

## Wabash Valley Chapter ISPLS May 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes

The Wabash Valley Chapter (WVC) met May 21, 2008, 6:00p.m., at Fat Tommy's Restaurant in Elwood, IN. There were 8 members present. Don Wimmer, Jason Henderson, Wyatt Johnson, Brad Rayl, Brian Rayl, Matt Quillen Barrie Bunnell and Lisa Wimmer. Don Wimmer President called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

### Old Business:

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved. Addendum: At the last meeting we decided if we have a speaker come to our meeting, we would pay a speaker's fee of \$50.00 and buy the speaker's dinner.

Wyatt Johnson gave the treasurer's report. The WVC paid \$140.00 toward the 2008 convention speaker's fee. We received our profit portion from the 2008 convention. The WVC savings account has \$8,352.10. The checking account has \$57.32. We still need to buy the savings bonds for Trig-Star winners.

Trig-Star: The WVC had 4 schools participate in the Trig-Star exam this year. The State winner, Chase Mathison, came from our WVC area. He scored 100 % in 18 minutes and 1 second. The winners from each school are:

Cowan H.S.-Andrew Marshall  
Eastern H.S.-Shelby Beasley  
Frankton H.S.-Chase Mathison      **\*\* State Champion\*\***  
Tipton H.S.-Adam Davis

Tony Gregory, State Director of Trig-Star, asked Don Wimmer to be the proctor at the National Trig-Star exam for Chase Mathison. Wyatt will purchase the savings bonds for these winners and get them to the recipients. Wyatt would like someone else to organize Trig-Star for our chapter next year. Rick Durham's name was mentioned. Don will contact Rick to see if he would accept this responsibility. Don made a suggestion that we produce our own DVD that is played for the students just prior to the exam. This DVD talks about the surveying career and gives examples of survey work.

2008 Dues: \$15.00 for members and \$10.00 for college students. If you haven't paid your dues see Wyatt.

Scholarships: The WVC has money in savings and checking accounts and members present want to award some scholarships and present them at the 2009 convention. Discussion followed that the minimum amount should not be less than \$500.00. No decision was made on how many scholarships to award. Don will update scholarship information he had previously gathered and email this information to the WVC members to think about. We will discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

## **New Business:**

Political Action Committee (PAC): Gary Kent chairman of PAC is asking each ISPLS chapter and individual Land Surveyors to donate funds to PAC. This money would be used for a lobbyist to go to the Indiana State Senate and Representatives to get the ISPLS agenda to the floor. We approved \$300.00 be sent from our chapter. Wyatt will send in the donation. Examples of what PAC does to help surveyors in Indiana were related to the group.

ISPLS Ad Hoc Committee: The Ad Hoc committee decided that co-sponsors of the ISPLS convention each year would receive more equal distributions of the profit than there has been in the past.

ISPLS scholarship to Purdue University: Purdue is looking at the surveying program and have mostly decided to drop the Bachelor's Degree in Surveying. More information will be forthcoming.

Speakers: Ideas for speakers for future WVC meetings: Rod Rinkerbarger-a certified flood plane surveyor; or John Alexander or Rick Rayback-Schneider Corporation (317-846-7146). Don will make contact with these men to see about coming to speak at a WVC meeting.

Our speaker tonight: William (Bill) A. Schmidt, P.E., L.S. Manager of Aerial Engineering Production Management of INDOT. Bill spoke to us about the Indiana CORS System which is still being developed at this time. He brought examples of the Leica base station for us to see. Forty-Eight base stations have been purchased and are in the process of being mounted on top of buildings across the state. Local surveyors may be able to tie into the system for a nominal fee. This service will provide more accurate GPS data collection. The horizontal measurement is in good shape, but the geoid model needs to have a vertical modification done. Local surveyors are encouraged to contact their US Senators and Representatives regarding funding for height modification for the Indiana CORS system. We had a time of questions and answers. The members felt it was a beneficial to have this speaker come to our meeting.

Meeting Schedule: We want to continue meeting every other month. Our next meeting will be July 23, 2008 at 6:00p.m. at the Cattails Restaurant, in Elwood, IN.

The meeting was adjourned.