



Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

North West Area – Chapter II

Meeting Minutes

September 20th, 2007
Holiday Inn
Detroit Lakes, MN

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Attending Members: Chad Conner, Rod Boyer, Carl Fingalson, Tom Harper, Chris Heyer, Cindy Hidde, Bob Kovanen, David Landecker, Randy Quale, Rob Roberts, Dan Skinner, Curt Skarphol

Visitors Attending: Bart Ahrens, Rick Schlieman

Reports:

- Minutes of June 21st, 2007, meeting were reviewed, and approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report - Balance of checking and savings accounts as of August 31st, 2007 was \$2,051.90. There are still some outstanding receipts and expenses for the MSPS Summer Meeting.
- President's Report – Chad Conner:
 - 2007 MSPS Summer Meeting at Thumper Pond
 - He has received good comments/responses about the Summer Meeting.
 - Attendance was down slightly (± 12 people) from last year.
 - Golf events had good weather and were well attended.
 - Dinner was well attended.
 - Several have asked that a financial summary be put together to help those planning next year's event. Next year's event will be moved up to 1st week of August. After that it will likely be in July.
 - MSPS Historical Committee
 - Committee has photographed the MSPS collection of historical items. They are looking for places/ideas for displaying these items. A CD with the photos is available for anyone interested in looking at them. Contact Chad for a copy.
 - Let Ed Otto know any ideas for displaying these items.
 - MSPS has authorized \$3000 for the creation of 3 display panels. Will be used in Wright Co. first, then will be available for others to use on a traveling basis. More panels may be created, depending on the response.
 - Nominations for Annual MSPS Awards – Let Chad know of any ideas. He'll forward them on to the committee.
- Director's Report – Bob Kovanen:
 - An update of the Plat Manual is in progress.
 - It will incorporate the recent changes to Chapter 505, as well as the many changes that have been occurring due to advancements in technology.
 - The proposed housekeeping changes to Chapter 505 that will be brought to the legislature in the upcoming session will be incorporated also, if passed. With the intent to have the updated manual published shortly after.
 - Bob is the liaison on this between MSPS and MACS. Contact him with any suggestions or comments for the update.
 - MSPS Annual Meeting – All but one of the Chapters have expressed support to keep the meeting in St. Cloud.
 - John Freemyer has requested submittals and topic ideas for the *Minnesota Surveyor*.
 - MSPS is pursuing a complaint against a firm performing unlicensed surveys in Minnesota.
 - MSPS Board and Officers are working on strategic planning for the Society. MSPS membership will likely be approached for input.
 - MSPS has set up two new Special Committees this year:
 - CST Program Committee – for CST's to be active in – MSPS can listen to issues.
 - Trig-Star Committee – John Freemyer will be the liaison.
 - Surveying program at St. Cloud State University
 - As Professor Wong is working towards retirement, MSPS is concerned that a qualified replacement be found to keep the program alive. MSPS is considering using funds from the Education Fund to supplement what the University can offer to attract a qualified candidate. A PhD is needed, and LS experience would be desirable. Let Dennis Pederson know of any potential candidates.
 - MSPS is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors.

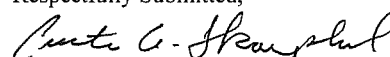
New Business:

- Recent Chapter 505 Revisions/Potential Upcoming Changes to Chapters 505/515
 - Discussion of recent changes
 - Discussion of further changes/revisions needed
- Future Meeting Topics

Next meeting Tuesday, December 4th, 2007, 4:30 p.m. at Sibley Station in Pequot Lakes, MN.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Dinner followed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Curtis A. Skarphol, Secretary