006 Annual Auditing Report was handed out and reviewed. Everything is good, with a note on the \$300 difference between the ending balance of 2005 and the opening balance of 2006 (check was never cashed but was accepted out of the 2005 ending balance – all is corrected)

### CST (Jim Westerman)

- Current eligibility requirements mirror those of the Registration Exam. This restricts first-year student participation, and also doesn't help FVTC, as it lacks the surveying credentials needed to allow its students to take the test
- *Should testing be restricted to Level 1 testing for new applicants? This would lead to improved test scores and more passing grades*
- *Should the NE Chapter sponsor Institute rooms for student members taking the test?*

### ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- WLSL President Lisa Van Horn spoke about her ideas to change the State Ethics and Practices Committee into one that is more active and responsive to the concerns of its members. There is a possibility of constructing a special 9-person sub-committee, consisting of one Chapter elected member from each of the State Chapters. This sub-committee would be a clearinghouse of sorts, reviewing and handling any requests received before going to the Licensing Board, with education being the choice of approach. Lisa would also like the committee to start a "Map Study" - collecting several recent plat maps from each county and checking them for compliance to A-E 7 standards. This would help identify what items need more education. This would not be a "witch hunt", but a way to help better understand any patterns of non-compliance. She noted that we are a self-policing organization. Hopefully requiring continuing education, along with the results of the study, will help make future recorded plats more compliant to these standards. President Van Horn will attend the March 8<sup>th</sup> Registration Board Meeting and present her ideas. More to follow....

### LAND RECORDS (Pat Ford)

- Wisconsin Geographic Information Council, already in 35-40 states nationwide, is a forum that would "investigate and analyze critical issues and make recommendations to the highest levels of political & program leadership in the state". There would be 5-7 months of research and review before proposing to the Governor. A copy can be found at: [www.wlai.org/resources/wigisstratplan01052007.pdf](http://www.wlai.org/resources/wigisstratplan01052007.pdf)
- WLAI Task Force has completed work on converting WCCS to WSCRS, and is available online at: [www.sco.wisc.edu](http://www.sco.wisc.edu)

- ControlFinder is available on the SCO website and will link to federal, state and possibly local control points (NGS stations, Height Mod stations, etc)
- PLSSFinder is also in the works and should be ready within the next few months. This site will provide links to government tie sheets
- NGS State Geodetic Advisor is John Ellington and can be reached at (608) 516-1382 or email john.ellington@dot.state.wi.us
- The WISDOT Survey & Mapping Section has moved to 3502 Kinsman Blvd, Madison, WI 53407 (near Dane County Airport)
- The decision on the WIREdata open records law case is available at:  
<http://www.wicourts.gov/ca/opinion/DisplayDocument.html?content=html&seqNo=27629>
- DOT is setting a VRS network for Eastern Wisconsin – should be ready by early June
- WLIA Annual Conference is March 7-9 at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton – *There are NO surveyors on the WLIA Board*
- Soil Survey is available online at:  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

**LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)**

- No report at this time (also see WSLs report)

**MEMBERSHIP (Jim Sehloff)**

- Currently, there are 101 paid members: 43 Professional, 12 Affiliate, 27 Students, 2 Sustaining and 17 Lifetime
- Invoices will be sent to all previous Sustaining Members whose dues are not yet paid
- *Should we start a Corporate Membership, where a company would pay a certain amount and that would include any and all company employees wishing to enroll?* Tom L will research and see if this would be a benefit to all or if it would create a loss of revenue
- A request was made to provide member email & phone info on the Chapter website, with limited access (special password?) This would allow better contact with fellow surveyors. A check box could be added to the Membership Application if you do not want your info published on the website and/or newsletter
- A flyer could be added to each newsletter with the list of names, email & phone instead of being printed in the newsletter, since the newsletter is available for download 3 months after printing

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Tom Halverson)**

- No report at this time

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Terry Van Hout)**

- Tony Gromacki will be the Presenter for April's General Meeting, speaking on water issues

- A Study Group was mentioned as a way of helping people who plan to take the registration exam – *Meet once a month? Where? Would there be enough interest?* These are questions that should be brought in front of the General Membership for their input
- Mentoring was also discussed. Several former NWTC students mentioned lack of interaction between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students; also, a surveyor was never brought in for general questions from the students, both of which would help expand their education

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dan Hoel)**

- Any ideas would be greatly appreciated
- Farm Tech days will give HUGE exposure
- A booth at WLIA (WSLS's booth needs to be manned) from March 7-9

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Tom Wood)**

- Only 3 applications were received last year – Kelly G will get feedback from the NTWC students on why more did not apply
- Scholarship forms (new next year) will be sent out to coincide with the WSLs's mailing of apps

**STUDENT COMMITTEE (Kelly Grzeskowiak)**

- WELCOME to the newest Student Rep!
- There needs to be better interaction between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year students
- Focus groups/Survey Club is needed to help studies
- Advisory Committee for NWTC does not currently have a student member as in previous years – this should change – Can Rick V get involved??
- Nicolet uses a "Fisheree" to fund its' Institute trip costs. Other schools should do something similar
- A meeting between students, PR committee and instructors is needed to identify student needs and what can be done to meet those needs
- Job shadowing was mentioned as a way to get students more hands-on experience

**TRIGSTAR (Tom Wood)**

- National Surveyors Week will coincide with TrigStar testing
- \$65 will be needed for each participating school to cover the cost of the TrigStar exam and winner's plaque engraving (3 schools total so far = \$195)
- *Can we get companies and/or the Chapter to sponsor these schools TrigStar programs? OR could TrigStar run the "fund raiser" at each of the General Meetings?*
- *A motion was made, seconded and approved to appropriate \$200 per year for TrigStar exam fees and engraving, with a cap of 6 schools or \$450*

**2008 SUMMER WSLs HOST COMMITTEE (Steve Bieda)**

- Door County is most likely the spot...more to follow

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A letter was received from the WSLs Foundation expressing their gratitude for our 2007 donation
- Wayne from UW-Stevens Point stated that only 74 surveys were turned in at this year's Institute. A reminder mailing will be sent soon asking for more feedback from the attendees
- 2008 Farm Tech Days will be held on the Gerrit's Farm in Southern Brown County on July 15-17
- *A motion was made, seconded and approved to create an AD HOC "Farm Tech Days Committee" with Jim Wallen and Lisa Van Horn as co-chairs.* A sign-up sheet will be set out at the April General Meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

- *A motion was made, seconded and approved to raise the 2008 Chapter Membership dues as follows: Professional - \$40, Affiliate - \$20, Students - \$10 and Sustaining - \$80/\$130*
- A Chapter Seminar was discussed, Adverse Possession, with Gary Wickert as presenter. The last Chapter seminar, around 1994-95, was a huge success and raised a lot of funds. Les Van Horn will explore this and report in April. A fall timetable would be best, with WSLs already having a seminar in Eau Claire on October 12
- A "Non paying Client" list, available on the Chapter website, would be greatly appreciated. Too many "deadbeat clients" have been duping local surveying firms. This could be a closed forum or password only list that would include the name and email of the complaining surveyor or company. Everyone agreed this is needed
- Board and General Meeting places were set, with the full list available online within the next few weeks
- A fishing option was offered for the upcoming WSLs Summer Meeting in Minocqua. There was not much interest shown by attending members.
- Dale R. suggested reducing or eliminating the annual Chapter WSLs Foundation donation. The Foundation has almost \$200,000 and seems to be in great financial shape. The Chapter has had dwindling funds in recent years, and with many more expenditures in the near future that will further reduce our available funds. This will be reviewed again in Nov/Dec to see how our funds are at that time.

Being no further business *a motion was seconded and passed to adjourn* at 9:51 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Thomas Leslie  
Secretary

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**2007 Northeast Chapter Budget**

**Anticipated Income**

Professional	71 @	\$30.00	=	\$2,130.00
Affiliate	24 @	\$15.00	=	\$360.00
Sustaining	5 @	\$100.00	=	\$500.00
Student	14 @	\$7.50	=	\$105.00
Membership Meetings	192 @	\$14.00	=	\$2,688.00
Chapter Seminar			=	\$500.00
<b>Total Income</b>			=	<b>\$6283.00</b>

**Anticipated Expenses**

Secretary-Treasurer Salary			=	\$600.00
Newsletter Editor Salary			=	\$400.00
WSLS Foundation Donation			=	\$500.00
Northeast Chapter Scholarship			=	\$500.00
Donald Rhode Scholarship			=	\$500.00
Postage			=	\$380.00
Membership Meetings	192 @	\$12.00	=	\$2,304.00
Chapter Sponsored meal prizes	4 @	\$12.00	=	\$48.00
Lifetime Members meals	4 @	\$12.00	=	\$48.00
CST Testing Chapter Cost	15 @	\$30.00	=	\$450.00
Trigstar Chapter Cost			=	\$450.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>			=	<b>\$6,180.00</b>
Chapter gain/loss			=	\$103.00
2007 Budget			=	\$6,180.00



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**Auditing Committee Report  
For 2006**

The Auditing Committee met on February 7, 2007 to review the financial records of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors for the year 2006.

We have examined the receipts, bank statements, ledger and other pertinent records. The committee reports that the books appear to be in good order and submit the following.

<b>Opening Checkbook Balance as of 1/1/2006</b>	<u><b>\$3,684.69</b></u>
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Deposits

Dues and Miscellaneous receipts	\$7,513.38
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<b>Total Deposits</b>	<u><b>\$7,513.38</b></u>
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$11,198.07</b>
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Expenditures

Total checks written (28)	\$9,653.55	
Checks returned (27)	\$9,473.55	
Checks outstanding (1) (2006)	\$ 180.00	
Checks outstanding (1) (2005)	\$ 300.00	
Service charge	\$ 60.00	

<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u><b>\$9,713.55</b></u>
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Checkbook balance as of 12/31/2006	\$1,664.52
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Certificate of Deposit (will mature on 4/28/2007) (6 month)	\$3,868.75
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Certificate of Deposit (will mature on 1/23/2007) (3 month)	\$1,934.53
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<b>Total Chapter Assets</b>	<u><b>\$7,467.80</b></u>
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Respectfully submitted:


*Dale Raisleger*  
Dale Raisleger - Chair

*Tom Giese*  
Tom Giese

Les Van Horn was the featured speaker at an open house on March 17, 2007 at the Picture This Gallery and Studio in Appleton. The Art of Maps featured photographs of Bradford Washburn and Original Wisconsin Maps from 1839-1882. The studio is owned by Attorney Tom Sutter of Appleton and he puts on 4 or 5 showings a year of various artists. Les brought a number of antique surveying pieces and made a presentation starting with how the rectangular system was selected, how a plane table would be used in mapping, the differences in the various types of survey equipment,



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