



SOUTHWEST CHAPTER OF THE  
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## *Newsletter*

**January 2006**

Greetings! It's the beginning of another New Year and since we did not have an election last fall, all the board members have agreed to serve for another year. That means that I will serve as your Chapter President, Scott Buedel will return as your Chapter Vice-President and Stu Hein will return as your Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. This action was voted on by the Chapter members present at the meeting held during the 2006 ISPLS Conference held in Indianapolis on January 19, 2006. This meeting also brought about a new policy change and will bring the Chapter into alignment with its adopted By-Laws.

The Chapter voted to establish a Nomination Committee to slate candidates for the 2007 Southwest Chapter election later this fall. The Nomination Committee will consist of 2 or 3 members. James Q. Morley and Darren Helms volunteered to accept these duties and were voted in unanimously by the Chapter members present. This will establish an annual election format to select a Chapter member into the Executive Board position of Secretary/Treasurer every fall.

Ballots will be sent out to all Chapter members between the September and November meetings. The new Executive Board member election results will then be announced at the November meeting every year and the election winner will assume those duties at the end of the meeting for a full year. All of the following Executive Board positions (Vice-President, President, and Past President) will then rotate forward one spot subsequently as well. This will insure that a newly elected member will be on the Executive Board every year and serve a four year stint. This coming election however will feature two positions. The position of Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President will be voted on this fall.

Our current Vice-President (Scott Buedel) declined to move forward at this time and asked to be replaced. If you wish to be considered, please feel free to call one of the Board members and throw your hat in the ring.

The Central Indiana Chapter will host the 2007 ISPLS Conference and it will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel Airport in Indianapolis. It will back on the Wednesday through Friday schedule, January 17 – 19, 2007. Visit the ISPLS website at ISPLS.org for conference information. The 2008 conference will be jointly hosted by the Wabash and Initial Point Chapters. It will also be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel Airport in Indianapolis in January. It's not too soon to think about our Chapter hosting the 2009 ISPLS Annual Conference. It is a good experience for the Chapter and gives us a chance to earn income for future scholarships. We will discuss this issue at the next Chapter meeting and vote to submit a formal application. It may be worthwhile to make a pitch for us to host the conference at the new French Lick Resort and Casino.

These are the key dates are listed below for all Chapter members. ***Please be advised that the meeting dates have been changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month.*** This was voted on by the Chapter members at the January meeting. Hopefully this will allow more Chapter members the opportunity to attend meetings. The Chapter tentative meeting dates for 2006 are as follows:

- March 28, 2006 at Taylor's II in Oakland City.

- **May 23, 2006** at Ponderosa, Washington (corner of US 57 & US 50/150).
- September 26, 2006 at Log Inn in Warrenton.
- **November 28, 2006** in Evansville (location to be announced).
- At the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual ISPLS Conference, Indianapolis. January 17 - 19, 2007.

Please note the change in location for the September 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting in Warrenton at the Log Inn. In the past we had met at Taylor's II for the September meeting. The Chapter had met there last two years and decided the location and food is too good to pass up. Please plan to attend as many meetings as possible. Notices will be sent out 1 to 2 weeks prior to each meeting except for the Annual Conference. Only by attending these meetings can we as a collective group become more organized and focused in our efforts within the ISPLS. We have an obligation as land surveyors to better our profession and this can most effectively be obtained by directing our efforts as a group through the chapter.

The Southwest Chapter is also developing a chapter website ([www.swchapterispls.org](http://www.swchapterispls.org)). By developing a website, one of the benefits will be that certain information will be more assessable to chapter members in a more timely and efficient manner. We will post future chapter meeting and seminar information, as well as past chapter meeting minutes, notices and other useful information. Links will also be provided to other relative websites. It is hopeful that we can launch our new website later this year.

Enclosed please find your personalized copy of the 2006 Southwest Chapter of the ISPLS "Application for Membership". Your information, from your previous year's application, has already been filled in. Make any changes necessary on this form and return it with a check for the amount of your renewal fee. As we did last year, Southwest Chapter membership cards will be sent out after your fee has been received. **Important:** Please include a current e-mail address at your preferred receiving location. This will allow us an easier and more cost-efficient means to contact members in the future. Also, keep us informed of any changes to your contact information that may occur throughout the year.

To further our chapter endeavors, we must continue to grow. The more members, the larger our presence and voice becomes. I would ask that you seek out new members to bring into our chapter. Blank membership forms are available from any of the officers of the Southwest Chapter.

In closing, as Land Surveyors we must continue to grow as professionals. The chapter is an important way in which you can be actively involved and participate in the advancement of our great and often under appreciated profession. The chapter also provides information on upcoming continuing education seminars and other information handed down through the Board of Registration and the ISPLS. This information becomes very important in maintaining the hours required in keeping your professional license active. Please make a commitment in 2006 to participate more actively within the chapter. Together, many great things can be accomplished. It all starts here. I look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

Respectfully,

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