

Northeast Chapter of the
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Meeting

Thursday July 15th, 2010

Royal Scot Golf Course, New Franken, WI



Golf at Royal Scot Golf Course
Trap Shoot a New Franken Sportsman Club

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2010 TENTATIVE MEETING

SCHEDULE & LOCATION

- January 21st, 2010
Regular meeting - Green Bay
The Ravine
- February 18th, 2010
Board of Directors - Denmark
Suster's
- April 8th, 2010
Regular meeting - Kiel
Millhome Supper Club
- May 13th, 2010
Board of Directors - Appleton
Good Company
- July 15th, 2010
Regular meeting - New Franken
Royal Scot Golf Course
- August 5th, 2010
Board of Directors - Manitowoc
Twin Fountains
- October 7th, 2010
Regular meeting - Appleton
Michiels (Fox Banquets)
- November 11th, 2010
Board of Directors - Howard
Townline
- January 20th, 2011
Regular meeting - DePere
Swan Club

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 90% 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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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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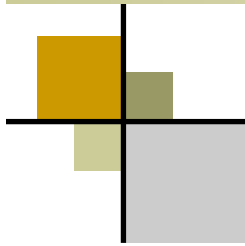
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Signature: _____ Date _____

Membership Dues:

- Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor
 \$40.00 in the State of Wisconsin.
- 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
 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.
 \$10.00
- Sustaining Member** Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession.
 - \$80.00 _____ Membership includes a display of their business card in Quarterly newsletter.
 - \$120.00 _____ Membership includes a full page ad and display of their business card in quarterly newsletter.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "THE NORTHEAST CHAPTER OF WSLs"



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Here we are in early July and we've already had the full gamut of summer. We've gone from being too dry to too wet, from highs ranging from the mid 50's to low 90's, from jungle-like humidity to desert like comfort. As summer progresses I hope that the weather stabilizes somewhat, as well as everyone's workload. If anyone has driven through the greater Green Bay area this year you will know that there is approximately 1 orange construction barrel per 2 city residents so it's nice to see some firms are being kept busy. I would hope that all of the road construction planned for this area in the coming years everyone locally can get a piece of the pie. National media likes to tout the fact that there is evidence of an economic recovery. If so we call all hope it gets to this area soon.

July 15 is the date chosen for the Northeast Chapter Summer Meeting to be held at Royal Scot Country Club in New Franken. It will be preceded by the annual golf outing. I am personally calling on all members to participate in this fun event. More participants may better my chance on not again shooting the high score. Contact Tom Leslie, tleslie63@hotmail.com (920)448-4495 for tee times. 18 hole time slots begin at 12:15, while 9 hole time slots begin at 2:30. If trap shooting is more your style, the Trap Shoot will be held at 2:30 at the New Franken Sportsman Club. Contact Tom Giese tomg@ci.green-bay.wi.us (920)448-3111 for reservations.

If you cannot make either event I still ask all members to attend the Summer Meeting. Tom Fogarty has been nominated by the Board of Directors to become a Life Member of the Northeast Chapter for his outstanding contribution to the Chapter. All members in good standing in attendance will be asked to approve the nomination. That in itself should make for a fruitful meeting. But as always I like to have a large turnout because I feel that is when more diverse ideas and better discussions are presented. Contact Tom Leslie to confirm your attendance. At the April General Membership meeting it was decided to add the agenda to the newsletter rather than hand that out at the meeting, so it will be posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Contact me if you'd like to add an item to the agenda prior to the meeting as it is never too late to discuss any issues you may have.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th.

Dale Raisleger

The Thursday, July 15th 2010 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

Royal Scot Golf Course

4831 Church Road

New Franken, WI

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

Golf: 18 Hole Tee Times start at 12:15 - 9 Hole Tee Times start at 2:30

Trap Shoot: New Franken Sportsman Club — We will shoot the standard 25 bird rounds, Annie Oakley, Buddy Backup and other rounds and will start at 2:30

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 Dale Raisleger - President- 920-662-2173



A: Royal Scot Golf Course, 4831 Church Road, New Franken, WI 54229-9609

B: New Franken Sportsmens Club, 281 N New Franken Rd, New Franken, WI 54229

**2010 SPRING
General Membership Meeting
Northeast Chapter of WSLs**

The 2010 Spring General Meeting was held on April 8, 2010 at Millhome Supper Club in Kiel, WI. There were **34** members present, including 3 students, when Dale Raisleger called the General Meeting to order at 7:42 pm

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of January 21, 2010.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the April 2010 Newsletter.

The following reports were given:

Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- Please forward any article ideas to Editor or Secretary
- It was agreed that the upcoming Meeting agenda should be published in the newsletter

WSLS Report (John Baudhuin)

- No report as the next meeting is Saturday, April 9, 2010

Auditing Committee (Anthony Lulloff)

- No report at this time

CST Committee (Troy Hewitt)

- No report at this time

Ethics and Practices (Tom Leslie)

- Nothing received or requested

Land Records (Ryan Duckart)

- Brown County ROD has been chosen to conduct a pre-test of electronically filing a TPP plat from WISDOT on April 15

Legislative (Ed Harvey)

- The current session is almost over so nothing really going to happen
- AB 727 Flat Fee is scheduled for a vote on the Assembly floor hopefully before this session closes
- AB 271 Redefinition Bill has been amended, with much discussion on exemptions and exclusions - not exactly a

complete victory for Surveyors but a definite improvement nonetheless

Membership (Jim Sehloff)

- Membership counts as of April 4, 2010:
 - 64 - Professional
 - 3 - Affiliate
 - 28 - Student
 - 3 - Sustaining
 - 14 - Lifetime
 - 112 Total

Nominating Committee (Bob Reider)

- No report at this time

Program Committee (Terry Van Hout)

- The scheduled speaker had a medical emergency which excluded him from our meeting
- PLEASE send your program ideas to Chair

Public Relations (Rob Clark)

- Sign-up sheet is available for National Railroad Museum "Day in the Life" is coming up April 25-27, with 1200-1500 students going thru during the event
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- LZ Lambeau, May 21-23 @ Lambeau Field is an effort to thank Vietnam Vets for their services. Pat Ford is meeting next week with some of the organization people to see what's what
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
- May 8, the Bay Lakes Boy Scouts will be holding a camp where scouts can obtain their surveying badge. They need surveyors!!! Please contact Tom Halverson is you can volunteer your time, knowledge and equipment
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Scholarship Committee (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

Seminar Committee (Gary Zahringer)

- Seminar is coming up next Friday, April 16th, 2010

Student Representative (Bob Rinfret)

- Students thanked the Chapter for their sponsored meals
- All participating students passed the latest CST test

Trig Star (Jim Westerman)

- The presentation to West De Pere will be this month
- Southwest has dropped out and Little Chute has shown interest. We need someone to step up and talk with them
- Raffle raised \$125 with 25% going to the winner, Gary Zahringer - CONGRATS!

Old Business

- Student & Lifetime Members introduced themselves WELCOME!!
- “Surveying Wisconsin in a Day”, part of National Surveyor’s Week, had 4 companies from the area participate. Project Feedback has been lacking
- It was mentioned that the Chapter meetings be moved so they are *after* the WSLs Board Meeting. This meeting had to be scheduled a week early or the report would have been presented
- PLEASE ask yourself or company to consider donating to Student Meals. The Chapter is running dangerously low and would like help in continuing this tradition

New Business

- Institute report: 830 attended and revenue was up. Next year’s Institute is January 26-28, 2011 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells
- There was discussion on PDHs, their availability, what qualifies. PDHs are guaranteed if sanctioned by WSLs, its Chapters (us) and college/tech schools. The seminar must be approved by one of these or PDHs cannot be guaranteed
- It was suggested after some discussion on the subjects, that AE 10 and auditing be possible presentations at the Chapter’s next seminar, (possibly in Oct/Nov?)
- An email from a student at the University of Minnesota was received, requesting a summer intern job at a surveying company somewhere in the area, was passed on to those interested

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn 9:01 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Jim Sehloff

Fill-in Secretary/Treasurer
for Tom Leslie

Chapter Free Meal: Terry Van Hout (donated to Student Meals)

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 15, 2010

Checking Account

Starting Balance	5-13-10 (<i>adjusted</i>)	4463.24
Deposits		3315.00+
Checks		155.00-
Outstanding Checks		0.00-
Current Balance		7623.74*
Cash Box Money		100.00+
<i>(* - Checking Account contains \$270 for donated student meals and \$773 for TrigStar)</i>		<u>1,043.00-</u>

Available Chapter Funds: 6680.74

6-Month Certificate of Deposit

Last Maturity Balance	4-30-10	2182.99
Total Interest (0.70%)	on 10-30-10	<u>7.66</u>
<i>Next Maturity Date:</i>	<i>10-30-10</i>	2190.65

TOTAL ASSETS: \$8863.73



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June 2, 2010

PLATTING LETTER #55 – 2010

**TO: WISCONSIN REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS
AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT**

SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO CH. 236, WIS. STATS.

2009 Wisconsin Acts 376 and 399, signed by Governor Doyle on May 18, 2010 and published June 1, 2010, make significant revisions to Ch. 236, Wis. Stats. All but one of the revisions takes effect June 2, 2010.

Please refer to the attached:

1. [Summary](#) and explanation of the revisions to Ch. 236, Wis. Stats.; and
2. Copies of 2009 Wisconsin Acts 376 and 399 containing the revised statutory language for Ch. 236, Wis. Stats.

This information is available on our website <http://doa.wi.gov/platreview/>. If you have questions regarding the statutory changes and their impact on subdivision plat and certified survey map requirements, please contact us at (608) 266-3200 or plat.review@wi.gov

Sincerely,

Renée Powers, RLS
Plat Review

***** PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF *****

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO CH. 236, WIS. STATS.

From 2009 Wisconsin Acts 376 and 399

This summary is NOT the Statute. It is a guide to the Statute.

Please refer to 2009 Wisconsin Acts 376 and 399 until the updated Statute is available.

<http://legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/acts/09Act376.pdf>

<http://legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/acts/09Act399.pdf>

s. 236.11 (1) (b) Submittal time limit for final plat following preliminary plat approval. (Effective 6/2/10)

Final plats must be submitted within **36 months** following preliminary plat approval. A local unit of government may extend the time for submission of the final plat.

s. 236.11 (1) (c) Process for determining if a final plat conforms substantially to the preliminary plat. (Effective 6/2/10)

A professional engineer, planner or other person designated to review plats for a local unit of government shall determine if a final plat "substantially conforms" to the preliminary plat. This determination shall be given to the unit of government along with a recommendation for approval/denial of the final plat. The conclusion and recommendation are not required to be in writing but must be made part of the public record at the proceeding which the final plat is being considered.

s. 236.13 (1) (b) Specify that plats need to comply to the local ordinance as it exists when the plat is submitted. (Effective 6/2/10)

Preliminary plats or final plats, if no preliminary plat was submitted for that development, must comply with the local ordinance which was in effect when the plat was submitted. If an ordinance is revised while the plat is moving through the review process --- the new requirements **can not** be applied to the plat.

s. 236.13 (2) (a) Surety bond or other security required for improvements is limited to the phase being constructed. (Effective 6/2/10)

The plat may be developed in phases as approved by the local unit of government. The amount of surety bond or other security shall be limited to the phase currently being constructed. Local units of government may not require that the security be provided sooner than is reasonably necessary before the installation of improvements begins.

s. 236.25 (2) (b) Time limit for recording subdivision plats. (Effective 6/2/10)

Plats must be recorded within **12 months** after the last approval and **36 months** from the first approval.

NOTE: Recording time limits for CSMs have NOT changed.

s. 236.45 (2) (ac) Ways in which local ordinances MAY NOT be more restrictive than state statutes. (Effective 1/2/11)

Local ordinances may not have more restrictive time limits, deadlines, notice requirements or be more restrictive in other provisions of ch. 236, Wis. Stats. that provide protections for the subdivider.

s. 236.45 (3) (b) Local review of plat or CSM based upon the lands proposed use. (Effective 6/2/10)

Local units of government may not review a plat or CSM, within their extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction, based upon the lands proposed use, unless the their approval/denial is based upon a plan or regulations adopted under s. 62.23 (7a) (c), Wis. Stats. (extraterritorial zoning).

Nonstatutory provisions of Act 376 related to s. 236.45 (2) (ac)

City, village, town and county ordinances must comply with this change on or after the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective date of Act 376, which is June 2nd, 2010, or the ordinance can not be enforced.

Therefore, local ordinances must be modified in accordance with the act by January 2, 2011.

Nonstatutory provisions of Act 376 related to s.236.13(1)(b) & (2)(a); s.236.11(1)(b) & (c); s.236.25(2)(b) and s. 236.45 (3) (b).

Changes to these sections of the statute apply to all plats as of **June 2, 2010**.

State of Wisconsin



2009 Senate Bill 626

Date of enactment: **May 18, 2010**
Date of publication*: **June 1, 2010**

2009 WISCONSIN ACT 376

AN ACT to renumber 236.45 (2) (a) 1. to 4.; to renumber and amend 236.45 (2) (a) (intro.); to amend 236.11 (1) (b), 236.13 (1) (b), 236.13 (2) (a), 236.13 (3), 236.25 (1), 236.25 (2) (b), 236.26 and 236.45 (6) (am); and to create 236.11 (1) (c) of the statutes; relating to: modifications to platting requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 236.11 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.11 (1) (b) If the final plat conforms substantially to the preliminary plat as approved, including any conditions of that approval, and to local plans and ordinances adopted as authorized by law, it is entitled to approval. If the final plat is not submitted within 24 36 months after the last required approval of the preliminary plat, any approving authority may refuse to approve the final plat or may extend the time for submission of the final plat. The final plat may, if permitted by the approving authority, constitute only that portion of the approved preliminary plat ~~which that~~ the subdivider proposes to record at that time.

SECTION 2. 236.11 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

236.11 (1) (c) A professional engineer, a planner, or another person charged with the responsibility to review plats shall provide the approving authority with his or her conclusions as to whether the final plat conforms substantially to the preliminary plat and with his or her recommendation on approval of the final plat. The conclusions and recommendation shall be made a part of the record of the proceeding at which the final plat is being

considered and are not required to be submitted in writing.

SECTION 3. 236.13 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.13 (1) (b) Any municipal, town, or county ordinance that is in effect when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or a final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted;

SECTION 4. 236.13 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.13 (2) (a) As a further condition of approval, the governing body of the town or municipality within which the subdivision lies may require that the subdivider make and install any public improvements reasonably necessary or that the subdivider execute a surety bond or provide other security to ensure that he or she will make those improvements within a reasonable time. The subdivider may construct the project in such phases as the governing body approves, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld. If the subdivider's project will be constructed in phases, the amount of any surety bond or other security required by the governing body shall be limited to the phase of the project that is currently being constructed. The governing body may not require that the subdivider provide any security for improvements sooner than is reasonably necessary before the commencement of the installation of the improvements.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

2009 Wisconsin Act 376

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2009 Senate Bill 626

SECTION 7. 236.25 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.25 (2) (b) The plat is offered for record within ~~6~~ 12 months after the date of the last approval of the plat and within ~~24~~ 36 months after the first approval;

SECTION 9. 236.45 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 236.45 (2) (ac) and amended to read:

236.45 (2) (ac) To accomplish the purposes listed in sub. (1), any municipality, town or county ~~which that~~ has established a planning agency may ~~adopt~~ enact ordinances governing the subdivision or other division of land ~~which that~~ are more restrictive than the provisions of this chapter. ~~Such ordinances, except that no ordinance may modify in a more restrictive way time limits, deadlines, notice requirements, or other provisions of this chapter that provide protections for a subdivider.~~

(am) Ordinances under par (ac) may include provisions regulating divisions of land into parcels larger than 1 1/2 acres or divisions of land into less than 5 parcels, and may prohibit the division of land in areas where such prohibition will carry out the purposes of this section. Such ordinances shall make applicable to such divisions all of the provisions of this chapter, or may provide other surveying, monumenting, mapping and approving requirements for such division. The governing body of the municipality, town, or county shall require that a plat of such division be recorded with the register of deeds and kept in a book provided for that purpose. "COUNTY PLAT," "MUNICIPAL PLAT," or "TOWN PLAT" shall be printed on the map in prominent letters with the location of the land by government lot, recorded private claim, quarter-quarter section, section, township, range, and county noted. When so recorded, the lots included in the plat shall be described by reference to "COUNTY PLAT," "MUNICIPAL PLAT," or "TOWN PLAT," the name of the plat and the lot and block in the plat, for all

purposes, including those of assessment, taxation, devise, descent, and conveyance as defined in s. 706.01 (4). Such ordinance, insofar as it may apply to divisions of less than 5 parcels, shall not apply to:

SECTION 10. 236.45 (2) (a) 1. to 4. of the statutes are renumbered 236.45 (2) (am) 1. to 4.

SECTION 11. 236.45 (6) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

236.45 (6) (am) Notwithstanding subs. (1) and (2) ~~(a)~~ ~~(intro.)~~ (ac), a municipality, town, or county may not, as a condition of approval under this chapter, impose any fees or other charges to fund the acquisition or improvement of land, infrastructure, or other real or personal property, except that a municipality or town may impose a fee or other charge to fund the acquisition or initial improvement of land for public parks.

SECTION 12. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) INCONSISTENT ORDINANCE. If, on or after the first day of the 7th month beginning after the effective date of this subsection, a city, village, town, or county has in effect an ordinance that is inconsistent with this act, the ordinance does not apply and may not be enforced.

SECTION 13. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 236.13 (1) (b) and (2) (a) of the statutes first applies to preliminary plats or, in cases in which no preliminary plats are submitted, final plats that are submitted for approval on the effective date of this subsection.

(2) The treatment of section 236.11 (1) (b) and (c) of the statutes first applies to final plats submitted after preliminary plats that are submitted for approval on the effective date of this subsection.

(3) The treatment of section 236.25 (2) (b) of the statutes first applies to final plats that are submitted for recording on the effective date of this subsection.

State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Bill 260

Date of enactment: **May 18, 2010**

Date of publication*: **June 1, 2010**

2009 WISCONSIN ACT 399

AN ACT to renumber 236.45 (3); and to create 236.45 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: extraterritorial plat approval on basis of land's use.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 236.45 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 236.45 (3) (a).

SECTION 2. 236.45 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

236.45 (3) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a) and subs. (1) and (2), a municipality may not deny approval of a plat or certified survey map under this section or s. 236.10 or

236.13 on the basis of the proposed use of land within the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction of the municipality, unless the denial is based on a plan or regulations, or amendments thereto, adopted by the governing body of the municipality under s. 62.23 (7a) (c).

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to preliminary plats or, in cases in which no preliminary plats are submitted, final plats, and to certified survey maps, that are submitted for approval on the effective date of this subsection.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

**THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN CHAPTER OF THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF
LAND SURVEYORS
- JULY 15, 2010 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER -**

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PAID MEMBERSHIP

As of July 8, 2010

PROFESSIONAL	73
AFFILIATE	4
STUDENT	28
SUSTAINING	4
LIFETIME	<u>14</u>
TOTAL	123

*Northeast Wisconsin Chapter
OF THE
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors*

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
JULY 15, 2010
ROYAL SCOT COUNTRY CLUB, NEW FRANKEN**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2010 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APPROVE TREASURERS' REPORT Tom Leslie

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT Jeff Meneau

WSLS REPORT John Baudhuin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDITING COMMITTEE	Tony Lulloff
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SEMINAR COMMITTEE	Scott DeBaker
STUDENT CHAPTER COMMITTEE	Bob Rinfret
TRIGSTAR COMMITTEE	Jim Westerman

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom Fogarty Life Membership
- Meal Give Away

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Fellow members of SOSEWLS:

I am writing this letter to inform you of what I believe to be a serious issue facing all surveyors in Wisconsin. There is a wolf at the door, and many who read this may be unaware of its presence.

Shorewest Realtors, here in Wisconsin, are now offering a service to clients that purchase real estate through them. This service is being provided through an exclusive partnership with a company called Blueline Technologies, LLC. Together they are marketing the importance of Land Surveys for prospective buyers. Blueline's brochure states "Protect Yourself with a Land Survey! When buying a home, you want to know where your property begins and ends to avoid unnecessary and sometimes costly boundary disputes later down the road." This sounds great to me. I am a big advocate for land surveying—go figure, right? I encourage everyone purchasing real estate to have a survey done prior to their purchase—I explain that it is the only way to know if there are issues with the property, and the exact boundaries of the property being invested in.

Shorewest is offering land surveying services through this exclusive partnership. Blueline Technologies is not a Wisconsin based survey firm. They are, according to their marketing materials a "vendor management company specializing in survey coordination for residential real estate transactions." Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 443.02(4) states that "No person may practice land surveying in this state or use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a land surveyor unless the person has been issued a certificate of registration or granted a permit to practice under this chapter." I believe that both Shorewest and Blueline are in violation of State Statutes regarding unlicensed practice by offering this service to their clients.

Further reading of their brochure revealed to me that "Most surveys cost just \$245." I am sure you know at least some of what I thought about that statement! When we were preparing our chapter's brochure we discussed cost, and knew that we couldn't add a typical price for a survey for a few reasons—first, giving a flat price in that manner is akin to price-fixing, second, we also knew that there are no two surveys that are exactly alike, and assessing a flat rate to the cost of a survey would be foolish. In addition, they promise a 3-5 day turnaround from one of their "qualified Blueline survey vendors" on the product they are calling a "Location Survey". This low cost "Location Survey" is being touted as an advertising gimmick for the realtor, as the purchaser's copy comes laminated with a full-color picture of the realtor on the face of the map.

A little further down in their information is this statement: "A location survey is not a boundary survey as per Wisconsin Chapter A-E7 and by placing this order, requirements of A-E7 are hereby exempt." Now, I am not a lawyer, but I have spent a fair amount of time reading statutes and the Administrative Code, and feel pretty confident that I understand what is meant when A-E 7 defines a property survey *A-E 7.02 "In this chapter, "property survey" means any land*

surveying which includes as one of its principal purposes describing, monumenting, locating the boundary lines of or mapping one or more parcels of land."

That definition leads me to believe that the instrument that they are "selling" falls under the rules of A-E 7 because the product they are selling is a map of a parcel of land for the express intent of showing the location of the house on that parcel in relation to the property and easement lines. In addition, their documentation and the map represents the product as a survey multiple times by using the terms "Survey", "Mortgage Survey", and requiring that the surveyor doing the mapping to sign a certificate that states that they have "surveyed and drawn the above described property..."

It is my hope that any Registered Land Surveyor in this state would see this product as worthless to any of the parties involved. The only way to protect the general public is to perform a survey that fulfills the minimum requirements as set forth in A-E 7.

I would go beyond that and say that we should always be striving to exceed those minimum requirements.

That said, I believe that before any surveyor would agree to prepare a map that is below the required minimum standards, that they would also consider the following rules found in Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter A-E 8, including:

A-E 8.03(3)(b)--Misconduct in relation to deficient maps.

A-E 8.04(4)--Truthfulness in publicity--calling something a survey that is clearly not.

A-E 8.06(2)--A Surveyor's professional obligation to their client.

A-E 8.07(1)--We are to enforce the rules and statutes regarding our profession, not find ways to get around them.

A-E 8.09--Adherence to statutes and rules.

I find this practice to be deeply troubling. A firm from Ohio is brokering so-called survey services here in Wisconsin. They are setting the price for those services at \$245.00. Every Registered Surveyor in this state should be outraged regarding this. We should be calling this what it is, unethical, unprofessional, and illegal.

We are required by law to assist in the enforcing of laws relating to our profession. We should be outraged, and we should let our local Shorewest Realtor's know that if they participate in selling these that the product they are selling is not a survey. We should also encourage each other to avoid working for companies such as these who only seek to reduce our Profession to a commodity--something that can be bought or sold based on a fixed price, not on its true value. The value of a survey is much more than the money that is invested in its preparation.

Sincerely,

David T Bosshard,
President
Society of Southeastern Wisconsin Land Surveyors, Inc

OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS

New Glarus Brewery gift shop and self-guided tour hours are daily, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Glarus Woods State Park is ±2 miles south of the village.

Sugar River State Bike Trail runs directly behind the Chalet Landhaus. This trail intersects the Badger State Trail including the nearby ¼ mile long Stewart Tunnel.

The Swiss Historical Village is a museum of Swiss colony buildings and artifacts and outlines the history of New Glarus back to its origin of 1845.

Specialty shops. New Glarus has a variety of shops including Swiss chocolates, cheeses, and gifts, a Christmas store, art galleries, and antique stores.

Restaurants. New Glarus has a large culinary presence. There are multiple different establishments specializing in Swiss and European cuisine as well as supper clubs and pubs.

The New Glarus Bakery has a variety of wonderful pastries and specialty European breads.

Hoesly's Meats and Ruel's Market are butcher shops that feature a variety of unique old world products, some of which are difficult to find even in Switzerland today.

Primrose Winery Tasting Room is located in quaint downtown New Glarus and is open for tastings daily.

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Note: no rooms have been held at this motel.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Guest: _____

Number of golfers: _____ x \$55.00
 (Includes 18 holes and cart rental)

Number of Shooters: _____ x \$10.00
 (Cost of rounds to be paid at club)

Fri. Dinner Attendees _____ x \$25.00

Sat. Session Attendees _____ x \$35.00

Sat. Lunch Attendees _____ x \$15.00

Total _____

Register no later than 07/30/10

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**2010 WSLs
 SUMMER MEETING**

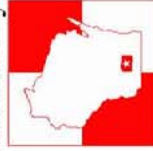


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FRIDAY EVENTS

Golf at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club
W4764 Edelweiss Rd
New Glarus, WI 53574



**Golf tee times will begin at 10:00 a.m.,
Friday, August 13th.**

There will be prizes awarded for golf contests specified on the course.

Trap & Skeet at Argyle Rod & Gun Club
W9408 State Hwy 81, Argyle, WI 53504



**Open rounds of Trap or Skeet from
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 13th.**

Trap: \$5 per round of 25 clays

Skeet: \$5 per round of 25 clays

There will be prizes for the best round in each event as well as random prizes for participation. You may shoot as many rounds as the club will accommodate until 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY CONTINUED

Lunch on Friday is not provided. The Golf Course has food available at the clubhouse as well as vendors patrolling the course. Shooters are welcome to bring food and snacks to the Argyle Rod and Gun Club. You are also welcome to try one of the many restaurants in New Glarus.

The pacing and estimating contest will be held on Friday at the Chalet Landhaus during a social hour from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. we will award prizes from the day's festivities



You are invited to dinner at 6:45 p.m. for a Swiss cookout buffet at the Chalet Landhaus including a taste of the local entertainment.



SATURDAY SESSIONS & MEETINGS

Speaker 1. William Wambach, RLS
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
RLS-371 Surveyor - Retired
Past director of District 1 D.O.T.
Graduate of Marquette University
National High-Jump Champion (80-84)

**Presenting:
Searching for the Point of Beginning**

Mr. Wambach will talk on the history of the State of Wisconsin's Point of Beginning and describe the retracement and placement of the current monument marking this significant historical location.

Speaker 2. Attorney William P. O'Connor of Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson, S.C.
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mr. O'Connor will be reporting on the rise and fall of the Survey Modernization Bill, AB-271 and it's travels through the legislative process. A behind the scenes look at the some of the intricate details and politics involved in the life of a bill. Mr. O'Connor has been the WLSLS lobbyist for years and has done some great work on behalf of the surveying profession in Wisconsin.

WLSLS Summer Meeting and Luncheon:
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WLSLS BOARD MEETING
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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On Saturday May 8th, several members from the NE Chapter of WSLs volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, Bay-Lakes Council spring camporee at Gathering Waters in Wautoma, to help 150 scouts earn their surveying merit badge. It was a full day of events for the scouts and the volunteers. We even enjoyed snow, rain, small hail, and some sunshine all in one day. A big thanks goes out to all the volunteers, so if you see them tell them that the Boy Scouts were very happy with everything we did. They were as follows: Les Van Horn, Bob Reider, Tom Halverson, Aaron Ballast, Avery Ballast, Rachael Ballast, Erin, Rob Clark, and the boy scout adventure pack.



Northeast Wisconsin Chapter of WSLs

2010 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 13, 2010 – Good Company in Appleton

There were **9** members present when President Dale Raisleger called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Board Meeting minutes of February 18, 2010

Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented

The following reports were given:

NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- No report at this time

WSLS REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- Last Board meeting was April 10, 2010 at Holiday Inn in Rothschild
- CST & Membership Committees will study the idea of CST membership, as a separate category or perhaps a regular member if Level 3 or above? Current Level 3 CSTs opinions will be gathered. CST recertification is not as good right now as earlier in the program – perhaps the economy? Maybe the membership program will increase interest in WSLs and CST
- Education Committee is discussing 2+2 program development. Michigan Tech will work on allowing in-state tuition to Wisconsin residents. A 4 year degree is forthcoming, so WSLs should support the idea and get information out to its members. Not all Chapters are in favor of the 4 year plan – encouraged but not required?
- AB 271 may be in danger of not being scheduled before the end of the current legislative session
- Daniel Fedderly has replaced Rick Van Goethem on the DRL Board
- Te Board discussed the nominating process and whether it is better to have the nominating committee select candidates or should the Chapters also solicit candidates?
- Bruce Bowden reported on the Survey of the State back in March. 25-30 people participated, with Doug Crane starting the processing of the data (170 vectors) No word yet from Guinness
- The Chair suggested the Legislative Committee and Plat Review Committee have a joint meeting and talk about changes to Chapter 236
- 25-30 schools should be participating in this year’s Trig Star Program
- The Water Issues Committee, while not very active as of late, will remain a committee – perhaps the website info could be updated?

- John Matonish predicts that there would be an effort to have NSPS withdraw or get rid of ACSM. NSPS will be the national voice of the surveyor. WSLs will see if NSPS will get all WSLs members to become NSPS members as well
- The DRL has created a three person advisory committee to help decide what program/seminar qualifies for CE PDHs. WSLs events are qualified
- A website meeting was recently held, with an organizational chart being produced and an RFP being sent out

AUDITING (Anthony Lulloff)

- No report at this time

CST (Troy Hewitt)

- Suggested that we add “CST” (and level?) to the Chapter name tags
- WIDOT is phasing out on-staff surveyors, opting for consultant firms. This has hurt the push for a CST requirement. Perhaps DOT could require the consultants to have a CST on staff? Its easier to require “out of DOT” than “in house”

ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- A general email address (and complaint form) for people to send in complaints should be added to the Chapter website

LAND RECORDS (Ryan Duckart)

- No report at this time

LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)

- SB 507 (Flat Fee Bill) should become law soon
- “*Bozos at the marble Big Top*” have closed ‘er down for the summer to concentrate on re-election

MEMBERSHIP (Jim Schloff)

- An email will be sent to past members (within the last 4 years) asking about interest in this year’s membership
- Voting on Tom Fogarty as a Lifetime Member will be held at the July General meeting at Royal Scot GC
- There are 121 paid members as of this meeting
 - 72 Professional
 - 3 Affiliate
 - 28 Students
 - 4 Sustaining
 - 14 Lifetime

NOMINATING (Bob Reider)

- WSLs is looking for nominations from each Chapter for Director-at-Large and President-Elect
- *A large notice should be added to the Chapter Fall newsletter about the above information*

PROGRAM (Terry Van Hout)

- At this time the summer meeting does not have a program to offer. ANY SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED!
- Jim Winkler is still in business – hurting but still open. *“Please patronize our sustaining members!”*

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Rob Clark)

- Statewide GPS project on March 20
- “Day in a Life” at the National RR Museum was held in April. “Thank You” to all those who volunteered their time and talents
- The local Boy Scouts held a Surveying Merit Badge day on May 7 near Waupaca. Surveyors taught the kids a simple surveying problem. Les Van Horn was one of those surveyors. He said it was a long day but the kids really enjoyed the day and the organizers were very happy to have this opportunity for the kids
- LZ Lambeau will not be in need of the Chapter’s surveying services

SCHOLARSHIP (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

SEMINAR (Gary Zahringer)

- The last seminar on April 16, 2010 had a good turnout, with 45 people attending. The speakers were very gracious and charged nothing to the Chapter – so the seminar cleared over \$2200
- Frank Thousand will be contacted and asked to add our Seminar flyer link to the WSLs website

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (Bob Renfrit)

- Classes are almost done so nothing to report

TRIG*STAR COMMITTEE (Jim Westerman)

- West De Pere presentation was given to 30 kids, with 4 taking the test. Not a great turnout but the Instructor really likes the program. RE Lee sponsored the First Place prize of \$100 with the rest getting a small gift card
- Tom L got reimbursement checks to everyone for all prizes (other than First Place)

OLD BUSINESS

- Tom L will send a letter to Tom Fogarty alerting him to the Lifetime vote in July. Tom L will

check archives to see if Dave Mau was actually voted in or just “in”

- *Perhaps Scott De Baker should have a registered version of whatever software program he needs to get the website back up, running properly and accessible from his home (not just work)?*
- Jeff M and Scott D should meet and discuss the best route to go on website programs & design

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim S asked if the Chapter would like to be part of building a “Compass Coarse” at his local church. Nobody knows what that entails – Jim will check and report back

Being no further business *a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn* at 8:32 PM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Leslie
Secretary

Spring 2010 Board Meeting

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