

FROM THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHATTER

OF THE LAND SURVEYORS ASSOC. OF WA

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JANUARY SPS CHAPTER MEETING

The regular business meeting will be held on the 5th of January at 6:30 PM, at
Porter's Place

TOPIC: Construction of the Hoosac Tunnel by very special guest, Ben Peterson

Minutes of the December 1, 2009 Chapter Meeting

There being a quorum present and Chapter President Dan Price called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

November Meeting Minutes Approved – **MSP**

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$14,563.89 Savings: \$1,890.18

Six (6) Month CD: \$7,505.80 .

- Yearly contributions will be made this month from the checking account.

Committee Reports:

Survey Career Awareness / Membership Committee: Pierce County construction career day was a HUGE HIT! A lot was learned for next year's planning, such as LSAW's & Bates' booths being in proximity to each other. Dan's enthusiasm is really making it work. Awesome job Dan!

Education: Nothing to report this month.

Pierce County Liaison: Doug Casement reported that the main topic was about the 2010 Budget

- The council is to cut \$1.9 million from the 420 page budget. Permitting could stand to lose 22 jobs from its department.
- An electronic policy will be adopted to save costs and resources – no printing of emails.
- December 10th is the flood management planning committee meeting

Board of Trustees: Amanda provided an thorough list of topics discussed at the November meeting.

- Anne Koenen will be retiring this May. Her replacement, Noreen, is being trained.
- There will be a 40% discount for unemployed and underemployed members to the 2010 conference.
- Jerry Broadus' new case law book is not available yet, but will available from the ACSM website when published. Look for his presentation at the 2010 conference.
- Chapter minutes posted on chapter websites again.
- TWIST funding from each chapter should be proportionate to membership numbers

- Surveyor of the Year (Amanda did not vote for herself). The surveyor and associate of the year will be announced at the 2010 conference.
- Our chapter will be hosting the Fall Seminar in 2011 – volunteers will be needed.
- New members get the price of 18 months for one year's dues
- CRAB Website: The County Road Administration Board produced survey requirements in a white paper produced by its members entitled "Survey Duties of the County Road Engineer." The Board of Registration forwarded the document to the state Attorney General to seek an opinion as to whether state statutes are represented correctly.
- Model Rules: Based on the advancements in technology and LSAW's previous attempts to affect legislation, the Board of Registration will interpret the definition of Land Surveying.
- Monument Preservation: A letter was drafted by George Twiss to stakeholders in public agencies reminding them of existing state laws that protect monumentation, i.e. monuments should be shown on plans; and plans should reflect preservation/destruction remedies.

Scheduling: The membership provided many ideas for topics and presenters. Among them:

- Panel discussion of accomplished surveyors from our region to discuss problems and resolutions with boundary surveys.
- Presentation from and discussion with the area FEMA manager and the Pierce County Flood Plain manager
- A presentation on the History of Surveying in the area (DH White or LA Nicholson) – perhaps contact Bruce Duncan about crafting this
- A presentation of Canadian Survey protocol (Doug Casement suggested this and may be willing to craft a presentation)
- Ben Peterson's Hoosac Tunnel construction presentation
- A non-sales pitch presentation of laser scanning technology (perhaps from Brian Blevins, PLS)
- Health insurance: how the changes posed by the health care bill in congress will affect those of us who are privately insured and/or how it will affect average individuals.
- WSDOT: Steve Palmen or Bill Mumma on how to best interpret data on their right of way plans
- Vendor Night
- Investing: perhaps another visit from Kibble and Prentice
- The "Larry and Jerry Show": a graphic presentation of the 1989 effort to put an elevation on the top of Mt. Rainier starring Jerry Broadus and Larry Signani.
- WCCS & Private Surveyors: areas of overlapping interest.
- Panel discussion on stakeless grading, 3-d model preparation
- A visit from a Board of Registration representative: George Twiss

Pre-meeting Classes: These will pick up in April 2010. MSP - In the spirit of maintaining continuity after the refresher courses and the conference.

New Business

Old Business

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1. The new BLM manual is still in process. Comments received from various folks within the department of the interior AFTER the scheduled publication date has caused a delay. The manual will be available through the ACSM store when it becomes published. It will be prudent to pay attention to the difference from the 1973 manual of instructions on the subject of acceptance and/or rejection of found monumentation.
2. A recent court decision from the 9th Circuit court of appeals (San Francisco) was published in November that may have future bearing on the rights to tidelands when the upland ownership differs from the adjoining tideland ownership.

Bill Glassey is still looking for railroad right of way stories.

Ben Peterson is still moving on his legacy project – he's looking for photos, stories, data, etc.

Attendance

There were 17 members, 8 associates, 1 students and 2 guests. Total 28.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**LSAW
South Puget Sound Chapter
January 5, 2010 Meeting Agenda
(Agenda subject to change)**

6:30pm Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions and sign in sheet
Approval of minutes
Treasurers Report
Committee reports

Survey Career Awareness Committee &
Membership Committee
Education Committee
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Pierce County Liaison
Board of Trustees
Scheduling

Dick Lovering, Desi Harpel
Clarice Clark
Dan Price
Doug Casement, Tom Kerth
Amanda Askren
James Ray

Old Business
Presentation
New Business