

SW Chapter Meeting – May 23, 2006

Ponderosa Restaurant, Washington, IN

Meeting – 7:04pm – 8:55pm

Attendees -18 (sign up sheet)

Steve Sherwood	Gordon Curtis	Joe Kiesel	Craig Kuester
Scott Buedel	Bret Sermersheim	Kevin Rowland	Frank Ballintyn
Stu Hein	Bill Clark	Dick Vermillion	Ed Sweetland
David Lynch	Jason Page	Phillip Gabhart	
Tom Clayborn	Michael Ladnier	Fred Kuester	

Steve Sherwood(pres.): Steve opened the meeting at 7:04pm and all attending introduced themselves including ISPLS President Frank Ballintyn and ISPLS President-elect Ed Sweetland. Frank and Ed attended the meeting as part of an effort by ISPLS board members to attend meetings at all the chapters during 2006. A motion to approve the minutes for the March 28, 2006 meeting was made by David Lynch and seconded by Tom Clayborn. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The following topics were discussed:

- Steve questioned Frank Ballintyn and Ed Sweetland concerning the Chapter hosting the 2009 state convention and the availability of the French Lick Resort. Frank reported that ISPLS and French Lick Resort have had talks, but so far the room rates offered are not favorable and the layout is also problematic. The Chapter was officially named the host chapter for the 2009 state convention at the last ISPLS board meeting.
- Steve asked Bill Clark when the scholarship committee can expect applications for the 2006-2007 VU school year. Bill responded that the applications will be completed by early September.
- Stu Hein gave a treasurer's report. The Chapter has a balance of \$16,900 in the checking account. 54 members have renewed their applications for 2006. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Kevin Rowland and seconded by Gordon Curtis. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- Bill Clark reported that he gave the TrigStar test to 6 schools from the Vincennes area. No other members reported giving tests. Ashley Wood from Vincennes Lincoln had the highest score and will be presented a \$500 check from the Chapter.
- Joe Kiesel gave an update concerning the Chapter's website. He had printed sheets of the home page layout to pass around. Joe anticipates having the site up and running shortly.
- Stu Hein reported that he contacted Linda Freeman of the Vanderburgh County Surveyor's Office concerning the CORS station at the Vanderburgh County building. Linda indicated that the station has been installed and is running. Stu reported the problem they have is IT related and probably needs to be handled on their end. Ed Sweetland pointed out that Steve Murray of the ISPLS GPS-GIS committee should be contacted for possible help.

Dick Vermillion, chapter member and the Knox County Surveyor for the past 8 years was this meeting's featured speaker. Although Dick promised a 15 minute presentation, the amount of work his office has achieved and the depth of involvement his office has in Knox County easily pushed the presentation to closer to an hour long. Dick, along with only one full-time employee, one part-time employee, and VU surveying technology students during the summers has created a large data base on several levels that the public can access. Dick was lauded by Steve Sherwood and the attendees for what his office has accomplished. Dick also prepared a written outline of the documents and maps available at the Knox County Surveyor Office. This outline will be put on the Chapter's website for all members to see.

During the peer review segment of the meeting, Bret Sermersheim brought up the dilemma of having a local government requiring him to provide extra information on plats, after they have been recorded, and returning them to the county. This was discussed along with how to handle reducing plats from 24"x36" down to 8"x14" for recording and making the information readable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.