

**MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.
2011 Fall Board Meeting
Virginia Beach , VA
September 17, 2011**

President Pete Moore called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.. The invocation was given by Russ Nixon and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum:

Secretary John Sehl called the roll and determined that a quorum existed with eleven (11) Board Members present. Ten (10) Board Members were absent.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Will Nash and seconded by Dave Holland to approve the Agenda. The motion carried and the Agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Dave Holland and seconded by Will Nash to approve the minutes of the 2011 Summer Board Meeting held in Staunton, Virginia on July 30, 2011. The Motion carried and the Minutes were approved.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President:	Peter Moore
Pete thanked the Tidewater Chapter for hosting the meeting and the Friday seminar.	
First Vice President:	Will Nash
Will submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #1.	
Second Vice President:	Bruce Frederick
Bruce submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #2.	
Secretary/Treasurer:	John Sehl
John submitted a written report and the final budget for 2012, which is attached as Appendix #3.	
Region I Director:	Richard Cronin, IV
No Report	
Region II Director:	Keith Shrader
No Report	
Region III Director:	Hayden Frye
No Report	

Region IV Director: Troy Williams
No Report

Past President: Chuck Dunlap
Chuck submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #4.

NSPS Governor: Dave Holland
Dave gave a written report, which is attached as Appendix #5 along with a verbal report as an update on the ACSM reorganization.

Executive Secretary: Judy Hite
Judy submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #6.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New appointment to APELISCIDLA Survey Section
- Patrick Leary was appointed
 - Pete to send a letter congratulating him on appointment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Understanding our PAC
- Discussed issues concerning PAC including getting more members involved with their local representatives and having more members on the committee.
- VAS on Facebook
 - Pete to talk with Alison Hanson about setting up a VAS page.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Appalachian: Matt Blackwell
No Report. Pete to visit the Chapter about the meeting being cancelled down there last summer.

Bull Run: Eric Niskanen
No Report

Central: Stephen Letchford
Stephen gave a verbal report. Advising the board of their annual Picnic Friday September 23, 2011.

Monticello: Jeff Dise
Jeff submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #7.

Mount Vernon: Christopher Jensen
Christopher submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #8.

Peninsula: Tom Sublett
No Report

Rappahannock: Dave Ashley
No Report, Crab Feast on Saturday September 24, 2011.

Shenandoah: Richard Edens
 No Report

Southern: Russ Nixon
 Russ submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #9.

Tidewater: Michael Starling
 Michael submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #10. Thanked Chapter members for their support in setting up the meeting.

Western: Brian Cassella
 Brian submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #11. Their motioned was taken back to the chapter membership to be resubmitted per the VAS Bylaws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Affiliate: Richard Williams
 Need new Chairman because of Rich Williams passing

APELSCIDLA Liaison: Paul Holt
 They have a newsletter on their web site and their next meeting is September 28, 2011.

Awards: John Sehl
 No Report

Budget/Assistant Treasurer: John Sehl
 John submitted a written report which is attached as Appendix #3. He asked that the 2012 Budget be approved.
 Chuck Dunlap motioned and Dave Holland seconded a motion to approve the 2012 Budget as submitted, the motioned passed.

Certified Survey Technician: Dave Ashley
 No Report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Doug Richmond
 Doug gave a verbal report and the motion by the Western Chapter was tabled.

Convention: Will Nash
 Will provided a verbal report and said the convention planning was on track and he hoped we would have a good turnout this year.

Council of Past Presidents: Chuck Dunlap
 Written Report See Appendix #4

Directory: Ed Johnson
 No Report

Education: Chip Richardson
 Chip gave a verbal report.

Educational Supplement Fundraising: Chris Pappas
 Chris Submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #12.

Educational Trust: A motion was made to recommend Chuck Dunlap as the new Trustee and	Philip W. Nester the motion carried
Ethics and Practice: No Report	Hayden Frye
Geocaching Chris submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #13.	Chris Pappas
Highway and Right of Way Liaison:	Margaret Scott & Gary Brant
Legislative: Russ gave a verbal report	Russ Nixon
Long Range Planning: See Immediate Past President Report, which is attached as Appendix #4.	Chuck Dunlap
Membership David submitted a written report, which is attached as Appendix #14.	Dave Gardy
Old Dominion Surveyor Editor: Bruce gave a verbal report that the next editions submission deadline is October 1 and the last 2011 editions deadline is November 1.	Bruce Frederick
PAC: Russ gave a verbal report We have about \$7500 dollars in the PAC Fund and Russ feels we need to start building and using this fund. He also recommends we get ourselves in front of the State Politicians so they know who we are.	Russ Nixon
Public Relations: No Report	Alison Hanson
Standards of Practice: No Report	John Krobath
Trig Star: No Report	Ken Sorrels
University Liaison ETSU:	Jeffrey Miller, Jerry Taylor
VAMLIS: Doug gave a verbal report	Doug Richmond
VA Land Title Association/VA Bar Liaison No Report, Pete will drop this committee at the next meeting.	Tom Gale
VGIN Page gave a verbal Report	Page Cockrell
Wetlands: No Report	Richard Hudson

NEXT MEETING **64th Annual VAS Convention January 26-28, 2012 Williamsburg Lodge,
Williamsburg, Virginia**

Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Dunlap and seconded by Russ Nixon. The motion passed!

ADJOURNED AT: 10:52 A.M.



17 September, 2011

Report to the Board of Directors

On June 23rd I attended the Rappahannock Chapter General Membership meeting in Locust Grove VA. Attendance was good and I enjoyed meeting some people whose names I had heard over the years but never met. We discussed parliamentary procedures for VAS General Membership meetings among other things.

On August 11th I attended the Southern Chapter meeting in Lynchburg. This was a subdued occasion due to the loss of our fellow surveyor and chapter member, John Duggan.

On August 16th I attended the Western Chapter General Membership meeting where the VAS Trig-Star winner was honored. There was also discussion about quorums and the chapter's desire to have the option of sending a proxy representative to VAS board meetings.

At this point I intend to meet with the Mount Vernon Chapter on September 21st and to travel to ETSU for the dedication of Dr. Stanton's monument.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Nash, LS, CFM

**First Vice President
Virginia Association of Surveyors
8752 Landmark Road
Richmond, VA 23228**

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Virginia Association of Surveyors
State Board Meeting
September 17, 2011

Second Vice President Report
Submitted by: Bruce Frederick

I'd like to thank those that submitted articles to the July edition of the Old Dominion Surveyor. There were several good articles and a pretty good picture submitted for the cover! As mentioned in the editor's note, I'd like to start a surveyor profile in the next edition so if you've got any suggestions on an individual you'd like profiled, please send them to Judy or myself.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce J. Frederick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce J. Frederick, LS



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING

2012 Operating Budget

To: The Board of Directors
Virginia Association of Surveyors
Fall 2011 Board Meeting
September 1, 2011

From: John K. Sehl
Secretary Treasurer/Budget

Gentlemen:

I have revised the Budget I submitted to the Board on July 5, 2011 per comments made during the Summer Board Meeting.

The revisions are as follows:

- 1) Added "Corresponding Members" the Revenue Section of the Budget
- 2) Revised The Executive Secretary's Salary to \$37,200 (a 10% increase) per the motion which passed at the summer meeting.
- 3) Revised the Payroll Expenses by 10% also to reflect the change in salary.

Respectively Submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John K. Sehl". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Sehl

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
PROPOSED 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

400 Dues		2009	2010	2011	2012
401	Regular Members	\$ 86,337.54	\$ 99,522.00	\$99,522.00	\$92,853.00
402	Associate Members	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 360.00	\$360.00	\$1,225.00
403	Retired Members	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$320.00
404	Student Members	\$ 67.50	\$ 125.00	\$125.00	\$120.00
405	Affiliate Dues	-	-	-	\$1,320.00
406	Corresponding Members	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$1,320.00	\$0.00
Total 400	Dues	\$ 88,870.04	\$ 102,377.00	\$102,377.00	\$95,838.00
407	Directory Ads	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
410	Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,468.41	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
412	Interest Income (General Fund)	\$ 193.22	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
420	Legislative Committee Income	\$ 7,798.24	\$ 8,148.00	\$8,148.00	\$7,602.00
424	Convention Income	\$ 39,137.68	\$ 78,580.50	\$65,888.00	\$70,335.00
426	Interest Income CD (VAS SOP)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
428	Interest Income CD (VAS CR)	\$ 1,099.84	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
429	Newsletter Ads	\$ 4,930.00	\$ 3,390.00	\$3,390.00	\$3,390.00
438	Initiation Fees	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
Total Additional Income		\$ 57,102.39	\$ 92,493.50	\$79,301.00	\$83,202.00
					\$0.00
Total Revenues for Year		\$ 145,972.43	\$ 194,870.50	\$181,678.00	\$179,040.00
EXPENSES					
806	ACSM/NSPS Governors Expense	\$ 263.72	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
820	Convention Expenses				
820	Convention Expense - Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
820.01	Hotel Expense	\$ 36,323.92	\$ 50,904.73	\$27,283.00	\$26,276.00
820.02	Casino Night Vendor	\$ 550.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00
820.03	Registration Expense	\$ 1,238.99	\$ 1,059.92	\$1,700.00	\$1,200.00
820.04	Awards	\$ 0.00	\$ 168.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
820.05	Spouse Program	\$ 534.50	\$ 1,739.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,480.00
820.07	Exhibitor Expense	\$ 2,641.28	\$ 2,046.45	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00
820.08	Seminar Expense	\$ 4,433.14	\$ 12,344.85	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
820.09	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 3,799.25	\$ 1,807.05	\$2,000.00	\$4,700.00
Total 820	Convention Expenses	\$49,521.08	\$70,270.00	\$40,433.00	\$44,206.00
825	Directors Meeting	\$ 1,937.81	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
826	Directory Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
827	Contribution Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
830	Executive Secretary's Expenses	\$ 463.95	\$ 600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
831	Interest Expense	\$ 19.11	\$ 50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
833	Fire & Bond Insurance	\$ 569.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
834	General Liability Insurance	\$ 424.00	\$ 425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
835	Workmans Comp Insurance	\$ 242.00	\$ 250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
836	Officer & Directors Liability Insurance	\$ 2,248.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$2,475.00	\$2,475.00
842	Legislative Committee Expense	\$ 11,450.00	\$ 8,148.00	\$8,148.00	\$7,602.00
843	Equipment Repairs & Purchases	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
844	Equipment Rental	\$ 3,151.92	\$ 4,100.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00
845	Miscellaneous & Bank Service Charges	\$ 200.10	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
847	Office Expense	\$ 3,063.43	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
849	Credit Card Fees	\$ 1,561.27	\$ 1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
852	Newsletter Expense	\$ 7,379.72	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
853	Postage	\$ 4,580.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
854	Presidents Expense	\$ 7,339.91	\$ 8,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
855	Professional Services	\$ 2,678.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
859	Rent	\$ 13,908.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00
863	Salaries	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 34,200.00	\$34,200.00	\$37,620.00
866	Standards of Practice Expense	\$ 485.73	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
869	Payroll Expenses	\$ 3,390.86	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,750.00
871	Personal Property Tax	\$ 184.80	\$ 350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
875	Telephone	\$ 1,870.98	\$ 1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
880	Trig-Star	\$ 972.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
881	Web Page	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses for Year		\$ 154,567.04	\$ 187,268.00	\$154,431.00	\$161,328.00
Profit or Loss for Year		(\$ 8,594.61)	\$ 7,602.50	\$27,247.00	\$17,712.00

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
2012 OPERATING BUDGET

400 Dues		2012
401	Regular Members (\$81,040.20 to date Paid)	543 Members @ \$171 \$92,853.00
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403	Retired Members	32 Members @ \$10 \$320.00
404	Student Members	24 Members @ \$5 \$120.00
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406	Corresponding Members	Members @ \$75 \$0.00
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845	Miscellaneous & Bank Service Charges	\$1,000.00
847	Office Expense	\$3,000.00
849	Credit Card Fees	\$1,400.00
852	Newsletter Expense	\$10,000.00
853	Postage	\$5,000.00
854	President;s Expense	\$5,000.00
855	Professional Services	\$3,000.00
859	Rent	\$14,400.00
863	Salaries	\$37,620.00
866	Standards of Practice Expense	\$1,000.00
869	Payroll Expenses	\$2,750.00
871	Personal Property Tax	\$350.00
875	Telephone	\$1,900.00
880	Trig-Star	\$1,000.00
881	Web Page	\$2,500.00
Total Expenses for 2012		\$161,328.00

Profit for Year

\$ 17,712.00

September 8, 2011

Via email

Mr. Peter Moore, L.S., President
Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.
8752 Landmark Road
Richmond, VA 23228

Re: Immediate Past President and Long Range Planning Committee Report

Dear Pete:

This letter serves to provide a written report for the Board's consideration.

On August 23, 2011, a meeting of the Past Presidents Council was convened in the Central Office in Richmond for the purpose of selecting nominees for the 2012 Officer. After some discussion, the Council approved the following nominations, with their Chapter affiliation shown in parenthesis; and, each of those selected have agreed to their names being placed in nomination, and further agreed to serve, if elected:

President:	Will Nash (Southern Chapter)
1 st Vice President:	Bruce Frederick (Tidewater Chapter)
2 nd Vice President:	John Sehl (Rappahannock Chapter)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Russ Nixon (Southern Chapter)
	Dave Gardy (Central Chapter)
NSPS Governor:	Dave Holland (Central Chapter)
Immediate Past President:	Pete Moore (Bull Run Chapter)
Region 2 Director:	Stuart Dunn (Shenandoah Chapter)
	Kevin Shreiner (Monticello Chapter)
Region 4 Director:	Chris Pappas (Western Chapter)

Region 1 Director, Joe Cronin, and Region 3 Director, Hayden Frye, each have one (1) year remaining on their term.

It was agreed that VAS would be well served by all these individuals should they be elected.

As was noted in my previous report, the need to update and modernize the Central Office space and files has been identified; towards this end, a preliminary program to begin this process has been implemented. Judy has already begun clearing out files and arranging to have shredded old and

Mr. Peter Moore, L.S.

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outdated information. The next step will be to identify those documents that need to be scanned to file and initiate the process of creating updated electronic files.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles F. Dunlap, L.S.
Immediate Past President

Cc: Judy Hite, VAS Executive Secretary
John Sehl, Secretary-Treasurer

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David Holland, NSPS Governor

Dear Fellow Professionals,

At the past ACSM Congress meeting on July 13, 2011, the representatives to the Congress approved the following motion:

It is moved that in the interests of leading toward a viable single organization, the ACSM Congress be disbanded and the dissolution of ACSM begin and, in conjunction with the process, ACSM turn over all operation, control, assets and liabilities to NSPS.

And furthermore, that the NSPS immediately proceed with a realignment into a unified organization made up of individual members with equitable representation that encompasses the broader definition of surveying to include professional surveyors, geodesists and other geospatial professionals; the realigned organization adopt the following mission statement: “The mission of the organization shall be to represent and advance the sciences and disciplines of surveying, geodesy, cartography, and related fields through education and communication, in furtherance of public good.” That the realigned organization adopt a structure similar to that of NSPS; that the realigned organization take immediate action(s) to reduce administrative costs; that the realigned organization immediately develop a plan to attract new members in all of the disciplines of surveying, geodesy, cartography and related fields, and develop a marketing strategy.

In response to this motion, the Presidents of the three Member Organizations are prepared to work diligently to create this new “unified organization”. Already the process has begun to appoint new members from all MO’s to a new strategic Planning Committee to conduct a financial operational analysis of the organization, including review and recommendation of membership categories and rates. Shortly, we will charge committees to review and recommend member benefits, and develop a marketing plan for our “new” organization.

There are going to be unknown challenges in creating this new organization but, with each other’s trust and determination, we can succeed and create an organization that will reach out to all members of what is called the “geospatial” community: Licensed and non-licensed, boundary surveyors and construction surveyors, geodetic surveyors and mapping surveyors, GIS specialists and photogrammetrists, machine control and LiDAR specialists, cartographers and drafters, and any other related disciplines.

We ask your support and continued involvement in making this an organization that will grow and represent all of us in the future.

Sincerely,

William Coleman, President NSPS
Curtis L. Smith, President of AAGS
Colleen M. Johnson, President of GLIS



NSPS

Action Update on Unified Organization

It has been seven weeks since the ACSM Congress voted to disband and the NSPS began the process to create a new “unified organization” that would represent the broad definition of the “Professional Surveyor”. Many of you have asked if anything has been done to begin this process.

Let me tell you what has been accomplished and what goals have been set.

1. A Strategic Planning Committee has been appointed to conduct a financial analysis of our existing organizations and make recommendations for new membership categories and rates within the new organization. The committee is comprised of representatives from all of the member organizations and chaired by Pat Smith (TX), Chair of the NSPS Board of Governors. This committee has been asked to complete its mission by the end of September to enable a budget to be prepared and dues notices for next year to be mailed.
2. The combined Membership Committee/Member Benefits Committee/Public Relations Committee has been directed to review all of the current benefits being offered to the membership to determine the perceived value of these benefits. They are to recommend what benefits should continue, what needs to be modified or discarded, or new benefits that need to be added. They too have been asked to complete their study by the end of September.
3. Executive Director Curt Sumner and staff had a preliminary discussion with our accounting firm of Gelman, Rosenburg, and Freedman to discuss the financial impacts of our reorganization and the reporting to the IRS.
4. The NSPS Executive Committee has directed Executive Director Sumner to request a proposal from the law firm of Weinberg, Jacobs, and Tolani for legal services related to the combining of the affected organizations.

5. The NSPS Executive Committee is waiting for the final financials from the Survey Summit to determine what financial steps will be necessary to complete the current fiscal year and plan the 2012 budget.

Work is progressing. We are working at a deliberate pace as we proceed. There are still many things to do before we can complete our objective and we do not want to blindly plunge headlong into the unknown.

We have started the journey to a new organization where we want all professional surveyors to be a member. We ask for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bill Coleman, PLS GISP
NSPS President

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT
September 17, 2011

Judy S. Hite

I have been working on getting the membership list up-to-date. I will be sending chapter dues out to the chapters in the near future. I hope to have a temporary directory on line for you to be able to check your information so we can prepare a new directory. I will mail out directories to those of you that do not have email addresses and the rest will be notified by email when it is available.

You will be seeing information about the convention on the website shortly as well as in the Old Dominion Surveyor. I hope you will be able to attend the convention January 26-28, 2012 in Williamsburg at the Williamsburg Lodge.

The deadline for articles for The Old Dominion Surveyor is October 1 for the November issue and November 1 for the December issue. We have already started collecting information for the November issue. The slate of officers for 2012 will be in the November issue. If you are running for an office, I will need a bio and a photo of you to put in the magazine. You can send it to me or to Bruce Frederick.

We will have a booth at the Virginia GIS Conference in Richmond at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center on Monday, September 19.

I will be sending out dues invoices in December for 2012. Remember that the dues are payable by April 1, 2012.

A reminder that if you change your email address or your physical address, you need to let me know so I can make the changes in my files.

Virginia Association of Surveyors Monticello Chapter

Autumn Board Meeting Report September 17, 2011

The Monticello Chapter 2011-2012 officers are:

President: Jeffrey A. Dise

Vice President: William D. Moore

Secretary/Treasurer: William J. Ledbetter

Directors: Thomas Lincoln and Christopher B. Kean

The 2011 remaining meeting schedule is:

October 27, 2011: General membership meeting and annual banquet, Charlottesville
Board of Directors meetings as necessary or to be scheduled later

Our August 25 general membership meeting was held at the Aberdeen Barn restaurant in Charlottesville, and twelve members and nine guests attended. As usual the event was primarily social. The membership meeting brought up no formal business. Jeff Dise reported on matters discussed and resolved at the Summer VAS board meeting. Further discussion centered on issues currently of importance to the survey community. The GPS- Light Squared controversy engendered good discussion, and consensus seemed to be that surveyors have stated their opinion but continue to need to speak up and that we have powerful allies both in the federal government and in the broader GPS community. The recent surveyor appointment to the APELSCIDLA board was also discussed, with Bill Ledbetter sharing various emails on the subject he has received from fellow surveyors. Consensus among the members was that the appointment is highly unusual, being that the appointee has not been licensed for the required length of time and is inactive in the VAS, and seems to be purely politically motivated. The members asked that Jeff Dise draft a letter to the governor's office questioning the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dise, L.S.



Mount Vernon Chapter
Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING

September 13, 2011

Mount Vernon Chapter Report
2011 Fall Board of Directors Meeting

The Mount Vernon Board of Directors held a board meeting on September 7th.

The following items were discussed:

1. Nominating committee charged with finding 3 nominees for upcoming 2 year Director Position openings on the Board.
2. Motion made and seconded to send flowers to Rich Williams funeral. Motion was also made and seconded for chapter donation of \$100 to charity in his name.
3. Much discussion was had on the state of the Apprenticeship program's low enrollment for the upcoming school year. Different ideas were brought up as to how to boost enrollment. Vickie McEntire (5th year instructor) is sending out letter to all chapter members asking for students.

Next chapter meeting is September 19th. It will be a continuing education seminar on FEMA elevation certificates followed by dinner at PJ Skidoos restaurant in Fairfax.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Jensen, L.S.
Mount Vernon Chapter President



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
SOUTHERN CHAPTER
Presidents Report

8/11/11

Dear Board,

The Southern Chapter held its summer board meeting on August 11, 2011 at Harbor Inn Seafood on Old Forest Road in Lynchburg, Virginia. The food is excellent here and considering we are four hours away from the beach the seafood is about as good as it gets.

Our meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm, in attendance were all of our officers and we had six regular members in attendance as well.

I gave my report to the chapter of the events of the VAS board meeting and also of the issues concerning the new appointed board member to DPOR. Many of our members were surprised of the appointment because he did not meet the required ten year time frame.

We discussed the ACSM issue in length and Doyle Allen was most concerned of how they were handling the reorganization of the ACSM Board.

We discussed in length the Lightsquared, LLC proposal to the FCC, many of us had already been to the FCC web site and filed our complaints.

The chapter also held nominations for the up coming elections, the following are the nominated persons for the new year. Kenneth Carlton, President, Adam Bryant, Vice President, Aaron Dooley, Secretary/Treasurer, Richard Armstrong, Director, Elizabeth Rosser, Director. These members of the Southern Chapter have graciously accepted the nominations and we look forward to them serving us and being our leaders.

Our next meeting is September 29, at 6:00pm at La Villa Restaurant in Lynchburg, VA.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Graciously,

Russell E. Nixon, LS
Southern Chapter President.



**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
TIDEWATER CHAPTER**

September 16, 2011

**Tidewater Chapter Report
2011 Fall Board of Directors**

The Tidewater Chapter held a General Membership meeting at Mario's, in Portsmouth on August 18, 2011. Our guest speaker was John Gajdek, III, a Registered Representative from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. John spoke to the group about investing and the hazards of the current economy. The meeting was attended by 20 members and guests. The Chapter also welcomed Stephen Letchford from the Central Chapter at the meeting.

Since the Summer Board Meeting, I have been working on the final details for the Fall Meeting. I have worked with hotel and seminar speaker while Wayne Barret has put together the golf outing and Hayden Frye has set up Friday night's dinner. Both have done a thorough job.

Upon receiving comments from Doug Richmond regarding our recently submitted By-Laws regarding the approval process and length of terms for officers, we have had some lengthy discussion about the requested changes. Earlier this week I was able to resubmit our By-Laws to Doug.

The Tidewater Chapter Board held a meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center. Items that were discussed included;

- Results of the votes for the By-Laws revisions
- Continued discussion about trying to find affordable locations for our General Membership Meetings
- Lightsquared/GPS Rally – The Board reviewed the information that was sent to us regarding the proposed rallies on September 22. The Board felt that time was too short to organize an effective rally as laid out in the proposal. It was suggested that we could try to organize a Rally, not in conjunction with the ones on Sept. 22, at a later date. No action is being taken at this time.
- The Board reviewed the list prepared by the Nominations Committee for the 2012 election. No action was taken pending verification of membership by all that are listed.

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- Ideas for Christmas Party were discussed. Most in attendance felt that it should be in December.

Our next scheduled meetings are:

General Membership – October 20, 2011

Board of Directors – November 17, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Starling, LS
2011 VAS Tidewater Chapter President



Western Chapter Report

2011 Officers

Brian Casella President
 Carl Correll Vice President
 Jessica Nash Secretary-Treasurer

September 15, 2011

Members of the Board:

The Western Chapter held its general membership meeting on August 16, 2011 at Coach n Four Restaurant in Roanoke. There were eleven members and five guests in attendance. It was also a pleasure to have joining us VAS First Vice President , Will Nash.

Following dinner, Carl Correll gave a special introduction of our TrigStar 1st Place State Winner, William Gooding and his mother. Carl presented William with an award certificate and checks from the State VAS and the Western Chapter VAS.

It was mentioned that Patrick Leary was appointed to APELSCIDLA Survey Section and copies of the letter from Mr. McLaughlin to Governor McDonnell were shared.

The Chapter discussed the LightSquared issue and how it will impact GPS. Members were encouraged to voice their opinions and stay updated on this topic.

Our Chapter nominated Chris Pappas for Region IV Director. Steve Douty will present the nomination at the "Meeting of Past Presidents".

Member Steve Douty handed out a motion on Proxy voting at VAS Board Meetings. The motion was carried and passed by vote. Furthermore, it was requested that Chapter President Casella present this motion at the next VAS Board Meeting.

State VAS First Vice President, Will Nash, reported on the upcoming VAS Convention and elaborated on other topics discussed throughout the evening.

The Chapter will have its 2012-2013 Officer elections at our next meeting on Wednesday October 5th. Steve Douty was appointed Chairman of Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers to vote on
 The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Casella, PE, LS,
 President, Western Chapter VA

**Educational Supplement Fund, Fund Raising Committee
Fall 2011 Board of Directors Report**

A fundraiser has been established in remembrance of Master Sergeant Eric G. Bulman, LS. In a previous article in the Old Dominion Surveyor, First Vice President Will Nash described MSgt. Bulman's duties and service to our nation and to the surveying profession. Not only should we remember him but we should honor all of our fallen surveyors by donating to the Educational Supplement Fund to help provide for future generations of surveyors.

In honor of MSgt Eric Bulman the Education Supplement Fund fundraising committee will accept donations to the ESF in his name. Chapter Presidents, I ask that you encourage each of your members to make a donation to the fund.

Donations are requested by **December 1st**. Make check out to VAS, and on memo line make sure to specify which program you want your donation applied to. A few viable options to designate your donation to are ETSU and the Northern Apprenticeship program.

Make checks payable to:

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And mail to:

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Geocaching Committee Fall 2011 Board of Directors Report

The Geocaching committee is moving along we are looking for some sites to make some caches. Currently the only cache is at Smithfield plantation in Blacksburg on VT campus. Since Jan. 12, 2009 there have been 151 visits to this cache all with positive comments. So just with this one cache we have introduced the idea that surveying is a positive and fun experience.

I would like at least one volunteer from each of the Chapters to be on the committee to help establish survey related caches throughout the state.

Here are some of the most recent comments about the cache

☺ Found it] Wednesday, 06 April 2011 by **BillyWins** (18 found)
Jason Ryan

☺ Found it] Sunday, 03 April 2011 by **Owal Nad** (190 found)
Nice excuse to check out the plantation on a perfect Sunday afternoon. Tftc!

☺ Found it] Sunday, 06 March 2011 by **kmc1112** (188 found)
Vising my Hokie sons. Spring break and the weather made this a very good geocaching day. Container is cracked but the contents were dry. T - CDC trading card and small frog, L - LED flashlight. Coordinates were spot on. SL, TFTC.

☺ Found it] Friday, 25 February 2011 by **DRMOO** (2308 found)
On trip from Canada to Atlanta we made the occasional stop to find a few caches along the way. Love this set of "campus caches". Very interesting buildings and history. TN L toy car SLB TFTC

☺ Found it] Tuesday, 25 January 2011 by **indiequeen4011** (208 found)
This is a really neat place and murray1029 definitely wanted me to come visit this cache to pick up Rocky the Raccoon because I am always the leader of the raccoons at my outdoor ed program. This hiding spot is a really neat. TFTC, SL. Found with murray1029.

☺ Found it] Tuesday, 25 January 2011 by **murray1029** (197 found)
found with indiequeen4011. tftc.

☺ Found it] Sunday, 16 January 2011 by **SarahNaut** (55 found)
A pleasant day to visit. Enjoyed looking through the logbook. TNL-Rocky, who wants to have his photo taken everywhere!

📝 Write note] Sunday, 16 January 2011 by **AsaRuth** (23 found)
---double post, sorry---
left Rocky, the adorable raccoon (#560414) at this site

☺ Found it] Sunday, 16 January 2011 by **AsaRuth** (23 found)
good spot
found with Sarah Naut

☺ Found it] Sunday, 02 January 2011 by **Geo Froggy** (136 found)
Neat hiding place! Signed log, took something that looked like part of a travel bug, will try to check it out. Left frog. Thanks for the hide!

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September 17, 2011

Membership Committee Report

VAS 2011 Fall Board Meeting
Holiday Inn, Va. Beach - Hotel and Conference Center
5655 Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, Va. 23462

Members of the Board:

The Membership Committee is pleased to provide the following report on the Virginia Association of Surveyors current membership roster. Please note that this membership report reflects recent deletions from the membership for non-payment of dues. As of this report, the current VAS membership is as follows:

Current Membership

Regular Members	536
Associate Members	27
Retired Members	30
Student Members	11

Total Membership: 604

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