

Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

Chapter One Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Holiday Inn Boardroom, Mankato, MN

Members Present: Joe Haefner, Janele Fowlds, Peter Blethen, Warren Smith, Gerry Vickerman, Rory Jensen, Mike Eichers; Jesse Zeig

Guest Present: MSPS President Lowell Schellack

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by President Joe Haefner.

The minutes from the January 29, 2009 Chapter Meeting were approved as submitted and placed on file.

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved (Current balance being \$1216.49). Expect to receive an additional \$390 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 2009 program is below:

- Raised \$1800
- Budget Info – Spent \$2110.05
 - \$750.00 Cash Prizes
 - \$720.40 T-shirts for participants
 - \$529.65 Break Food & Drinks
 - \$ 0.00 Engraving of Plaque (Free)
 - \$110.00 Postage & Copies

Thank you cards to were sent to all the sponsors. We were about 12 pencils short at the day of the event; therefore Janele is working on getting some pencils to mail out to the school that didn't get them. The State MSPS organization did approve the purchase of a traveling trophy for the Trig Star program.

Joe was recently contacted by the MSPS Board requesting input from the Chapter on if we thought the State should pursue having the Board of Registration re-evaluate the level of punishment for the unlicensed practice of land surveying. Joe agreed to write a response to the MSPS Board from the Chapter in support of increasing the penalties for the unlicensed practice of land surveying. The response will also recommend the Board look into educating the public on the practice of land surveying and who is qualified to do it.

President Lowell Schellack 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 is in the process of entering into a new contract with our Lobbyist
- Annual meeting and spring conference attendance was down. This greatly impacts the revenue of MSPS
- Pete Jenkins is holding a strategic planning meeting for the MLS Foundation on May 5th at Ewald Consulting
- The NSPS SaLIS magazine highlighted an article written by a St. Cloud graduate
- MSPS Board is looking for a volunteer to be the NSPS governor. Contact David Landecker if you are interested.
- In the future the Minnesota Communicator will be available on-line only. Hard copies will no longer be mailed to licensees.
- Reported that Terry Freeman was taking over the annual meeting committee. Contact him comments or suggestions for the annual meeting
 - tfreeman@landecker.com

Warren requested that Lowell look into the status of the updated 505 Plat Manual.

Janele will work on the reservations for the July golf and business meeting.

Joe Haefner agreed to contact some of our members who live in the Western part of the Chapter to see if they would like us to host the September meeting at a location closer to them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Chapter One Secretary/ Treasurer
Janele Fowlds

2009 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, July 29, 2009	Chapter Meeting at Shoreland Country Club, St. Peter <i>Golf at Shoreland</i>
Wednesday, September 30, 2009	Chapter Meeting at Holiday Inn, Mankato
Wednesday, December 30, 2009	NO MEETING