

FROM THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

## CHAPTER CHATTER

OF THE LAND SURVEYORS ASSOC OF WA

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### OCTOBER SPS CHAPTER MEETING

The regular business meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30 PM, at *Porter's Place*

# LAND SURVEYING

Of all kinds, according to the best methods known; the necessary data supplied, in order that the boundaries of Farms may be accurately described in Deeds; *Woods* lotted off distinctly and according to a regular plan; *Roads* laid out, &c., &c. Distinct and accurate Plans of Farms furnished, with the buildings thereon, of any size, and with a scale of feet attached, to accompany the Farm Book, so that the land may be laid out in a winter evening.

Areas warranted accurate within almost any degree of exactness, and the Variation of the Compass given, so that the lines can be run again. Apply to

**HENRY D. THOREAU.**

*Near the Depot  
Concord Mass*

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### Minutes of the 1 September 2009 Chapter Meeting

There being a quorum present and Chapter President Dan Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

July Meeting Minutes Approved – MSP

**Treasurers Report:** Checking: \$14,205.89 Savings: \$1,890.18 Six (6) Month CD: \$7,505.80

### **Committee Reports:**

Survey Career Awareness / Membership Committee: Two new members joined our chapter this month

### Education:

Education: Nothing to report.

Trig Star: This year's winner is a senior from a private school in Sunnyside. She took 3<sup>rd</sup> place last year and will be off to attend college in Iowa. Changes in coordinating the program are expected this coming year due to new faculty.

Pierce County Liaison: Doug Casement reported that the main topic was about sewage disposal. There was also a reminder that building eave locations are critical: they cannot encumber easements or setbacks. Finally, the county is working on consolidating the elements of Title 18 that are common to the community plan areas.

Geocaching: We are looking for a new spot to put our geocache position. Point Defiance Zoo has a map with way points that can be part of a visitor's experience.

Board of Trustees: The meeting happened August 15<sup>th</sup>. Here is a synopsis of Amanda's report:

1. WSDOT has a PLS managing the R.O.W. plans. There are a series of articles in the ESS (Evergreen State Surveyor) regarding WSDOT plans. Contact info for the manager is in the previous issue of the ESS.
2. Monumentation Committee: The committee was at the Board of Registration meeting the same day as our chapter meeting. The topic of discussion is anticipated to be monument preservation.
3. Update Definition: This subject is being re-visited. A legislative approach (revision to the R.C.W.'s) is being considered.
4. LSAW Foundation: They have had 7 applicants this year & are deciding on awards.
5. Conference 2010: Theme "Let's Be Frank" – a spin on Frank Sinatra. It will be toned down this year due to the impact of the economic downturn and discounts for the unemployed and under employed are expected.
6. Fall Seminar: In Lynnwood at the convention center on November 5 – 7, hosted by the Snohomish Chapter. There are early bird discounts and discounts for those who are unemployed or under employed. Registrants are entered in a contest to win a cruise.
7. WCCS (Washington Council of County Surveyors): The DNR may no longer support it. There is a call out to the survey community to give feedback to the DNR about the importance of this resource.
8. Publications: The BLM Manual is scheduled to be published September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Common Law Book authored by Jerry Broadus is forthcoming. The LSAW Reference manual is scheduled for updates.

Chapter Website: Thanks to help and participation of Amanda several chapters have websites, including North Sound, Snohomish, North Olympic (they chose to have a blog, also) and of course our own spectacular one as managed by Amanda. The LSAW Foundation also has a site. Visit [LSAWFoundation.org](http://LSAWFoundation.org).

Twist: 21 teachers from our state attended. The website has a posting for each teacher.

[http://www.lsav.org/media/pdf/twist\\_2009.pdf](http://www.lsav.org/media/pdf/twist_2009.pdf)

### Walker Cup:

This event took place August 28<sup>th</sup> at Trilogy Golf Course in Redmond. It was a great turnout with beautiful weather. Nearly every participant walked away with a prize.

### **Speaker of the Month**

No speaker this month.

### **Old Business**

Support for local Boy Scout troops: this has been tabled until Ken Swindaman is present for discussion.

## New Business

- **Surveyor of the Year: Amanda Askren has been nominated.**
- **Associate of the Year: Bill O'Neill has been nominated.**
- **New State Chairman for the 2011 Conference is Amanda Askren! Congratulations Amanda & thanks (in advance) for all your hard work!**
- **2010 Chapter Officer Nominations: There is still time to nominate candidates or volunteer for a position.**
  - **President: Jerry Garman, Bill Sleeth**
  - **Vice President: Doug Casement**
  - **Treasurer: Randy Spinharney**
  - **Secretary: Desi Harpel**

## Good of the Order

Membership is down 34% from two years ago. This translates to anticipated limited proceeds from the 2010 conference. It is a reminder to spend our chapter funds wisely for the foreseeable future.

Pierce County Construction Career day is a forthcoming event. Please contact Vic Banks if you would like to participate.

Bill Sleeth requests action from all surveyors doing work in Pierce County to actively use the Monument Maintenance Request Form posted on Pierce County's website.

<http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/cfapps/secure/publicworks/request.cfm?type=srv>

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 13 members, 7 associates, 1 student and 1 guest. Total 22.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

### LSAW South Puget Sound Chapter October 6, 2009 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

Trig Star

Pierce County Liaison

Board of Trustees

Geocaching

Scheduling

Dick Lovering, Desi Harpel

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Dan Price

Doug Casement, Tom Kerth

Amanda Askren

James Ray

Tom Ginsburg

**Presentation**

**Old Business**

**New Business**