

MINUTES OF THE  
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.  
2011 ANNUAL MEETING  
WILLIAMSBURG, VA  
JANUARY 29, 2011

and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

Secretary Bruce Frederick called the roll and determined that a quorum existed with over 40 members present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Dave Holland to approve the agenda. Motion carried, the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Will Nash to approve the minutes. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

**MEMORIALS**

- Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield (Attachment #1)
- B. Calvin Burns (Attachment #2)

**Out of State Guest Reports**

*Maryland Society of Surveyors:*

John Campbell, President-Elect stated they are in discussions with the FCC on interference with GPS. They are having discussions on the interpretation of responsible charge.

*South Carolina Society of Professional Surveyors:*

Dale Swaggert, President-They are dropping insurance policy in North Carolina and Tennessee, South Carolina is next. Mr. Swaggert also mentioned the following:

- Membership is declining – less than 15 new licenses. Lost over 100 last year.
- Looking at changing constitution and bylaws (like we are)
- Legal battle over State University collector data for flood maps. South Carolina says it should be done by Land Surveyor

*DC Association of Land Surveyors:*

Rick Dreist went over calendar of events for upcoming year. Rick submitted a written report (Attachment #3)

*West Virginia Society of Professional Surveyors:*

Alan Witschi, President-Spoke about the need to mentor younger members to get active in VAS.  
They hired an executive director.

*Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors:*

William L. Lehman, President-Not present

*NSPS Area 3 Director:*

Joe Baird-Joe gave a verbal report.

### ACSM/APELSCIDLA Reports

*ACSM Executive Director:*

*Curt Sumner*

- Spoke about 2011 standards
- Curt hosts a web radio show every Monday at 11:00 a.m.
- Asked for topics to be sent to him for his radio show
- Spotlights on surveying on PBS stations between shows
- Equipment theft is a national issue and he has addressed it on the website
- Survey Summit in San Diego this year
- L-1 frequency disruption – petitioning FCC on the issue
- NSPS is reorganizing into one organization
- Submitted a letter from Shay Gregg on NSPS and ACSM - splitting or not. (Attachment #4)

*Board Report:*

*Steve Stephenson*

- Looking at computer based testing – need exam writers
- 78% test takers have over 25 years of experience. Need help from younger professional surveyors
- Gave thanks to John McAden for his time serving on the board

### Executive Officer Reports

*President*

*Chuck Dunlap*

Chuck reviewed his presidency and thanked everyone for their support

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

*Pete Moore*

Talked about the upcoming 2012 convention

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

*Will Nash*

Will thanked Dave Holland for his pictures and articles for the Old Dominion Surveyor magazine

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*Secretary/Treasurer*

Bruce gave a brief report on expenses

*Bruce Frederick*

*NSPS Governor*

- Discussed a Public Relations project on NSPS
- National surveyor Week March 21<sup>st</sup> - will issue a proclamation

*Dave Holland*

Standing Committee Reports

*ETSU*

Jerry gave a verbal report. Jerry mentioned that Virginia residents get a discount for classes at ETSU.

*Jerry Taylor*

*ODU*

Bruce gave verbal report.

*Bruce Frederick*

*VAS Education Trust*

Written report to president (Attachment #5)

*Phil Nester*

*Virginia Surveyors Foundation*

Page gave verbal report on the state of the foundation.

*Page Cockrell*

*Legislative/PAC*

Russ gave a verbal report and mentioned there had been nine pieces of legislation that referenced Land Surveying in one way or another

*Russ Nixon*

*VAS Auxiliary*

The silent Auction raised over \$1,000.00

*Nancy Dunlap*

Old Business

- Chuck Dunlap congratulated Paul Holt on his appointment to the Board.

New Business

- Chuck Dunlap congratulated Chip Richardson on his appointment to the VAS Education Trust
- APELSCIDLA Board replacement for Steve Stephenson
- Doyle Allen withdrew his nomination to the APELSCIDLA Board
- There was much discussion and three recommendations we suggested. Joe Coppedge, Fred Shanks and Ed Johnson were the names brought up.
- Ed Johnson withdrew his name from consideration
- A motion was made by chuck Dunlap that the VAS recommend Joe Coppedge and Fred Shanks as candidates for the APELSCIDLA board

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- Dave Holland made an amended motion that there be two separate motions for Joe Coppedge and Fred Shanks
- Chuck Dunlap's motion was withdrawn
- A Motion was made to recommend Joe Coppedge as an APELSCIDLA Board candidate – APPROVED
- A Motion was made to recommend Fred Shanks as an APELSCIDLA Board candidate – NOT APPROVED

Discussion then began on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws revising the Associate Membership category and creating a new corresponding member category. After much discussion and debate, a motion was made to accept changes to the By-Laws as submitted by Mac McLaughlin. (Attachment #6)

The motion was discussed and approved as submitted.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM FOR  
Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield was born in LaCrosse, Virginia, on December 1, 1943 and departed this life on May 14, 2010; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield is survived by his wife of 42 years, Janice Davis Crutchfield, their daughter Carol Ann Crutchfield Booth and her husband, Hunter Booth; their son, Steven Lloyd Crutchfield and his wife, Virginia Crutchfield, and his precious grandchildren, Thomas Booth, Sarah Ann Booth, Aaron Crutchfield, and Conner Crutchfield. He is also survived by his loving mother Charlotte Crutchfield and his brother Wade Crutchfield; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield graduated from Park View High School in 1962 and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1967; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield began his career working for the U.S. Soil and Conservation Service and after four years, he began working for his mentor and life long friend, F. Richard Quible, at Quible and Associates; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield in 1976, founded his own consulting firm, Crutchfield and Associates: Surveyors, Engineers, and Planners with a mission to provide quality professional services at a reasonable cost to the residents of Southside Virginia; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield in February, 2006, transferred ownership of Crutchfield and Associates to his son, Steven Crutchfield and long time employee James Nash.

**Whereas**; Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield continued to work and remained a main figure in the business, he just did it on his own terms.

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield's favorite hobbies were hunting, golf, and being a proud member of the Hokie Nation.; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield was a tireless worker and supporter of the University. He was a member of the Gordon Bowman Society, the distinguished Virginia Tech Ut Proism Society, and a lifetime member of the Virginia Tech Monogram Club. He served as past chairman of the President's Council, member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund, and president of the Southside Hokie Club; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield was a member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors and the Southern Chapter; and

**Whereas**, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield was admired and respected as a Professional Land Surveyor, for his integrity and professional conduct and now there

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Virginia Association of Surveyors, in our Annual Membership meeting assembled in Williamsburg, Virginia on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, does now pay its solemn tribute and final respects to its departed fellow Land Surveyor and friend, Marvin Lloyd Crutchfield; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be spread upon the permanent records of the Virginia Association of Surveyors in honor of its recently departed member, and that a copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to his son, Steven L. Crutchfield of Chase City, Virginia, for distribution to his other family members.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **B. Calvin Burns**

**WHEREAS** B. Calvin Burns (Cal) was born in Tennessee on August 2, 1928.

**WHEREAS** Cal graduated from W & L High School in Arlington, Virginia in 1945 and joined the Army Specialized Training Program, attending North Georgia College; and

**WHEREAS** Cal graduated from George Washington University with degrees in both mechanical and civil engineering; and

**WHEREAS** Cal performed his apprenticeship while going to school by working for Harry Otis Wright, PE & LS, in Arlington, VA; and

**WHEREAS** Cal was licensed as a Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer in Virginia and many other states; and

**WHEREAS** Cal started his own business in Arlington in the 1950's and then moved to Woodbridge in 1961 establishing Prince William Engineering Company; and

**WHEREAS** Cal and Prince William Engineering Company designed many projects throughout Northern Virginia and Maryland; some of them being Dale City, West Gate of Lomond, Lake of the Woods, Ocean Pines, and Captain's Cove; and

**WHEREAS** Cal developed and patented a vacuum sewer system that was used at Hilton Head, South Carolina and several other locations in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** Cal retired from the business of surveying in 1982; however, he remained active developing his own properties until his passing; and

**WHEREAS** Cal was not only a brilliant engineer and surveyor, he was an exceptional mentor. His method was simple: he led by example. He believed that thorough preparation and hard work were the primary keys to success. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was a good and loyal friend; and

**WHEREAS** Cal was a lifetime member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Virginia Association of Surveyors assembled at its 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia this January 27-29, 2011, now pays its solemn tribute and final respects to its departed fellow surveyor and friend, B. Calvin Burns; and

**BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the Virginia Association of Surveyors in honor of our departed member and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his wife Carole and son Christopher.

# District Of Columbia Land Surveyor's Association

## Report to the

### Virginia Association of Land Surveyors

I am here today on behalf of Jerry Schuessler current president of DCALS. For those that don't know me I am Rick Dreist, NSPS governor for DCALS, Surveyor for the District of Columbia and also a licensed surveyor in Virginia and a member of the VAS.

I'm here to provide you with information regarding upcoming events the D C Association is involved in and upcoming events. Please take a look at our website [www.dcal.org](http://www.dcal.org) for information regarding upcoming events.

Our last general meeting was held a Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue in the District. Our guest speaker's topic was the national parkway system. This past Fall, we manned a booth at the National Building Museum Festival and displayed both old and new surveying instruments, historical maps and other tools of the trade. It was a successful event with thousands of children and adults. Amazingly not one instrument was tipped over, but the children had a great time looking through the instruments and trying out the various equipment.

Upcoming events:

February 18<sup>th</sup> CST testing for levels one, two, and three.

March 19<sup>th</sup> NSPS Surveying USA, we plan on being on the Mall and set up on the Jefferson Stone.

March 25<sup>th</sup> CST testing for levels one, two and three.

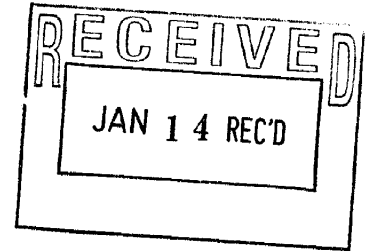
May 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Seminars at Gallaudet University in the District. We plan on offering courses on "Surveying in the District" (actual field work will be done), Flood plain management with speakers from FEMA and The District's Department of the Environment, and lastly a course on motion monitoring of buildings bridges, ect. Don Falken, of WMATA and several other speakers will be involved in this section. We will be offering continuing education credits for these which can be used in Virginia. I invite those interested to come and attend. Again check our website for details.

June 18<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Nationals Stadium to see a ballgame between Washington and Baltimore. Tickets will be ½ price for DCALS members and guests.

I would like to thank the VAS for inviting the DCALS president to your conference, and thank you for letting me attend on his behalf. I always enjoy the Virginia Conference.

Jan. 12, 2011

Mr. Curt Summers, Executive Director  
American Congress on Surveying and Mapping  
6 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 403  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879



Dear Curt,

After attending the Board of Governors meeting last fall in Orlando, I had planned on attending VAS's annual meeting in Williamsburg this month and presenting a proposition to the membership if allowed to do so. Unfortunately, my wife has other plans and I am going to be at our residence in Boca Grande, Florida at the same time as this meeting. As you were kind enough to volunteer to present my proposition to the membership it is as follows:

I attended the NSPS Board of Governors meeting last November and left somewhat disappointed. It was my understanding that the meeting was called to further discuss the possibility of NSPS disassociating with ACSM and how it would be accomplished. From my observation, neither of these objectives were accomplished. This reminded me of the events of over 40 years ago when some of us in VAS began to make noises about forming a national surveyors association outside of ACSM.. Our efforts resulted in the formation of the Southeastern Association of Professional Land Surveyors, the western states association, the mid-western states association and finally in 1981 the formation of the National Association of Professional Surveyors as a member of ACSM. This was, of course, a step forward, but not an organization standing alone and with a substantial membership.

There are over 45,000 licensed land surveyors in the United States and NSPS's membership totals only about 5000. This is unacceptable. With the increased intrusion of federal, state and local government in our daily affairs it is imperative that the professional land surveyor have a strong voice in Washington and to assist in confronting problems arising at the state and local levels.

For instance, when the railroads were allowed to abandon many routes that were unprofitable, they did so and took up there tracks without any consideration as to re-establishment of the right-of-way property lines. For, as you know, the property lines of the right-of-way were tied to the centerline of the track. From a personal experience, I was told by the representative of liquid gas line that his company had no idea where the gas line was located in the right-of-way. These are only two examples where the federal government could intervene on behalf of public safety and good surveying practice. In addition, a fair method for the procurement of survey services by local, state and federal agencies and professional results can only be obtained by surveyors presenting a unified argument through a strong organization.

The membership of VAS is about 600 with only about 200 being members of NSPS. I think this is unacceptable. The additional dues to NSPS is about what a surveyor would charge for one hour services of a survey party or for a good dinner for his family. Surely, even in questionable times as these are, the practicing surveyor can afford to support his profession.

I recognize that I have not been active in VAS for many years, but I am still very interested in the welfare of the professional land surveyor and would like to make the following proposals:

1. That VAS go on record to support the withdrawal of NSPS from ACSM and to appoint a committee to study and pursue this objective so as to make recommendations to the Executive Board of NSPS.
2. That VAS set an example as it has done in the past and require its members to be a member of NSPS. Our close professional associates, architects and engineers, have this requirement and they have strong national organizations. It is time for the practicing surveyor to have a national organization to serve his needs and there is no better organization to lead the way than the Virginia Association of Surveyors which it has done in the past.

Curt, I appreciate you taking this up before the membership of VAS and if the reception is negative you can blame it on me. I have been a loner many times before but, if you have strong convictions and are right your efforts usually prevail. I think I am right in this instance.

Ssincerely,

P. Porcher Gregg, Jr.



# VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION of SURVEYORS, INC.

## Report to the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Annual Membership Meeting January 29, 2011

We, the Trustees of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc., Educational Trust, hereby report this report on Trust activities to the Membership.

### Trustees:

David L. Holland  
Joseph C. Coppedge  
Gary S. Cooke  
Philip W. Nester, Chairman  
W. Page Cockrell, Vice Chairman  
Chip Richardson

### Term Expires

January 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)\*  
January 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
January 2013 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
January 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
January 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) *1ST- PWN*  
January 2016 (1<sup>st</sup> Term)\*\*

The year Two Thousand and Ten was a pretty good one for the Trust. This year the Trust received 3 applications for scholarships. The scholarship requests were relatively scattered from around the Commonwealth, so each geographic area is benefiting from the Trust.

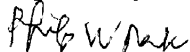
This year the Trust awarded scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each to the following: Timothy Wayne Caldwell, who attends Old Dominion University and Harold William Deuter, III, who attends Eastern Shore Community College. The first \$1,000.00 of the scholarship awards were presented to the students in July; and the remaining \$1,000.00 were presented in December. Wesley Earl Griggs received \$1,000 in scholarships in July 2010, he graduated in December 2010.

As of December 31, 2010 the A account (Securities Account) is valued at \$123,693.84 and the B account (Command Account) at \$29,344.16 with no current scholarship liabilities. Other than administration fees, the Trust has no other financial liabilities at this time. The total value of the Trust as of December 31, 2010 is \$153,038.00.

The Trustees urge the VAS to continue its support of the Trust with donations from the Silent Auction and the Educational Account.

Should any VAS member have questions or would like additional information, please contact any of the Trustees or myself.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
**Philip W. Nester**

Philip W. Nester, LS, Chairman Trustee, Virginia  
Association of Surveyors, Inc.,  
Educational Trust

- \* The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank David Holland for his support and dedicated service for the past ten years.
- \*\* Chip Richardson has been recommended by the Board of Directors to replace David Holland. Chip Richardson will be appointed by the President at the 2011 convention.

Motion:

To make the following changes to the VAS Bylaws:

**Article I-Members**

1.e. ASSOCIATE: An associate member shall be an individual who successfully completed the first section of the Virginia Board examination for Land Surveyors, i.e., 54.1-400 who has made satisfactory application for such membership and who has paid the current dues as prescribed hereinafter. An Associate member shall have no vote in the business of this Association. An Associate member will be terminated at the issuance of a 54.1-400 license. ~~or 5 years whichever come first.~~

1.g. CORRESPONDING: An individual licensed in another state who is not licensed as a land surveyor in Virginia or an individual who by profession, education, or other qualification subject to verification by the Board of Directors has an active interest in the surveying and mapping profession. A corresponding member shall have no vote in the business of this association.

*These are possible substitute motions suggested by Mac McLaughlin.*

**1.g. CORRESPONDING: A corresponding member shall be an individual licensed as a land surveyor in another state who is not licensed as a land surveyor in Virginia. A corresponding member shall have no vote in the business of this association.**

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