

Northeast Chapter of the
Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

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Northeast Chapter Meeting

Thursday October 9th, 2008

Michael's Fox Banquets, Appleton, WI



Program:

We have Todd Elliot from Johnson Insurance doing a presentation

On Flood Insurance

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**2008 TENTATIVE MEETING
SCHEDULE & LOCATION**

- January 10th, 2008
Regular meeting - Green Bay
The Woods
- February 13th, 2008
Board of Directors - Kaukauna
Out-O-Town Club
- April 10th, 2008
Regular meeting - Kewaunee
CJ's Banquet Hall
- May 8th, 2008
Board of Directors - Dyckesville
- June 26, 2008
Regular meeting - Greenleaf
Wander Springs
- August 14th, 2008
Board of Directors - Green Bay
1951
- October 9th, 2008
Regular meeting - Appleton
Michael's Fox Banquets
- November 13h, 2008
Board of Directors - Green Bay
Mackinaw's Grill
- January 8th, 2009
Regular meeting - Green Bay - Woods

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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- Lisa Van Horn - (Past President)
- Jim Wallen - (President Elect)

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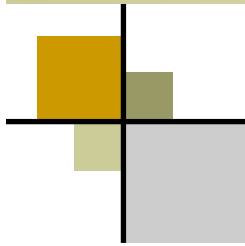
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Signature: _____ Date _____

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- Professional Member:** Any person currently registered as a Land Surveyor
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- Life Member** Any person having reached the age of 65, retired
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Members,

It is hard to believe that summer is leaving us and fall is here. I hope that you stayed busy during this challenging year with the economy like it is.

Our fall meeting will be held October 9th at Michael's Fox Banquets in Appleton. The food there is excellent and I hope you can find some time to attend.

As you know the Northeast Chapter hosted the WSLs summer meeting back in August at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor. If you were unable to attend you missed a great time.

The golf, trap shoot and the food were all excellent. Jim Wallen, Renee Powers and Attorney Chris Phal did a great job on the Condominium Seminar. I thought the event was well attended.

A special thanks goes out to Steve Beida and his committee for all their hard work to make this all happen.

If you are currently not receiving your Northeast Chapter Newsletter via e-mail please do so.

It saves the Chapter time and money. If you wish to do this please contact Jeff Meneau and he can set you up.

Continuing Education for Surveyors has been making progress. The draft proposal has been submitted to the Land Surveyors Section to be put into Rule form and then sent back to the WSLs Board for final review. At the Northeast Chapter summer meeting the membership has directed me to draft a letter stating that we are in full support of this continuing Education plan. We were advised the submittal of this support letter should be sent to the State Licensing Board later in October when things are more finalized. I will draft this letter and get the Boards approval before we send it to the State.

I plan to have the letter as submitted included in the January newsletter.

If you have any questions on this please give me a call.

The SWOT plan continues to be worked on by our WSLs Board. They have asked for our support in compiling a list of things that we think threaten our livelihood. I hope you have a chance to think about this and get your comments to our State President John Casucci.

I hope to see you at our next membership meeting October 9th in Appleton.

Very Truly Yours

Gary Zahringer

Chapter President

The Thursday, October 9th 2008 meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors:

Michael's Fox Banquets

111 E Kimball Street

Appleton, WI

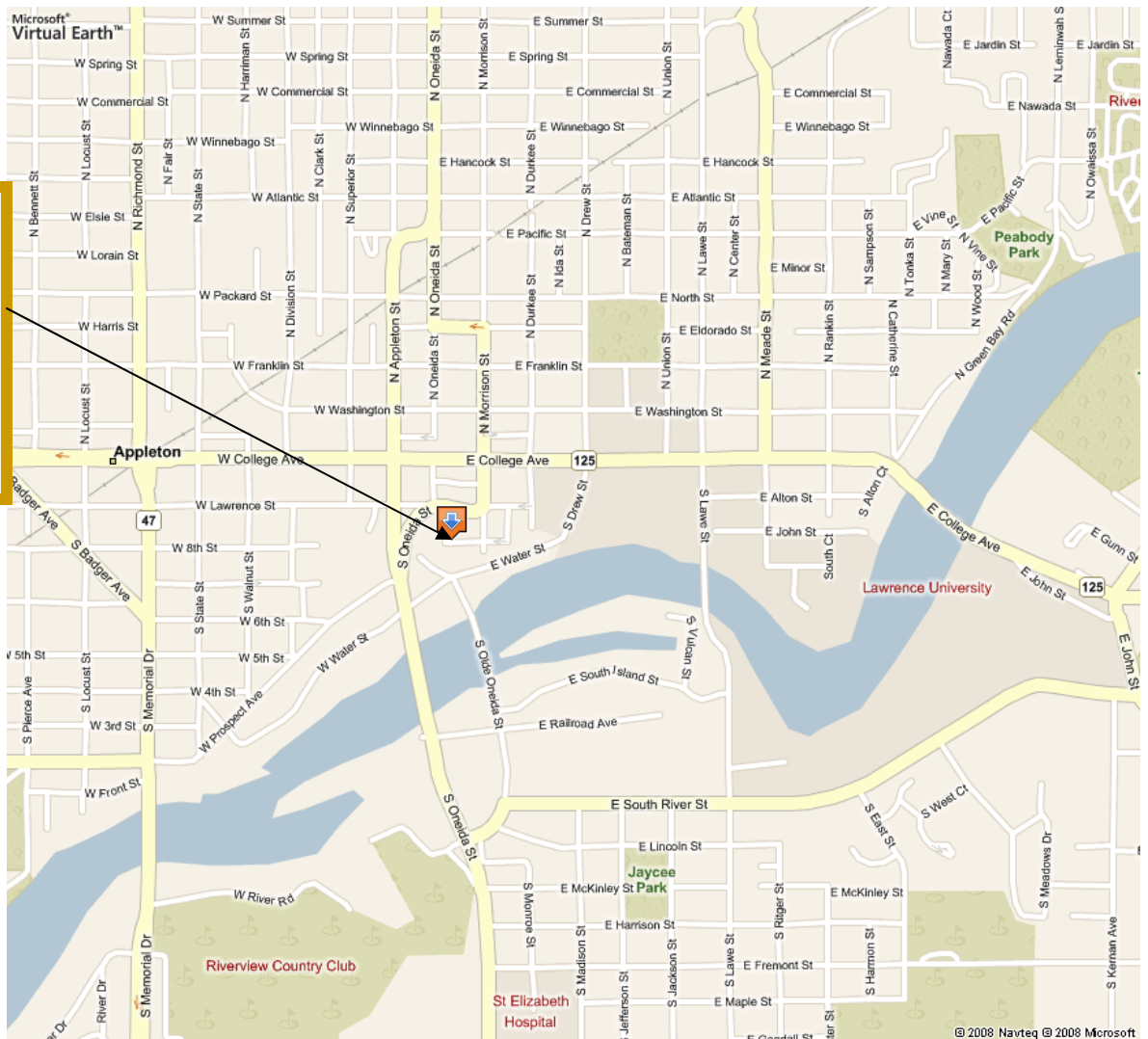
Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 7:00 pm Dinner will cost \$15.00

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 Gary Zahringer - President- 920-731-0381

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2008 SUMMER General Membership Meeting Northeast Chapter of WSLs

The 2008 Summer General Meeting was held on June 26, 2008 at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf, WI. There were 32 members present, including 1 guest, when President Gary Zahringer called the general meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of April 8, 2008.

A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the July 2008 Newsletter.

Newsletter Editors Report (Jeff Meneau)

- Nearly 80% of members participate in emailing of the newsletter. GOOD JOB!!

WSLS Report (John Baudhuin)

- Last meeting was held June 6, 2008 in Stevens Point
- There are currently 3 complaints being reviewed by Ethics & Practices: a platting issue in Jefferson County, conflicting information between a CSM and Plat, and a P-O-S/CSM conflict
- The Legislative Committee received a draft of the survey modernization bill, reviewed it and requested several changes
- The next program scheduled is a workshop to prepare for the land surveyors exam in September
- Publications Committee Chair reported on the May 13th meeting that discussed changes in the Articles & Bylaws
- CST Committee discussed the Committee's efforts to get the program recognized in the letting of contracts by WisDOT
- The Institute Committee reported good progress on the next Institute
- The County Surveyors Association requested holding their Annual meeting as a session for the Institute. Starting and ending time as well as Friday afternoon time changes were also discussed
- The Board discussed machine control, whereby contractors are starting to use machine control for house stakeouts. Where's the point where machine control becomes surveying?? What do we do protect the livelihood of the surveyor?

* There was added discussion concerning the giving of coordinates to contractors. An overwhelming "Don't Do It!" was the consensus as this is in direct competition with surveyors

- A comment made at the Strategic Planning session on it not mattering what the WSLs thought would work best for Continuing Education since the Land Surveyors Section has the final decision. This comment was not taken well. The opinion was expressed that the draft presented was not strong enough in the requirements for specifics on State laws
- The Transition & Staffing Committee has been dissolved
- Some surveyors in Wisconsin stated they thought ALTA surveys do not have to be filed at the County level. The Standards say all State laws apply, which includes filing with the County

Auditing Committee (Dale Raisleger)

- No report at this time

CST Committee (Jim Westerman)

- See comment in "WSLS Report" on WisDOT requirement. Jim adds that it seems this requirement is a low priority to WisDOT at this time
- A bad review on a contractor and sub-contractors means more paperwork and most involved do not want his added work

Ethics and Practices (Tom Leslie)

- No report at this time

2008 Farm Tech Days (Jim Wallen)

- Saturday, June 14th, was the stakeout of Tent City
- 15 people volunteered their time, with over 3,000 points being set (quite a sight!)
- Volunteers will receive a special Volunteer t-shirt from Farm Tech Days
- Booth volunteers are needed for the event. Please let Jim Wallen know if you would like to volunteer for a shift

Land Records (Pat Ford)

- No report at this time

Legislative (Ed Harvey)

- Legislators are out of session at this time, with not much expected to happen until after the November elections

Membership (Jim Sehloff)

- Membership counts as of June 26, 2008:
 - 62 - Professional
 - 10 - Affiliate
 - 35 - Student
 - 4 - Sustaining
 - 15 - Lifetime
 - 126 Total

Nominating Committee (Tom Halverson)

- Everything is set for next year

Program Committee (Terry Van Hout)

- Prizes were given for the golf outing and the trap shoot
- “Thank You” to all who participated and volunteered in both golf and trap shooting

Public Relations (Dan Hoel)

- No report at this time

Scholarship Committee (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

2008 Summer WSLs Meeting (Steve Bieda)

- Reservations are trickling in. The recent economy and gas prices are expected to keep the attendance numbers low this year
- Everything is good to go. Brochures have been sent out by WSLs to all paid members
- WSLs Board Meeting will be held right after the business meeting

Students (Jesse Delveaux)

- No report at this time (no students attended the meeting)

Trig Star (Tom Wood)

- Please make contacts with your local schools and get them involved
- It was suggested to watch one of the presentations given by Terry, Jim or Tom to see what is involved and how easy it really is
- NWTC has brochure available for help

- There will be a \$500 bonus given to someone taking the Trig test (also must be in a surveying program)

Old Business

- Welcome to new member Brian Frisque
- Joe Lett mentioned that Tom Fogarty has put in almost 40 years at WPS with one more day to go before retirement
Congratulations Tom!
- Any comments on requirements of Continuing Education should be forwarded to WSLs President John Casucci before July 30th. These comments will be drawn up by WSLs and given to the State Rules Committee which meets in October, with that report going to the Joint Committee meeting a few days later
- A motion was *made, seconded and approved* to have Chapter President Gary Zahringer draft a letter to WSLs and the Registration Board in support of Continuing Education

New Business

- A SWOT analysis letter was sent to all paid WSLs members. Comments should be sent to WSLs President John Casucci by September
- GIS, GPS and machine control are all threats to the surveying community. The use of coordinates for grading are not but *should* be checked by a surveyor. This needs to be addressed at future meetings
- A prizewinner’s list will be published in the next newsletter for both the golf outing and trap shoot

Valley Surveying Free Meal: Joe Lett

Chapter Free Meal: Jim Westerman

Being no further business, a motion was *made, seconded and passed* to adjourn 8:29 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Leslie
Secretary/Treasurer

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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2, 2008

Checking Account

Starting Balance	6-26-08		6263.42
Deposits		5470.00+	
Checks		4546.96-	
Service Charge			
Current Balance			7186.46*
Cash Box Money		100.00+	
(* - Checking Account contains \$840 for donated student meals and \$531 for TrigStar)			<u>1,371.00-</u>
Available Chapter Funds:			5915.46

6-Month Certificate of Deposit

Last Maturity Balance	4-27-08		2108.16
Total Interest (2.40%)	on 10-28-08		25.37
			2108.16
Next Maturity Date:	10-28-08		

TOTAL ASSETS: **\$8023.62**

Northeast Chapter Treasurer
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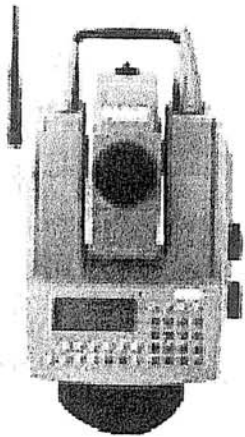
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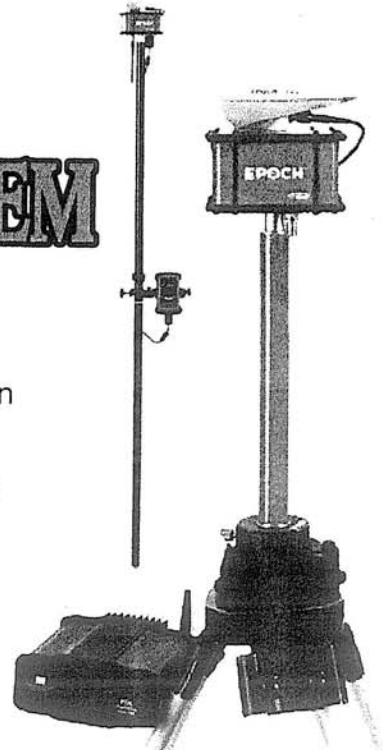
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2008 SUMMER MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2008 Summer Board Meeting was held at 1951 West in Green Bay on Thursday, August 14th. There were **12** members present when President Gary Zahringer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the last Board Meeting minutes of May 8th, 2008

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as published in the July 2008 Newsletter, with the addition of the Summer Meeting deposits

The following reports were given:

NEWSLETTER EDITORS REPORT (Jeff Meneau)

- Nearly 80% of newsletters are now emailed

WLSL REPORT (John Baudhuin)

- No report at this time

AUDITING (Dale Raisleger)

- No report at this time

CST (Jim Westerman)

- No report at this time

ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Tom Leslie)

- The State E&P Committee is currently working on 3 received complaints
- No complaints received since last meeting

LAND RECORDS (Pat Ford)

- State VRN website is up and running – there is no usage cost until the end of the year

LEGISLATIVE (Ed Harvey)

- No report at this time

MEMBERSHIP (Jim Schloff)

- Brian Frisque is the Chapter's newest member, bringing the total membership to 127

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Tom Halverson)

- Terry Van Hout has agreed to become the Director for 2009

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Terry Van Hout)

- Flood plain insurance will be the topic for the next presentation at the Fall General Meeting

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dan Hoel)

- A big THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time and efforts to Farm Tech Days from July 13-15. The weather did not cooperate for the 2nd and 3rd days of the event,

with the show shutting down for the afternoon of the 14th and all day of the 15th

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Tom Wood)

- No report at this time

STUDENT COMMITTEE (Jesse Delveaux)

- No report at this time

TRIG*STAR (Tom Wood)

- Terry Van Hout reported that Preble High School has shown interest in participating
- West De Pere H.S. participants recently had their picture shown on the De Pere Community website

WLSL SUMMER MEETING COMMITTEE (Steve Bieda)

- Everything is confirmed except the trap shoot
- 48 surveyors have signed up for the meeting, with 59 people attending the fish boil, 37 for the seminars, 21 for Peninsula Players, 24 for golf, 6 for trap, 5 for bike tour, 12 for trolley tour and 10 for wine tour
- Fish boil will also have chicken and ribs available
- All Peninsula Players tickets will be handed out at the meeting (snail mail could get lost)
- Volunteers will be needed for the Skills Challenge

OLD BUSINESS

- President Gary Zahringer will wait until October (more refined draft by then) to send letters to WLSL and the Registration & Licensing Board stating the Chapter's support of Continuing Education
- Machine control was again discussed including:
 - make sure contract is worded correctly or you may lose work to others
 - refusal to give coordinates may send the client elsewhere
 - understand your company's liability
 - consider a disclaimer on all contracts
- No report on water issues

NEW BUSINESS

- An email from Frank Thousand was recently sent to all paid WLSL members requesting contact with your State Representative asking for co-sponsoring of a bill (Resolution Bill 223) supporting "National Surveyors Week"
- A motion was made, seconded and approved* to have President Zahringer follow up with Frank Thousand concerning the above email request
- The local Boy Scouts - Voyageur District are having a Camp-o-ree during the 1st week of October. They would like surveyors to volunteer and help with the Surveying merit badge. PLEASE VOLUNTEER if you have the time! Contact Tom Wood if interested

- An update was given concerning the license suspension of Luther Hoffmann

Being no further business *a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn* at 8:14 PM

Respectively submitted,

Tom Leslie
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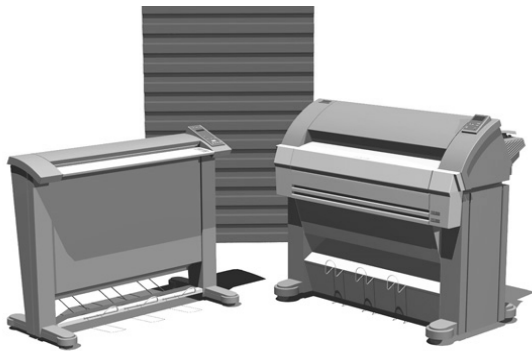
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