

FROM THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND CHAPTER

CHAPTER CHATTER

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JULY 2009



SEPTEMBER SPS CHAPTER MEETING

The regular business meeting will be held on 1st September at 6:30 PM, at
Porter's Place

Minutes of the 7 July 2009 Chapter Meeting

There being a quorum present and Chapter President Dan Price called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

June Meeting Minutes Approved – **MSP**

Treasurers Report: Checking: \$14,303.89 Savings: \$1,890.18 Six (6) Month CD: \$7,505.80

*Note: The proceeds from the 2009 conference arrived and are included in the checking amount above.



Committee Reports:

Survey Career Awareness / Membership Committee: Nothing to report

Education:

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Trig Star: This year's Trig Star event has been all wrapped up. The state winner is a girl from Yakima. The plaque will be presented to her in September. Dan is asking for input & volunteer time to help compile and check test questions for next year. Great job Dan on running a successful Trig Star year!

Pierce County Liaison: Doug Casement reported a good turnout for the July meeting which featured a presentation on Right of Way issues in Pierce County. Specifically, the setbacks from

Right of Ways were addressed and language was changed to reflect setbacks applying to “any arterial” versus “major arterials.” We are still waiting to hear back on the issue regarding minimum lot size versus density requirements between the health department and planning.

Geocaching: We are looking for a new spot to put our geocache position.

Board of Trustees: The meeting happened August 15th and we look forward to Amanda's report.

Chapter Website: Amanda made a complete overhaul of our chapter's website. Unbelievably, it's even more fantastic & user friendly. There is a new calendar feature and convenient links shown on the home page. Check it out!

Twist:

LSAW showed solid support for Washington state teachers attending the TWiST (Teaching With Spatial Technology) workshop this year by sending a total of 21 teachers to attend the 3 day workshop in Oregon. Two of those teachers are from the South Sound region and we are working on getting them to make a presentation at a future meeting.

http://www.lsaaw.org/media/pdf/twist_2009.pdf

Thanks to Vic Banks for pulling this all together.

Summer Chapter Events:

1. PPI hosted an LSAW golf outing at High Cedars golf course in Sumner on July 15th. It was a great turnout and a beautiful day for golfing.

A HUGE THANKS AND RECOGNITION TO AMANDA FOR HER MONUMENTAL ORGANIZING EFFORTS TO MAKE THESE EVENTS HAPPEN!

2. Joint meeting with the North Sound held July 28th at the Firecreek Grill at the Riverbend Golf course in Kent.
3. Rainiers Night held August 21st at 7:00 pm: A tremendous turnout! A full report is expected at the next meeting.

Walker Cup:

Scheduled for August 28th at Trilogy Golf Course in Redmond.

Speaker of the Month

No speaker this month.

Old Business

- Board of Registration: On July 29th, a hearing was conducted to amend the language of **WAC 196-09-120** as it relates to Board of Registration practices and procedures. This is a link to the published summary from the code reviser's office:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/DOCUMENTS/LAWS/WSR/2009/12/09-12-049.htm>

New Business

- **South Puget Sound community college is still looking for teachers. Please contact the college directly to find the current status of their search efforts.**
- **LSAW Foundation: Amanda has been donating her time to work on the website for the foundation. They are still working on the “tax deductible” status. The opportunity to make donations to the scholarship fund is forthcoming.**
- **Ken Swindaman had two new items:**

1. There is an opportunity to work with a local Boy Scout troop summer camps by making a donation to help cover the cost of attendance. In exchange, the benefitted troop(s) would help develop survey specific programs, possibly leading to a chance to earn merit badges in surveying. The intention is to offer LSAW as a teaching body for the scouts, and create greater awareness of surveying in the scout community. This subject has been tabled for additional discussion at the September meeting.
2. O.I.T. has found a new qualifying instructor. He is a Washington State Licensed surveyor who happens to be short of a Masters Degree, which means he's subject to a salary cap until he earns the required Masters. The advisory committee intends on finding resources to supplement his salary for the next two years while he completes his degree. Chapters are being asked to make donations to this effort.
 - The motion was made to donate \$200 of our chapter's funds for the next two years.
 - Seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - Are Oregon chapters being asked to support this also?
 - Are we "condoning" the attitude of the school board by supplementing someone's salary?
 - There has been no response from O.I.T.'s administration yet.
 - What are the issues concerning taxes and salary, if any?
 - Vote: MSP 2 nays

Good of the Order

- Pat Beehler is running for Thurston County Commissioner. This is not an endorsement by LSAW or the South Sound Chapter.

Raffle

Thanks to The PPI Group and Geoline for donating raffle items! Your generosity is appreciated.

Attendance

There were 13 members, 5 associates, and 4 students. Total 23.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

**LSAW
South Puget Sound Chapter
September 1, 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
Clarice Clark
Dan Price
Doug Casement, Tom Kerth
Amanda Askren
James Ray
Tom Ginsburg

Old Business

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