



# Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors North West Area – Chapter II

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## Meeting Minutes

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
St. Cloud Convention Center  
St. Cloud, MN

Meeting called to order at 2:40 p.m.

Attending Members: Dan Skinner, Bart Ahrens, Garrett Borowicz, Amanda Brustad, Chad Conner, Terry Freeman, Tim Haugen, Chris Heyer, Cindy Hidde, Brian Hoffart, Russell Kastelle, Bob Kovanen, David Landecker, Myron Landecker, Dan McAninch, Randy Quale, Donn Rasmussen, Lowell Schellack, Jim Schlieman, Jim Schoeneck, Pat Trotter, Curt Skarphol

Visitor Attending: Dan Fischer, President of North Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors

### Reports:

- Minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Balance of checking and savings accounts as of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was \$3,236.85.
- Membership Report – Currently 48 paid and life members for 2009. This is the same number as were paid up at this time last year. One of these is a new member and 3 others have rejoined after their memberships had lapsed for at least a year. There will likely be a number of additional memberships that will be renewed in the next few months. There were a total of 61 Life and paid members in 2008.
- Director's Report – Robert Kovanen:
  - Bob in completing his term as a Director. He has really enjoyed serving on the MSPS Board and, in the last year, working with President Landecker and President-Elect Schellack. Chapter II has had great representation in leadership of the state society.
- MSPS President's Report – David Landecker:
  - David expressed his appreciation for the support given by Chapter II and its members during his term as President.
  - Please be willing to say "yes" when called upon to serve MSPS.
- MSPS President-Elect's Report – Lowell Schellack:
  - Terry Freeman will be the new MSPS Annual Conference Committee Chairman for the upcoming year. Help him out by being a moderator at the Annual Meeting, or by giving him ideas for, or volunteering to be, a speaker.
- President's Report – Dan Skinner:
  - MLS Foundation – Russell Kastelle brought a sample of the Land Corner marker signs that are sold by the ND Society of PLS to surveyors as a fundraiser. Dan is looking into doing this as a fund raiser for the Foundation.

### Old Business:

- Chapter Christmas Donation – Dan has chosen a recipient. The Chapter II Christmas Donation will be given to Boys & Girls Club of Detroit Lakes.
- Chapter II Geocaching Project:
  - Three MSPS Chapter II geocache sites established by Russell Kastelle have now been registered on the [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) website.
  - To view Chapter II geocaches, search the [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) website for caches set by username "MSPS Chapter 2". The caches registered so far are named "MSPS Becker 1", "MSPS Clay 1", and "MSPS Otter Tail 1".
  - Before setting a new cache, search the [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) website to make sure there are no other caches within 1/10 of a mile of the one you are going to set.

### New Business:

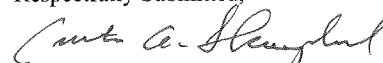
- 2009 Chapter meeting dates:
  - Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Blueberry Pines Golf Club near Menasha, MN.
  - June Chapter Fishing Event. Four Seasons Resort, Bena, MN. Date not yet set.
  - September Chapter meeting – Date, Time & Place not yet set.
  - December Chapter meeting – Date, Time & Place not yet set.
- Motion was made to set 2010 Chapter dues at the current 2009 rates. Motion passed.

### Good of the Order:

- Dan Fischer raised the possibility of having a joint golf/continuing education meeting hosted by the North Dakota/Minnesota Chapters, sometime in the future.
- Bob Kovanen stated that it is great to have Brian Rittenhouse at the MSPS Annual Meeting. He has made a remarkable recovery from his heart attack.

Motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Curtis A. Skarphol, Secretary