



MSPS President's News and Views

Henry D. Nelson – November 2011



The October 13 MSPS Board of Directors meeting was busy as usual, with a lot of issues addressed.

The **60th Annual Meeting** of MSPS at the Ramada Mall of America (the old Thunderbird Hotel) February 15–17, 2012, is set. Sponsors are signing up, speakers have been scheduled and it is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Congratulations and thank

you to the Annual Meeting Committee and Ewald Consulting staff for all your efforts. Besides the events at the meeting, the nearby attractions such as the Mall of America, Sea Life Aquarium and Water Park of America will provide many opportunities for family fun.

Discussion continued about the **proposed legislation to revise the definition of Land Surveying**. Denny Honsa, chair of the ad hoc committee, has compiled comments from MACS and members for further discussion before it is brought to the Board of AELSLAGID for approval and then on to the Legislature.

Chris N. Ambourn, our NSPS Governor, continues to monitor **LightSquared** and to keep members abreast of its status. Testing by GPS technology leaders continues and legislative hearings are transpiring. Another item of concern is the merger of NSPS and ACSM.

Virginia Winberg and Connie Villari continue to promote the **MSPS YP (Young Professionals) group** by having networking meetings and creating a Facebook page.

John Freemyer and others have completed re-writing of **Report 4** and it is at the printer. Copies may be available at the Winter Seminar. Thanks to John and everyone who helped on this project.

Having not renewed the current contract with Messerli & Kramer P.A. for legislative lobbying/monitoring, Rick Morey and the Government Relations Committee are considering steps on **how to monitor legislation and courts** for items that may affect land surveyors. If surfing the web interests you, it would be a great opportunity to volunteer to help with this task.

Other things happening include:

- Draft version of the “Benefits of MSPS membership” is completed;
- The Historical Committee has found a new home for the booth at the Anoka County History Center.

Fall is here; leaves have fallen, ducks are migrating, bucks are in rut and the construction season is winding down. It still appears to be a while before it gets back to profitability — this, too, will pass.

My last “view” is to again suggest to all to **get involved in MSPS** — it wouldn't be the respected organization it is today without the support and involvement of its members. MSPS is an organization of Minnesota surveyors for Minnesota surveyors.

Respectfully submitted,

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MSPS President

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News from the MSPS Offices...

Eric Ewald, CAE, Executive Director

Upcoming Events

December 16, 2011 - 2011 Winter Seminar

The Pincushion Effect: The Multiple Monument Dilemma in American Land Surveying

Presented by Jeffery N. Lucas

Registration is now open at www.mnsurveyor.com

Don't miss this new seminar from Jeff Lucas! The "pincushion" corner is the name that has commonly been assigned to the phenomenon of multiple monuments that have been set by surveyors in the vicinity of a single land boundary or property corner. The pincushion corner is the bane of the land surveying profession because it represents the physical manifestation of the land surveyor's collective confusion over his or her duties and responsibilities toward property boundaries. Within the context of the land surveyor's duties and responsibilities toward boundaries, there is no reason for multiple monuments to exist when only one corner is contemplated under the law. This seminar explores the phenomena of the pincushion corner and the dilemma it creates for the land surveying profession. The surprising causes of the pincushion corner will be discussed and ways to avoid starting a new pincushion or adding to an existing one will be explored. Presentation is based on the book, "The Pincushion Effect, The Multiple Monument Dilemma in American Land Surveying," by Jeffery N. Lucas.

February 15 to 17, 2011 – MSPS Annual Meeting

Ramada Mall of America

Yes, we are back in the Twin Cities this year! The planning committee has nearly completed its work putting together one of the best Annual Meeting program agendas to date. Make sure you have the dates saved and watch for the registration piece in late November.

Welcome new members since last News & Views!

Sustaining Members

Geoshack Direct – Thad King

RDO Integrated Controls – Fred Meyer

Training Member

Darin Mielke – Sibley County Public Works

Student Member

Steven Page – Student intern at M&P Associates

Licensed Members

Shawn Kupcho – Widseth, Smith, Nolting

Michael McFarlane – NECI

Brian Person – Hakanson Anderson Assocs.

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