

Meeting minutes for CIC meeting - March 10th (amended 03/16/09)

Here are the items discussed at Tuesday's CIC meeting at the Milano Inn in Indianapolis. There were approximately 18 in attendance at the dinner meeting. The food and service was great!

The community service project with the Boy Scouts at Camp Belzer has been pushed back to sometime in October, 2009 due to scheduling conflicts on the boyscout end. Details and dates regarding this project will be forthcoming later in the year.

ISPLS and ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) are trying to work together to come up with a group activity to be at the 500 track in May. No final plans have been determined at this time. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

The Central Indiana Chapter of Indiana Land Surveyors annual golf outing is scheduled for September 25, 2009. The event will be at the Maple Creek Country Club at 10501 East 21st Street in Cumberland, IN. Tee times will be announced at a later date.

Ryan Swingley talked about the recent Board of Directors meeting of ISPLS.

The financial investments of ISPLS have taken a significant hit because of the current economy. Investments are down approximately 20%-25%. This is affecting many different things as it is with everyone running a business.

The Hoosier Surveyor will NOT be in hardcopy any longer due to the high printing and mailing costs (+/- \$18,000/per year). It will be in digital format on the ISPLS website at future dates. The cost is approximately \$9,000/per year. It is understood that there is some current difficulty in finding the publication on the ISPLS website. This issue is being looked into and hopefully will be resolved in the very near future (i.e. a tab on the website will be available to take you directly to the digital publication). It was also discussed that members should be notified when the digital version of the Hoosier Surveyor is available. This most likely will be done via a general e-mail such as how this message is being sent out to members thru googlegroups.com.

The annual operating budget of ISPLS for the fiscal year 2008-2009 is \$432,000. The organization has a 1-year operating fund reserve ("rainy day fund"). Gary Kent mentioned that it is in times like these that the "rainy day fund" should be utilized. Like any business ISPLS continues to look at ways to diminish its operating costs (i.e. Hoosier Surveyor to digital version, ISPLS annual roster to digital, etc.)

The new budget year (2009-2010) starts on June 30th, 2009.

Some discussion at the ISPLS board meeting was had regarding the annual ISPLS Surveyor Roster. It is being considered to put this in digital format because the annual cost (i.e. printing and mailing) is approximately \$6,000 - \$7,000. If it was in digital version the costs would be approximately \$500.00. Another thought from the board members was to put the roster in digital format one year and in hardcopy the next (i.e. every other year). No final decision has been made.

A vote was taken by the members of the CIC to put their bid for hosting the 2013 ISPLS convention. All were in favor. A letter will be sent to the board of directors asking for their approval.

One final note, Gary Kent talked about continuing education credit approval and upcoming changes.

One correction, we are planning to hold the BSA Surveying Merit Badge on May 16th at Camp

Belzer.

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