

The e-Compass

Newsletter of the Central Indiana Chapter Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors

Good Day All,

I hope that this message finds you all doing well and that your new year is off to a great start. I am excited about serving you as President of the Central Indiana Chapter of ISPLS. I am also honored to serve with a great group of individuals that make up our Board of Directors and Officers. Thank you again for the opportunity and I will do my best to serve the Profession, Society and Chapter.

The Officers and the Board of Directors met on the 12th of February at The Garrison to discuss several topics pertaining to the chapter. We discussed the typical chapter items, such as meeting dates and locations, and then I challenged them with a few new ones. These new items are not my own thoughts and ideas, but are items I have discussed with many others in the profession. They are items that I believe will improve our Chapter, Society and Profession. Topics of discussion at the Board meeting were as follows:

Chapter Meeting Dates & Locations:

Our first general membership meeting for 2010 will be held Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Milano Inn, 231 South College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Topics of discussion for this meeting will include the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program, Standards Review Committee, and an update on Maciej Zurawski. More details concerning this meeting will follow in future correspondence.

Additional proposed meetings dates & locations are as follows:

May 13, 2010 @ 6:00pm – Thursday – Sitech – East side of Indy

Jim Wyant w/ Sitech will be giving a presentation on Machine Control

September 9, 2010 @ 6:00pm – Thursday – Bub's Burgers – Carmel

November 9, 2010 @ 6:00pm – Tuesday – Oaken Barrel – Greenwood

Elections

If you know of anything that would make for a great presentation at a chapter meeting, please send your suggestions to one of the Officers. We may also try to have a meeting/gathering sometime near the middle of the summer.

Chapter Dues:

If you have attended any of the general membership meetings in the past few years, you have most likely heard concerns about our ability to continue to grant scholarships. Therefore, we are going to resume collecting membership dues. A membership form is in the process of being updated and will be available at the chapter meetings and online at

a future date. Membership dues are \$20.

The charging of membership dues is not intended as an action to exclude anyone. Anyone, member or not, may attend any and all of the Central Indiana Chapter functions. The charging of membership dues is intended mainly as a means of raising funds for chapter functions, and should be viewed as a donation to the chapter rather than an admission fee. Chapter expenses are minimal; therefore, nearly 100% of our funds go towards providing scholarships to Purdue University and Vincennes University Land Surveying students.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Program:

Ryan Swingley will be coordinating with our Boy Scout contact to set up both a Spring and Fall date. I would encourage you to be thinking about how you can get involved in this great program.

CIC Golf Outing:

Our annual golf outing will take place on the 24th of September at Maple Creek Golf Club. Please mark your calendars now. And remember, if you can only make it one golf outing this year, I would highly suggest this one. All kidding aside; proceeds from our golf outing goes towards scholarships for Purdue University and Vincennes University Land Surveying students.

Chapter Standards Review Committee:

Dan Kovert brought up the following suggestions for our chapter: If you were in Larry Phipps' Ethics Session Friday morning of the convention, you may have heard him mention that their local chapter has a review committee where surveyors can submit copies of surveys performed by others that they believe fall below the minimum standards. If the committee reviews the survey and finds that the survey does fall below the minimum standards and that possible sanctions could be imposed, the committee files a complaint with the Attorney General. We will be discussing this suggestion at our March general membership meeting. Please be considering how you would structure such a committee and what would be the guidelines the committee would follow.

Maciej Zurawski:

I am sure all of you are aware of the misfortune Maciej endured nearly two month ago and continues to struggle with. Our chapter was able to hold a fund raising event for Maciej at the ISPLS Convention this year where we collected roughly nine hundred dollars. It is my understanding that several others made a donation after the convention as well. We would like to thank all of those that made a donation to the fund and would like to extend a special "thank you" to Seiler Instrument for allowing the donation box to be placed within their booth during the convention. If you have not had a chance to make a donation and would still like to; then donation can be addressed to the Maciej Zurawski Benefit Fund and sent directly to Huntington Bank, c/o Stacey Brydon, 2630 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46268.

LS – LSIT Review

A review seminar for the LS and LSIT Exams will be taking place March 27th, 2010 from

8:30am to 5:00pm at the Aviation Technology Center, 2172 Hoffman Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. Please see the attachment for details.

Great Lakes Regional Height Modernization Consortium Meeting & Workshop

The Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS) and the Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC) are hosting a meeting of the Great Lakes Region Height Modernization Consortium (GLRHMC) on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. In conjunction with the meeting is a one-day workshop on the future and benefits of the new control network on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Details concerning this event can be found on-line at the following web address and/or please see the attachment.

<http://www.igic.org/events/qlrhmc/>

Let's wrap this up!

The Board of Directors and Offices are excited about this year and we are looking forward to some great meetings and events. It would be our hope that you would be excited about what you can do for the Chapter, Society and Profession. One other item we are trying to tackle is having an updated roster of ISPLS members in our chapter area. In doing so, we can make sure that we are reaching out to everyone and getting everyone informed. If you received this message and you know of others in our office that did not, please pass it along to them. And if you received this message from a friend and would like to receive it directly from the chapter, then please visit the following web address and join the CIC-IPSLs Google Group.

http://www.ispls.org/chapter_central.htm

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me or any of the Officers or Directors. Thank you all and have a great day.

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