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Newsletter of the Central Indiana Chapter

Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors

Highlights from our March General Membership Meeting

Our first general membership meeting for 2010 was held Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Milano Inn, 231 South College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. We had a great meeting with 25 surveyors in attendance. We were especially honored to have the following gentlemen with us at the meeting:

Mike DeBoy, State Board of Registration for Land Surveyors

David Best, Editor of the *Hoosier Surveyor*

Jim Tibbett, 2010 ISPLS President

Dan Kovert, 2009 ISPLS President

Ed Sweetland, 2007 ISPLS President

Dan Woo, 1999 ISPLS President

Another notable couple in attendance was Maciej Zurawski and his girlfriend, Stacey Brydon. It was exciting to have Maciej and Stacey in attendance after all they have been through.

A wonderful Italian dinner got the night started off on the right foot. We enjoyed salad, bread, lasagna, ravioli, and fettuccini alfredo. A few even indulged in some dessert. After dinner, a few general announcements were made by myself and Ryan Swingley concerning membership dues, Boy Scout Land Surveying Merit Badge Program, and other upcoming events.

Mike DeBoy shared some interesting information that had been passed along to him from the Attorney General's Office. The information, which was very general in nature, dealt with Elected County Surveyors and their ability, or the lack thereof in this case, to practice land surveying outside the realm of the county office. I am sure that more details are to follow from the Board of Registration.

We also heard from Maciej concerning his current physical condition and financial situation. He thanked the membership and ISPLS for all they have done thus far and was excited to be able to make it to the meeting. I would remind the membership of a Golf Outing being held to benefit Maciej, which is being hosted by Maciej's friends and family. Please see the attached flyer for details.

The remainder of the evening was spent discussing the Chapter Standards Review Committee.

Chapter Standards Review Committee:

Mike DeBoy and Gary Kent were personally invited to be a part of the discussion due to their dealing with the Board of Registration. Gary had planned on being in attendance, but was unable due to the loss of a close friend. However, Gary sent the following comments in place of his attendance:

"Also, with respect to the "Chapter Standards Review" Committee idea... I think this might help overcome the problem that individual surveyors have in filing a complaint against other individual surveyors. From that standpoint, I like the concept.

It does seem to me that before anything is done, legal advice should be sought. For example, if a surveyor felt he was being "ganged up" on, could he file some sort of anti-trust or slander/libel action? How could that best be avoided? It seems like this might be more likely in the context of a larger committee than it would be if an individual filed a complaint.

In any case, you would want to have very carefully devised guidelines for reviewing surveys and for following through with the complaints. And those guidelines would need to be followed very closely and with careful documentation such that the validity of any complaint could be clearly documented as being valid. That way there could hopefully be no valid claim against the members of the committee.”

Mike DeBoy echoed Gary's remarks and there were several others that were apprehensive to the idea. We determined that more research was needed and that we would discuss it further after we had formulated a few more ideas and thoughts. Dan Kovert and I volunteered to contact other state societies that already have a program like this in place to see what kind of success they have had. We will most likely continue with this topic at our September Meeting, unless there is time at our May meeting.

Next Chapter Meeting:

Thursday, May 13, 2010 @ 6:00pm

Sitech's Office – 3936 Pendleton Way, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

Jim Wyant w/ Sitech will be giving a presentation on Machine Control and data prep.

GT South's Rib House will be catering the event. Cost per individual will be roughly 10 dollars. Please put it on your calendar now and please RSVP to jcoyle@stoepfelwerth.com no later than May 11th.

It should be noted that you cannot reply to this email without typing the above e-mail address in the "To" address line.

Chapter Dues:

If you have attended any of the general membership meetings in the past few years, you have most likely heard concerns about our ability to continue to grant scholarships. Therefore, we are going to resume collecting membership dues. A membership form has been posted on-line at the following address and will be available at the General Membership Meetings.
http://www.ispls.org/chapter_central.htm

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program:

Ryan Swingley has coordinated with our Boy Scout contact and has set a date of May 15th for our Spring Program. I would encourage you to contact Ryan Swingley or myself about how you can get involved in this great program.

CIC Golf Outing:

Our annual golf outing will take place on the 24th of September at Maple Creek Golf Club. Please mark your calendars now.

VU Golf Outing:

The Vincennes University Land Surveyors Foundation golf outing will be held this Friday, April 23, 2010 at Eagle Valley Golf Course - Evansville. The event is limited to 34 teams. Please consider coming out and supporting the V.U. Land Surveyors Foundation. The funds raised during this event are for surveying equipment for the Vincennes Land Surveying program. Please see the attached flyer.

V.U. Land Surveyors Foundation – Equipment Donated:

On March 15, 2010, the Vincennes University Surveying Technology Program received a major gift of surveying equipment valued at \$25,000. The gift included three Topcon GTS-235W total stations and related equipment that were donated by the V.U. Land Surveyors Foundation.

“We believe that Vincennes University has and will continue to have an important role in the higher education system for Land Surveying, establishing a strong educational foundation for Land Surveying students in meeting life’s challenges,” said James C. Tibbett, President of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS) and Chair of the V.U. Land Surveyors Foundation.

In 2007, ISPLS provided a \$10,000 grant to the V.U. Surveying Program for four total stations. To continue this support, in 2008 Tibbett and Edward Sweetland created the V.U. Land Surveyors Foundation. In 2009, the Southwest Chapter of the ISPLS adopted the Foundation and has raised more than \$14,500. “Thanks to the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors seed money and the Southwest Chapter of ISPLS involvement, the Foundation has placed approximately \$55,000 worth of equipment into the VU Surveying Program and still has a balance of \$14,500 to work with,” Tibbett said. The latest equipment was provided through donations by Myers Engineering - James Myers; U.S. Surveyor - Michael Felbusch; CB&M Surveys - James C. Tibbett; Precision Surveying - Gary Witty; Bledsoe Riggert Guerrettaz - Matt Cooper, Marty James, and Bernie Guerrettaz; Cash Waggner and Associates - Calvin Cash; Stradtner, Rowland and Associates, Inc. - Kevin Rowland; Hennessy Surveying, Inc. - Barry Hennessy; Morley and Associates - Danny Leek; Positioning Solutions - Steve Pflugsten; Southwest Chapter of ISPLS; Topcon; Victor McCauley, and Edward Sweetland.



Displaying equipment donated by the Vincennes University Land Surveyors Foundation are, from left, Foundation Chair James C. Tibbett; Bill Clark, program coordinator of V.U. Surveying Technology Program; Austin Yake, instructor, and V.U. Surveying majors Stacie Pence of Franklin, Ryan Nanan of Tell City, Kyle Weiling of Vincennes, and Jabob Tibbett of Linton.

ISPLS Board News:

I attended the Board of Directors meeting on April 17th on behalf of CIC-ISPLS. The meeting was very interesting and the Board should be presenting the membership with some very exciting news in the coming weeks.

In Closing:

If you received this message and you know of others in your office that did not, please pass it along to them. And if you received this message from a friend and would like to receive it directly from the chapter, then please visit the following web address and join the CIC-IPSLs Google Group.
http://www.ispls.org/chapter_central.htm

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me or any of the other Officers or Directors. Thank you and hope to see you on the 13th of May for another great meeting.

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