

Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

Chapter One Meeting

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Holiday Inn Boardroom, Mankato, MN

Members Present: Mike Eichers, Janele Fowlds, Warren Smith, Pete Jenkins, TJ Thill; Jesse Zeig

Guest Present: MSPS President Tony Blumentritt

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice President Mike Eichers.

The minutes from the January 28, 2010 Chapter Meeting were approved as submitted and placed on file.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved (Current balance being \$1574.43). Expect to receive an additional \$500 for MSPS Trigstar donation and \$300 from the dues of the unpaid members.

Janele provided an update to the group on the recent Trigstar event. She prepared a program report which provided most of the details and was distributed to participating schools, sponsors and MSPS Chapter One members.

The budget information for the 2010 program is below:

- Raised \$1700 (includes \$500 from MSPS)
- Budget Info – Estimated Expenses \$1410
 - \$375.00 Cash Prizes
 - \$585.80 T-shirts for participants
 - \$400 Break Food & Drinks (Estimated)
 - \$ 0.00 Engraving of Plaque (Free)
 - \$50.00 Postage & Copies

Thank you cards and program reports were sent to the Trigstar sponsors. Bolton & Menk did receive a nice thank you note from the girl who won this year's event. The following people volunteered their time at the event:

- Bolton & Menk – Rory Jensen, Aaron Mages, Joe Haefner, Jesse Zeig, & Janele Fowlds
- I&S Group – Dan Stueber, Kent Hays and Jim Osborne
- MNDOT – TJ Thill
- Survey Services - Mike Eichers
- Gerry Vickerman

Janele is going to check with SCC regarding using their facility again for the 2011 event. If they need to charge a fee she will try and work out a possible arrangement for MSPS to have some free advertising for their civil technician program.

The Trigstar Traveling Trophy was damaged during the past year while Mankato West had it. The teacher did not know how it happened. Craig Johnson, who is a Land Surveyor in the Ramsey office of Bolton & Menk agreed to fix the trophy for free.

The group again discussed the importance of having Chapter representation on MSPS Board. Mike indicated that he and Joe are planning on trying to attend the State Board meetings until a time where Chapter One has an elected representative.

Pete Jenkins informed the group on initiatives involving the MLS Foundation.

The group approved a motion for Gerry Vickerman to become a life member of the Chapter 1 starting in 2011.

President Tony Blumentritt updated the group on some of the current State Issues

- MSPS Board is in the process of entering into a new contract with Ewald Consulting
- MSPS Board will be evaluating the contract with our current Lobbyist in the Fall 2010
- MSPS revenue has been down the last 2 years, therefore the last 2 years they have been required to take approximately \$40,000 from reserves. This is a big concern and the Board has proposed may cuts for the 2010 budget to ensure this doesn't happen again. The Board is considering raising dues as a last resort.
- Tony is considering changing the format of the Thursday night activities at the Annual Meeting. They may eliminate the president's banquet and instead just have a less formal event in the exhibit hall.
- 515B revisions - A summary of the changes are within the attached document. Tony said the MSPS Board of Directors; based on recommendation from the Government Affairs committee has voted to support the amendment. The anticipated effective date of the bill would be August 1, 2010.
- Prevailing Wage – some of the legislation involved with prevailing wage required a surveying apprenticeship program. This was not the intent, so legislation is proposed to remove this requirement.
- MSPS has in the process of restructuring the MSPS committees from 28 current committees to approximately 12.
- Ted Kemna is sending a letter to all Chapter Presidents regarding the Final Point monuments. Chapter One has a few past presidents which will or have Final Point monument so we should plan on being involved.

Pete Jenkins updated the group on the Wayside West Rest Area project. There has been funding lined up so there will soon be a surveying exhibit.

Pete Jenkins indicated the Lidar project in the Southwest part of Minnesota is a go and the contracts are signed. Work should take place this year.

Peter Jenkins let the group know that the MSPS Historical Committee is looking for a Museum to host the Surveying exhibit for 6 months to 1 year. The display will be available for someone else to use around January 2012 so if interested let Pete know.

Pete Jenkins informed the group of an invitation to "Surveyors Pow-Wow at the Casino" from Great Plains Chapter of NDSPLS. See attached.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Chapter One Secretary/ Treasurer
Janele Fowlds

2010 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Chapter Meeting at Happy Chef in St. James/ Golf at St. James

Chapter Meeting at City Center Hotel, Mankato – Need Guest Speaker

NO MEETING