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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007
1:30 PM



Hickory Knob State Park
McCormick, SC

Golf Fellowship Friday, October 5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all, I hope this note finds you in good health and with a back log of work. Some of you may be receiving this newsletter for the first time, others may have received it in the past but have not received it for a while. I have requested that this issue be sent to all SC licensed surveyors whether you are a member of the SCSPLS or not. First let me take a minute to say thank you to every person that has stepped forward to serve as Board members, committee chairmen and committee members in the past and to those who have agreed to serve this coming year. Your service is greatly appreciated. Secondly, I would like to personally thank each of you that attended the 2007 Convention/Trade Show and especially those of you that helped with the Convention/Trade Show. Also, thank you to each Vendor that participated and/or contributed to the Convention/Trade Show.

Now I would like to formally invite each of you that are not current members of the SCSPLS to join. This will be the best \$150 you will spend personally or professionally each year. Here are a few of the benefits of membership: Upon Board membership approval, you will automatically have \$10,000 life insurance with AD&D and can purchase additional amounts without medical evidence. The SCSPLS provides educational seminars at several locations across the state at a lower cost to members. We actively participate and support the national surveying organization (NSPS) which looks after the surveying interest on a national level. The society enables you to network your services to other surveyors all across this state and some other states and vice-versa. We are in direct contact with the Board of Registration on all types of issues as they arise. We have hired a Lobbyist to watch out for bills passing through the State House that would affect the surveying profession and to help us work our issues through legislation, which by the way is who basically controls our profession in one way or another. This brings me to the main topic of my message, MEMBERSHIP! We need your input at the local and state SCSPLS meetings. Give us your comments and thoughts, we are your voice to the law makers. We need your money to help run this organization and continue to provide our many services to all surveyors, but most of all we need you in our organization. When we go before local or state governmental organizations, committees or commissions, and we are representing less than 50% of the total number of licensed surveyors in this state, we have no clout. Our voice is weak. But if we go before these groups with 85-90% of the South Carolina's licensed surveyors, as members of our organization, we carry a much stronger voice at the local and state levels. I feel very strongly about this issue and encourage each of you to become a SCSPLS member. It can only help you, your business and your profession. This is our profession, we are the experts, if we don't manage it ourselves, someone else will! We can't continue to let local and state officials, pass and enact ordinances that affect our surveys, plats and

clients without getting our input. I hope with our increasing numbers we can get some issues with county and state officials resolved. It's going to take a lot of work, but if we can urge others to join, our voice will be heard.

Here are a few things that are going on this year that you should know about. Our website is being upgraded and features are being added to better serve you and make it easier to find information as well as register for events. We now accept Visa and Master Card for payments of any kind. We are beginning the updating of our "Minimum Standards Manual". This is going to be a big issue. It will now be called our "Standards of Practice". Get to a local chapter meeting and get involved, we need everyone's input. We have moved the 2008 "Trade Show" from Myrtle Beach to the "Education Seminars" in Columbia, March 2008. The Convention, Awards Banquet, General Membership meeting, Survey games, golf outing and some educational opportunities will still be at the Kingston Plantation for 2008. We are still coordinating these events, more information will be made available at a later date. The four year degree requirement is rapidly approaching (2010). This will be addressed some time this year. The SC Board of Registration is working on a project to help introduce and recruit students into the surveying profession. This is going to be a busy year. We need members on committees to help the Chairman. And Chairmen-Delegate - each committee will be a better committee with more involvement from more members. I would like to see a social at each General Membership Meeting involving the local chapters. We need more people involved with better attendance.

Finally, I would like to stress the membership issue one last time. The profession needs you! We need your membership to make the SCSPLS stronger. We must all join together to guide our profession and protect it from being regulated from outside the profession. We need local agencies to involve our organizations when making new ordinances that affect

our surveys, plats and clients and stop using our boundary plats as

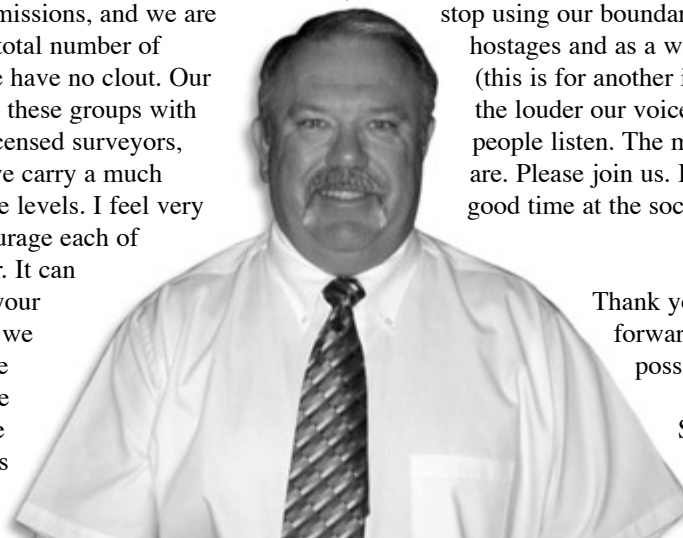
hostages and as a way for them to enforce ordinances (this is for another issue). The larger our membership, the louder our voice; the louder our voice, the more people listen. The more people listen, the stronger we are. Please join us. By the way, we have pretty darn good time at the socials.



I WANT YOU

Thank you for your time. I'm looking forward to visiting as many chapters as I possibly can during the year.

Sincerely,
Bobby Foster
2007-08 SCSPLS President



About Hickory Knob State Park:

Hickory Knob State Park is the only full-service resort in the S.C. State Park Service, resting on rolling, wooded shoreline alongside 70, 000-acre Strom Thurmond Reservoir on the Savannah River:

South Carolina's "West Coast." The park offers 18 holes of lakeside championship golf, fishing, tennis, skeet shooting pad and archery, a swimming pool, full-service restaurant, meeting facilities and more than 70 lodge rooms. The parks amenities also include a boat ramp, campgrounds and one of the state's most popular mountain biking trails. Serene and tucked away, location is another plus for this park, with picturesque, historic small towns such as Abbeville and Greenwood nearby and Augusta and Anderson (and Clemson) just a short drive away. Admission to the park is Free and is in operation 24 hours a day.

The Society has reserved 7 lodge rooms (basic hotel room/ 2 double beds), 1 suite (1 bedroom/ 2 double beds) and 10 camp sites for Friday and Saturday night. Make your reservations today to insure your spot by using our blocked group "SC Land Surveyors" by calling 1-800-491-1764.

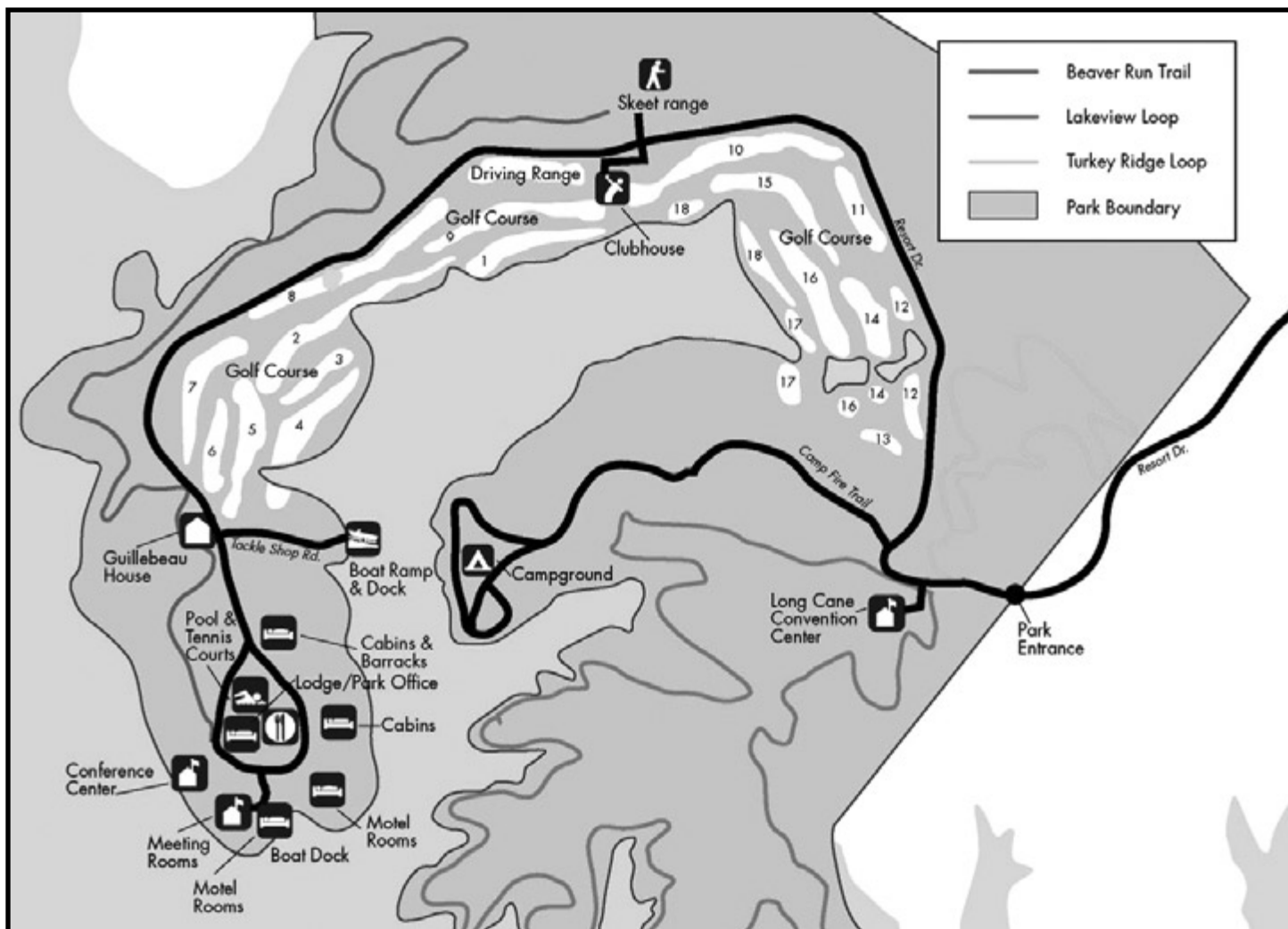
Lodge Rooms: Pool Area- \$68.85 per night
Lodge Rooms: Lake Area- \$74.25 per night

Suite: 1 Bedroom- \$133.65
Camp Sites: \$19.99 per night



Golf Fellowship at Hickory Knob State Park- Friday, October 5th!

Golfers of all levels will enjoy this picturesque championship layout. Cut through a pine forest along the shores of Strom Thurmond Lake this challenging course was designed by Tom Jackson. Facilities include an 18-hole championship golf course, clubhouse, practice green, driving range, pro shop and lounge. Reservations have been made for eight (8) groups of four (4) beginning at 11:28 am on Friday, October 5th, 2007. Cost is \$26.00 for 18-holes and cart fees. Contact Jeff Cooper at 843-571-2622 or jcooper@forsberg-engineering.com to reserve your tee time or for more information.



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SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007 • 1:30 P.M.**Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, South Carolina****AGENDA****Welcome & Invocation****Meeting Format:****Agenda Approval:****Minutes:****Financial Report:**

President Bobby Foster

Robert's Rules of Order, President Bobby Foster

President Bobby Foster

June 2, 2007

Dennis Johns

Delegate Reports:

- SC Council of Eng. & Surv. Soc.
- NSPS Governor Report
- SMAC Delegate Report
- SC Utilities Committee Report
- The Auxiliary

Carl Bostick

Joe Baird

Kevin Tollison

Aaron Taylor

Lesa Jenkins

Chapter Representative Reports:

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Committee Reports:

- Activities & Programs
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- 2008 Convention
- Education
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- Four-Year Degree Committee
- Insurance
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- Membership
- Newsletter, Plat Contest
- Surveyor of the Year
- Past Presidents Council
- Public Relations
- ROD Liaison
- SC State Parks Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Survey Contest
- Web Site Committee
- Yearbook

Jeff Cooper

Bill Tripp/Ronnie Tyler

Lee Frank

Joe McIntyre

Bryan Gosnell

Bart Dominick

Lee Frank

Ben Christensen/Skyler Ericson

Bobby Foster

Lewis Moore

Ben Christensen

Larry Beasley

Bob Collingwood

Mike Culler, Jr.

Central Chapter, Bill Lindler

Ray Eshelman

Robert Praete

SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Business:

State Board of Registration of Eng. & Surv.
Trade Show

Gene Dinkins/Thurl Amick
President Bobby Foster

Board and General Membership Meeting Dates 07-08

President Bobby Foster

Closing Comments

President Bobby Foster

Adjournment

MINUTES OF SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 2, 2007 • Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC

A meeting of the general membership of South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors was held on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 12:15 PM, at Kingston Plantation Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mr. Larry Beasley opened the meeting with prayer.

Officers:

• President	Benjamin B. Christensen
• President Elect	Bobby A. Foster
• Vice President	R. Lee Frank, II
• Secretary	Lewis S. Moore
• Treasurer	William F. Todd, Jr.
• Immediate Past President	Larry T. Beasley

Delegates:

• SC Council of Eng. & Surv. Soc.	Henry Dingle
• NSPS Governor Report	Joe Baird
• SMAC Delegate Report	Ray Eshelman, Absent
• SC Utilities Committee Report	Aaron Taylor
• The Auxiliary	Lois Christensen, Absent

Chapter Representatives:

• Aiken Chapter	Bill Tripp
• Central Chapter	Bill Lindler, Absent
• Coastal Chapter	Kevin Schwacke, Absent
• Foothills Chapter	Billy Martin
• Grand Strand Chapter	Ray Eshelman, Absent
• Low Country Chapter	Donald R. Cook, Jr.
• Midlands Chapter	Dennis Johns
• Mid-State Chapter	Tom Abraham, Absent
• Northwest Chapter	Chris Eberhart, Absent
• Pee Dee Chapter	Ferrell Prosser, Absent
• Thomas C. Anderson Chapter	Wayne Reynolds, Absent
• Tri-County Chapter	David Thomas, Absent
• Upper Piedmont Chapter	Joe Mitchell, Jr., Absent

District Directors:

• District 1	Jack Jones, Absent
• District 2	Al Whitworth
• District 3	Wayne Reynolds, Absent
• District 4	Dennis Clinkscales
• District 5	Burnett Jenkins
• District 6	Mike Culler, Jr.

Executive Secretary:

Brenda Smith

Asst. to Exec. Secretary:

Amy Byrd

Members and Guests: Skyler Ericson, Mike Mills, Carl W. Bostick, Mark Christensen, Michael Culler, III, Terry M. Watson, Gene Dinkins, Sid Shrum, Cam Robinson, Boyce Young, Benjamin J. Moorman, TAS., Thomas C. Brooks, Sr., VAS, Bryan Gosnell, Bruce Myers, Carl Holland, Earl Horton, Carol Hiatt, Bobby Craven, Thurl M. Amick, Sr., Joe McIntyre, Terry Hatchell.

MEMORIALS: Memorials were given for the following who passed away during the past Society fiscal year: Connelly B. Berry, May 15, 2007 from Myrtle Beach, Richard Yongue, June 4, 2006, Irmo.

REPORTS FROM OUT OF STATE GUESTS AND NSPS:

NSPS: Ms. Rita Lumos of Nevada, NSPS President, gave an overview of the NSPS initiatives including insurance program, CST program, Trig-Star, Government Affairs, Lobby Day, National Surveyors Week, Student Surveying Contest, Certified Hydrographic Program, Geocaching Program. To receive legislative alerts, go to the NSPS website and sign up to receive these alerts. Mr. Bill Coleman, Area 3 Director, reported on legislation in Congress and efforts of working with the National Middle Schools to promote surveying to this age group. Lobby Day will be last Thursday in September. NCESS will begin a non-technical examination feasibility study and are asking for input for this program. This is the last year Mr. Coleman will serve as Area 3 Director.

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS (VAS):

President Tommy Brooks reported that the VAS now has approximately 750 members at the end of 2007. The Governor has signed a continuing education bill for surveyors in Virginia. Sept. 13-17, 2007 Surveyor Rendezvous to be held in Albemarle, birthplace of George Washington. VAS works with Boy Scouts. Convention will be January 16-21, 2008 in Hampton, Virginia.

NORTH CAROLINA SURVEYING SOCIETY

(NCSS): President Simon Cox reported that the NCSS 2007 convention was held at the Kingston Plantation in February with a successful first out-of-state convention. The Scholarship program will promote "Trekking the Appalachian Trail" in September with benefits going to the Scholarship Fund. President Cox also reported on certification on plats by local municipalities, Geocaching efforts, and option of moving NCSS office in a few years. Next convention will be

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in February at Grove Park Inn.

SC BOARD OF REGISTRATION: Mr. Gene Dinkins, member of the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, gave an overview of the events on the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS: President-Elect Benny Moorman discussed the efforts of TAPS concerning legislation, Board of Examiners, TAPS Constitution and By-Laws changes, 4 year degree requirement in Land Surveying and 2 year apprenticeship, or a 4 year degree in a technical field with 24 hours in surveying and a two year apprenticeship, or a 4 yr. degree in liberal arts supplemented with 36 hrs. approved surveying curriculum and 2 yr. apprenticeship required to sit for exam. Also currently in TN with 10 years of qualified experience and no formal education, you can still sit for the exam. We need to do everything within our power to bring the level of professionalism up to other related fields and a step in higher educational requirements is needed. ETSU has hired a surveyor from Minnesota who will be coming on board in January to head the 4 year degree program. The program needs financial help to continue.

SCSPLS President Ben Christensen welcomed those in attendance. He called the meeting of the SCSPLS General Membership to order on Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Kingston Plantation Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC. Mr. Larry Beasley opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by President Christensen and stated that the meeting would be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

AGENDA: A motion was made with a second to accept the agenda as published. Motion unanimously approved.

MINUTES: Minutes of the SCSPLS General Membership Meeting from Saturday, March 3, 2007, were published in The Carolina Benchmark. Motion made to approve minutes as published. Second. Minutes approved as published.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Billy Todd reported that the checking account balance is \$256,010.53 as of June 1, 2007, and scholarship fund balance is \$48,491.18 as of April 30. Report for information only.

DELEGATE REPORTS:

SC COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SOCIETIES: Mr. Henry Dingle reported on the legislative efforts of the Council thru Mr. Joe Jones as well as recommendations for vacancies for the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors for the coming year. The House just passed a bill which changes the name of the surveying profession to "Professional Surveyor" instead of the previous "Professional Land Surveyor." Spring meeting was not well attended and has a smaller crowd than normal to attend the seminars.

NSPS: Mr. Joe Baird reported on the NSPS plat contest has approximately 70-80 plats entered and urged first place winners to submit their plats to the NSPS National Plat

Contest. Winning a place in this contest is a real honor. He also stated that membership in NSPS was down from South Carolina and encouraged becoming a member and receive many additional benefits to membership. Mr. Baird also discussed the Scholarship program and Trig-Star efforts on the national level.

SMAC: No Report.

SC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Aaron Taylor reported that he was waiting on questionnaire from PUPS on double flagging of SCDOT right-of-ways. Also stated that once received he will email to questionnaire he will forward to the membership for feedback. He also encouraged members to attend local utilities meetings thru SCUCC to learn more about local utility problems.

THE AUXILIARY: No report.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS:

Aiken: Mr. Bill Tripp reported the chapter continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at EEJay's Restaurant at Kalmia Mall in Aiken with good attendance. At the March 13th meeting, Mr. Tony Carr spoke on Boundaries of the Chickasaw Indians in the Aiken County area. The April 10th meeting was held in conjunction with the Augusta Chapter of SAMSOG at the Ryan's Steak House in Augusta, Ga. Mr. Ray Lawson spoke on Laser Scanner Technology in Land Surveying. The May 8th speaker was Steve Strohming, who spoke on Land Management Ordinances and Transportation Planning.

Central: No report.

Coastal: Mr. Lewis Moore reported the chapter did not meet in the summer with the next meeting being held in September on the last Tuesday of the month at various locations with 25-30 in attendance at the last meeting.

Foothills: Mr. Billy Martin reported that the chapter has had an attendance slump, but continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month in various locations.

Grand Strand: Mr. Mike Culler reported that the chapter meets the first Tuesday at the Golden Coral. The Myrtle Beach State Park survey has been finalized.

Low Country: Mr. Donald Cook reported that at the last meeting, there were approximately 8 – 10 in attendance and that the chapter was trying to boost membership. He also reported that the Survey Games would be held in the 1st floor hallway of Brighton Towers because of the rain.

Midlands: Mr. Dennis Johns reported that the chapter continues to meet at Gilligan's Restaurant in Lexington on the fourth Monday of the month, with attendance in the low twenties. Reported that the chapter had a technical session at the last meeting on surveying equipment. Reported that the Chapter donated approximately \$300 to the scholarship fund.

Mid-State: No Report.

Northwest: No Report.

Pee Dee: Mr. Mike Culler, Jr. reported that the chapter meets first Monday of the month at the Thunderbird Restaurant on Hwy 52 at I-95, with an average attendance of 12 – 15 and a one hour seminar usually following the business session of the chapter.

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Thomas C. Anderson: No report.

Tri-County: Mr. Burnett Jenkins reported that the last meeting was held at Lake House Seafood Restaurant with approximately 10 – 15 in attendance. The chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month, taking the summers off. He also reported that the chapter donated \$200 to the scholarship fund and \$500 to their local Ken Staton Scholarship Fund.

Upper Piedmont: Mr. Dennis Clinkscales reported the chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Billy D's Restaurant on S. Pine St. in Spartanburg with 10-15 in attendance. Also reported that one-hour seminar was presented for PDH credit after most business sessions. Speaker in April was Mr. Ron Kirby, Spartanburg County Engineer, who spoke on FEMA mapping. The May meeting speaker was Mr. Thurl Amick who spoke on current issues on the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS:

District 1: No report.

District 2: Mr. Al Whitworth deferred to chapter reports.

District 3: No report

District 4: Mr. Dennis Clinkscales deferred to chapter reports.

District 5: Mr. Burnett Jenkins gave Tri-County chapter report (see below).

District 6: Mr. Mike Culler, Jr. gave chapter reports (see below).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities and Programs: Mr. Lewis Moore reported that 30 participants played golf at Arcadian Shores on Thursday morning during the convention. There were 14 sponsorships of one hole. The Activities Committee is also helping the Low Country Chapter with the games this afternoon after the meeting.

Constitution and By-Laws: Mr. Bill Tripp stated that there was nothing to report at this time.

2007 Convention: Mr. Bobby Foster reported that there were 220 registered attendees, 116 families and 12 registered walk-in attendees. Included in these numbers were 15 Past SCSPLS Presidents. Mr. Foster also reported that the Trade Show this year was the largest ever with 42 booths and 29 different exhibitors with 33 paid and 9 complimentary booths.

Education: Mr. Joe McIntyre reported that there were two seminars held at the convention this year with 64 in attendance for each. Mr. McIntyre also reported that there was a conflict with dates for the February Education Conference and that the committee is now focused on alternative dates for the next education conference and are considering having vendors at this conference.

Ethics & Standards of Practice: Mr. Al Whitworth the State Board will possibly be reviewing the Minimum Standards this year to include GIS and Photogrammetry. He suggested that all chapter and members start reviewing the Minimum Standards for input to the committee next year.

State Board Report: Mr. Gene Dinkins reported on changes

within the State Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Surveyors and stated that there was good dialog and proactive, not reactive, changes on issues were being made. Mr. Dinkins also invited Mr. Bobby Foster to attend State Board meetings. Mr. Dinkins was elected as Vice President of NCEES and is the Southern Zone Delegate. Mr. Thurl Amick was appointed by the Governor as a new State Board this year. House Bill 3722 has passed and affects our profession which governs engineering and surveying. This Bill changed the name of "Professional Land Surveyors" to "Professional Surveyors", cleans up the Tier B category, and a provision that the State Board could use \$10 per registrant per year for educational and professional activities. Governor has 5 days to sign this bill. Recruiting people into the surveying profession and encouraging our young people in the profession are long-term initiative and public relations program to develop. The State Board has sent out a RFQ to firms to develop a public relations Surveying Recruitment Initiative on a state-wide level. Three firms have been selected and will be interviewed and hopefully a long-term type program will be develop to get into middle and high schools to present Surveying as a profession. Monumentation on DOTs will also be looked at this coming year as well as a Photogrammetry Exam and GIS Exam. Mr. Thurl Amick reported on GIS and wetlands survey issues. The board put out a policy statement concerning wetlands survey stating that wetlands survey stated on a plat should be done by the surveyor producing the map. Standard for GIS are being defined and what the responsibilities are of the GIS surveyor. Both Board members stated that they are available at any time for questions or concerns with Board issues.

GIS Committee: No Report.

Insurance: Mr. Lee Frank stated that the Executive Board met and voted to move forward on Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Insurance provided individually that would be available to the Society membership in the near future, and Directors and Officers insurance. Event Insurance and Health Insurance Policies are also being discussed. Mrs. Carol Hiatt of E & O Liability Consultants stated that Mr. Bobby Craven was a new member of her staff. She also stated that the Directors and Officers Insurance covers any employee, or officer who is holding or has ever held an office which would include Chapter Presidents and Representatives. Life Insurance booklets that had not been picked up from the E&O booth would be in the mail along with information on Disability Insurance application. Renewal on Life and AD&D will be in September. She also stated that the Health Insurance Plan and premiums have been approved by the State of SC, and the SCSPLS Board will review and if approved, will offered this benefit to the membership. Ms. Hiatt stated that the plan is a good plan, maybe not the lowest price, but a good sound plan and a good price.

Legal and Legislative: Mr. Skyler Ericson reported on concerns on third-party liability on using old plats for closings. President Christensen stated that he will be in touch with Mr. Jeff Lucas on the copyright issues of plats.

Membership: Mr. Lewis Moore's report stated that at

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present the Society has 543 members (410 full, 74 associate, 6 complimentary, 24 emeritus, 1 honorary, 7 students and 21 sustaining), the largest total membership for SCSPLS since the organization was formed. There are four applications for board approval at next meeting.

Newsletter, Plat Contest and Surveyor of the Year: Mr. Lee Frank stated that the 4th issue had been published. Stated 1st place winners of the plat contest; Boundary: Keith Wilson, ALTA: Elliotte Quinn, Subdivision: Sal Chaves, Topographical: David Branton, Color: Aaron Leach, and Miscellaneous: Keith Wilson. Mr. Frank also stated that 4 applications for Surveyor of the Year were received this year for Lewis Moore, Joe Mitchell, Jr., Bobby Foster and Joe McIntyre. Winner will be announced at banquet tonight.

Past President's Council: Mr. Larry Beasley stated that the council met in February at the Education Conference and again this Friday, June 1, for lunch with approximately 15 Past Presidents in attendance. The Council discussed programs to promote the surveying profession.

Public Relations: Mr. Larry Beasley stated that Mr. Cameron Praete completed his assignment of creating a sign or banner for SCSPLS and sponsored by the Society. He also reported that Cameron received a grade of 97 on this project. Banner has been on display on the trade show floor at the SCSPLS Booth. Cameron also designed a website and banner for the Grand Strand Chapter. Other State chapters can have a similar sign made for Public Relations by contacting Cameron. NSPS also has a speakers kit on Surveying the World Around Us and each chapter has a copy of this program.

ROD Committee: No report.

Scholarship: No report. Raffle drawing will be tonight at the banquet.

S. C. State Parks: Mr. Mike Culler reported that in February 2004, SCSPLS agreed to survey boundaries of state parks which had encroachments or issues with boundaries. Kings Mountain State Park: Joe Baird reported that field work has begun and several lines have been cut out. Joe also reported that they had a good chapter turn out. Myrtle Beach State Park: Mr. Culler reported that the survey plat of the park was completed and presented to the SC Department of Parks and Recreation several weeks ago. Paris Mountain State Park: Bobby Foster and Mike Culler met with Ty Houck, Park Manager of Paris Mountain after the Camp Buckhorn outing. Ty said that fifty of the eighty corners have been located and flagged. He said that when the survey is started that he will be able to get volunteer help cutting out all of the property lines. During the meeting, Ty produced a compiled plat of the park showing all of the corners and will highlight the located ones, which will be a great help getting started. It was discussed that Greenville Tech could help compiling and plotting all of the research documents on the compiled plat. Bobby later met with Ty and Sid Shrum, Dean of Geometrics at Greenville Tech, and this will be an excellent Senior project for students. The survey will start after Thanksgiving, after the weather turns cold. Santee State Park: Tommy Evans report is the same as March 3, 2007

report. Tommy is to complete before he retires in March of 2008. Sesquicentennial State Park: Mr. Joe McIntyre and Mr. Dale Swygert of the Midlands Chapter will be compiling the information on this park.

Survey Contest: The Low Country Chapter will be hosting the games at the convention after this meeting in the hallway of the first floor of Brighton Towers after this meeting.

Website: No report.

Yearbook: Mr. Lewis Moore stated the yearbook ad requests were distributed to the exhibitors at the convention. Also requests form for the membership was located in the attendee convention packets and will be sent out by email and in the next newsletter. Mr. Moore encouraged members to place a card ad in the newsletter and yearbook for the coming year.

BUSINESS:

2007-08 OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS: Mr. Larry Beasley presented the outcome of the 2007-08 SCSPLS Board election as follows: President-Elect: R. Lee Frank, II; Vice President: Lewis S. Moore; Secretary: Robert A. Praete; Treasurer: Dennis G. Johns; District 1 Director: Kevin M. Schwacke; District 3 Director: Thomas B. Abraham; District 5 Director: E. Burnett Jenkins

President for 2007-08 will be Robert A. Foster.

GIS Requirements in Richland County: Mr. Dennis Johns reported that they were still working with the committee on changes in Horry County, copying Richland County requirements, to turn things around but there would be a tremendous amount of work involved.

Four-Year Degree Program in SC: Mr. Larry Beasley reported that the four-year degree will go into effect in the year 2010. He reported that USC approved a two and two program with Midlands Tech requiring 60 hours of credit and a similar program is in effect at Spartanburg Tech and USC at Spartanburg.

VRS: Mr. Jim Harrington stated the 30 stations are up and running now and are free right now. Surveyors need to sign up with SC Geodetic Survey or Mr. Harrington.

President Ben Christensen closing comments were in appreciation for all the Board members and staff of SCSPLS in this past year. Motion to adjourn with a second. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis S. Moore, SCSPLS Secretary

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were approved at the SCSPLS Board of Directors board meeting July 20, 2007:

Full: James C. Brewer, Ragsdale & Assoc., Inc., Savannah, GA; William Bart Dominick, SCDOT & Bart Dominick Surveying, Newberry, SC; Andrew Wadsworth, Sr., Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., Mt. Pleasant, SC; David Spell, Costa Rica

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Student: Joseph T. Dyches, The Citadel, Charleston, SC

SCSPLS MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL TIME

Your SCSPLS membership dues invoice was sent to you in April for renewal of the current fiscal year, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. If you have not already done so, be sure you send your membership fees to the office promptly. If you are a Full, Sustaining, Associate, Honorary or Emeritus member, you also receive \$10,000 life insurance and \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance thru Aetna. If you have not renewed your membership by paying the renewal dues amount, you will not be covered by this insurance. This is one of the great benefits you receive as a member of SCSPLS. You may also want to encourage your surveying friends to join to receive this benefit as well. This is guaranteed coverage to the membership categories listed above. If you have any questions, email us at scspls@bellsouth.net. Don't forget to renew and also receive discounted rates for seminars. Registered surveyors must earn 30 professional development hours before each 2 year-licensing renewal.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW REGISTRANTS

Congratulations to the following new registrants who passed the PLS exam in April, 2007: John A. Bogan, Jonesville, SC; Douglas P. Cruse, III, Canton, GA; Clifton H. Harper, Bamberg, SC; Benson G. Hinshaw, Plainfield, IN; Jeremiah D. McMichen, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Dennis E. Miller, Buckhannon, WV; Frank G. Mundy, II, Creedmoor, NC; Marion L. Sandlin, Jr., Concord, NC; Robert S. Templeton, Laurens, SC; Lawrence J. Whitaker, Charlotte, NC

Congratulations to the following that were registered as LSIT's: John B. Black, Loris, SC; Charles R. Elmore, Cayce, SC; Phillip P. Gerard, Charleston, SC; Erik R. Glover, Greensboro, NC; Shawn D. Lyons, Cottageville, SC; Hubert C. McClure, Anderson, SC; Stevenson M. Muldrow, Mayesville, SC; Ernest W. Scott, Blythewood, SC

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From Left to Right: wife, Sandy Baird, Joe Baird and daughter, Lori Baird

JOE E. BAIRD RECEIVES SCSPLS LIFE SERVICE AWARD

The South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors recently honored Mr. Joe E. Baird of Lexington, SC, by presenting him the SCSPLS "Life Service Award" for 2007. This honor was received at the 38th Annual Convention at the Kingston Plantation Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The SCSPLS Life Service Award recognizes lifetime contributions toward the advancement of land surveying as a profession in South Carolina. The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor individuals whom, through a lifetime of actions, have contributed to the advancement of the profession of land surveying.

Joe H. Baird is owner of Baird Engineering/Land Surveying in Clover, SC since 1986. He graduated from Clemson University in 1972 with a BS in Civil Engineering and was registered as a licensed engineer in 1977 and licensed surveyor in 1980. He is also registered in the state of North Carolina as a Professional Land Surveyor. Joe is a member of the following Professional Organizations: National Society of Professional Surveyors; South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors, serving as President in 1996-97, President-Elect in 1995-96, Vice President 1994-95, District 5 Director from 1991-94, and is currently serving as NSPS Governor for SC. He is also a member of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors; and Tri-County Chapter of the SCSPLS. Joe was honored as the 1998 SCSPLS Surveyor of the Year. He is a member of the Clover LEAF (Leaders for Education Advancement Foundation) service organization. As a member of Clover Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Joe has served as both a Deacon and Elder. Joe and his wife, Sandy, reside near Clover and have two children, Slade and Lori. His hobbies include cattle farming, trail riding and Clemson football.



JOSEPH L. MCINTYRE ELECTED SCSPLS 2007 SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR

The South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors also honored Mr. Joseph L. McIntyre of Lexington, SC, by selecting him South Carolina "Surveyor of the Year" for 2007. The Surveyor of the Year Award is presented annually by the Society to a surveyor who has made outstanding contributions to the profession of land surveying in the State of South Carolina.

Joe is employed by Whitworth & Associates. He began working in the surveying field in 1981 while at Irmo High School. He attended Lees-McRae College and Appalachian State University and obtained his Professional Land Surveyors license in 1991. Joe has been a member of the SCSPLS since 1985. He has worked extremely hard the past several years organizing the continuing education for land surveyors' seminars for the SCSPLS. He has also served SCSPLS as President in 2001-02, Treasurer, has served on several committees, currently serving as Education Committee Chairman. Mr. McIntyre has served in many capacities on the local level as a Board Member of the Midlands Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors. Joe and his wife Donna reside in Lexington with their sons, Evan and Tristan.

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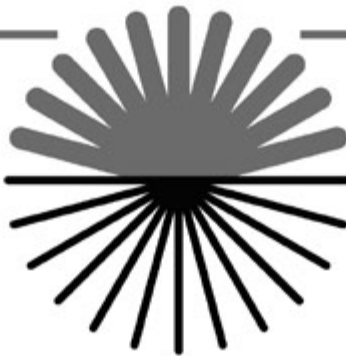
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Less Expenses	\$1,709.23
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Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Tollison
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Lewis Moore receives the Wii Console from "The Mayberry Deputy" raffled for Scholarship Fund on Saturday, June 2, 2007

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2ND PLACE:

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“TRI-FUE-PARDY” EXPERIENCE


It was a night full of food, laughter and fun as MC Bryan Gosnell entertained while SCSPLS members and their families racked their brains on over 80 trivia questions from classic games such as, Trivial Pursuit, Family Feud and Jeopardy. Everyone was a winner as prizes were won throughout the night with each member of the winning team taking home the Grand Prize, a \$50.00 VISA gift card!

Congratulations to the Grand Prize Winners: Jeff and Annette Cooper, Mike and Kristy Johnson, Lewis and Karen Moore, Kevin Tollison and son, Matthew.

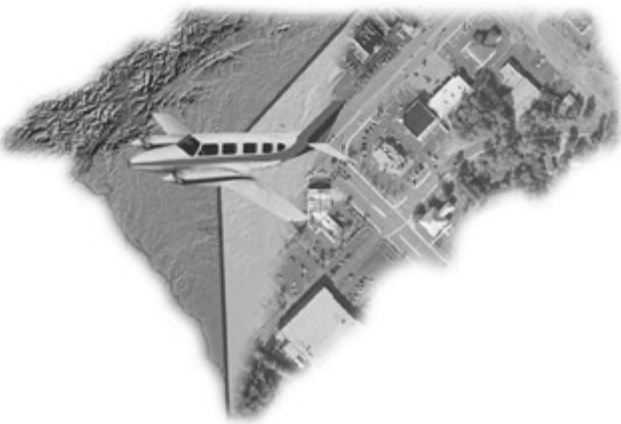
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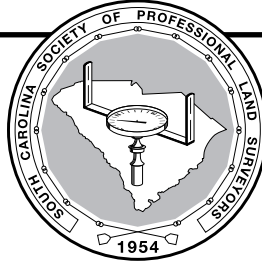
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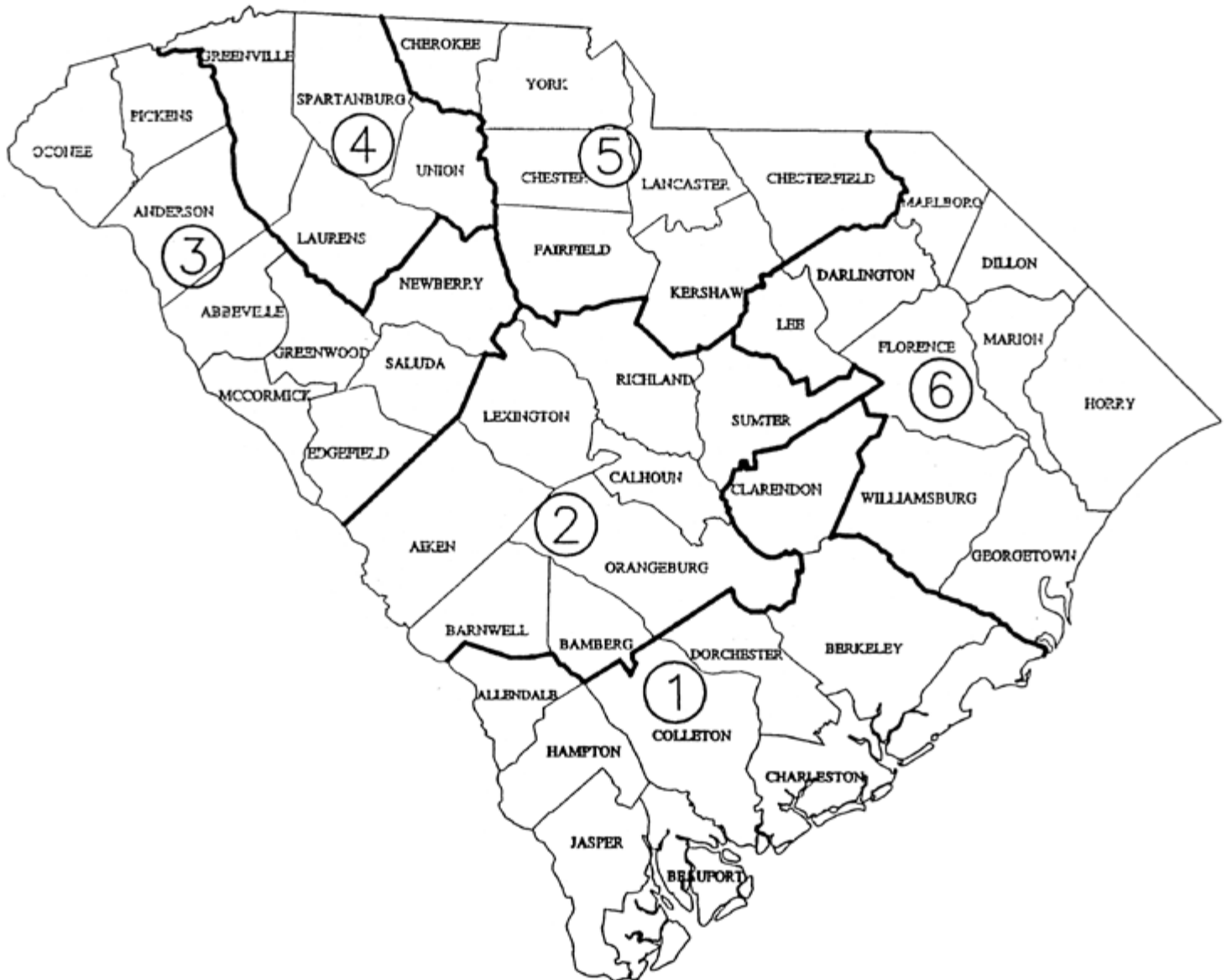
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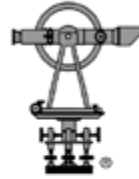
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Board Meetings

July 20, 2007
Oct. 6, 2007
Nov. 16, 2007
March 1, 2008

Gen. Membership Meetings

Oct. 6, 2007 Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC
Dec. 1, 2007 The Citadel, Charleston
March 1, 2008 Camp Buckhorn, Paris Mtn. State Park, Greenville
May 31, 2008 Convention, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach

The July 20, 2007 and November 16, 2007 SCSPLS Board meetings, Synergy Business Park, Congaree Board Room, 121 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, SC. The remaining SCSPLS Board meetings will be held in conjunction with the General Membership Meetings at locations noted above.



OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

EDUCATION CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW:
RADISSON HOTEL COLUMBIA & CONF. CENTER:
MARCH 17 – 18, 2008

CONVENTION:
KINGSTON PLANTATION, MYRTLE BEACH:
MAY 28 – MAY 31, 2008