



Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
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**59th Virginia Association of Surveyors President's Report to the Board of Directors and
General Membership
Winter Board Meeting
January 17 & 19, 2008**

As the 59th President of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc., I report to the Board of Directors and the General Membership that the affairs of our Association are in order. Our Association is financially secure.

The year 2007 was a great productive year for the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. Many changes have taken place.

Our Spring, Summer and Fall Board of Directors meetings had record attendance at each meeting. Each meeting had record numbers of written reports submitted by the officers and the committee chairmen.

The Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. established a school for the education of the Land Surveyors. The school was named after the first President of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc., Mr. John H. Foster.

Our membership drive for 2007 was successful. Our goal was 15%; through the efforts of the Membership Committee Chairman and the membership of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. a 12.8% increase in membership was achieved for the year 2007.

Our Chapter/Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. history is well on its way to being complete and documented.

The Auxiliary of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. was created to support the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. The Auxiliary was a great support in the 2007 convention planning. The Auxiliary has backed up the Association with our silent auction and the hospitality they have given to the new licensed Land Surveyors and to the out-of-state guests of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

Our Long Range Planning was committed for the year 2007 and has been a success. Several meetings took place to discuss future plans of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

Our Association was awarded a Silver Plaque from East Tennessee State University for monetary support to the university in 2007. The First Lady and I were honored to be at East Tennessee State University for this presentation.

Mandatory Continuing Education was approved for our profession. Continuing Education will soon be enforced by the Department of Professional Occupation and Regulation.

Photogrametrists will soon be licensed as Land Surveyors in the Commonwealth. The date is still undetermined for licensing.

The Surveyor's Rendezvous was held at Stafford Hall in conjunction with the Fall Board of Directors meeting. The Rendezvous in conjunction with our meeting was a great success. Every effort was made to make this a first class event. Our thanks to all involved.

Lobby Day in Washington, DC, was held in September with a great turnout.

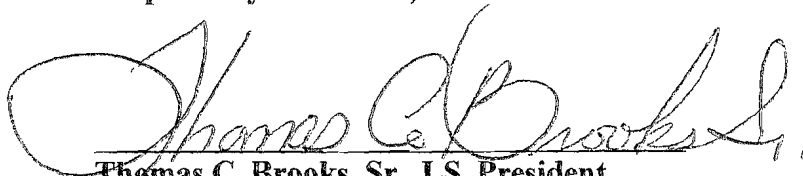
The First Lady of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. and I visited many State Associations and the National Convention along with many chapters during my tenure as Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.'s 59th President. This has been a great and rewarding experience for both of us.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the 59th President of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. I appreciate the confidence this Association placed in me as its President. I appreciate the support of the Board of Directors and our Executive Secretary during the year 2007.

I look forward to serving the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. as its Immediate Past President in 2008. I pledge my support to the President-Elect, the Membership and the Board of Directors with my time and talents.

There are many changes that this profession will face in the future. As Land Surveyors, we must prepare for these changes and be ready to meet the demands of the future. We do this with the training of future leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Brooks, Sr.", written in a cursive style.

**Thomas C. Brooks, Sr., LS, President
Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.**

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First Vice President / Convention Chairman's Report
January 8, 2008

60th Annual Convention
Surveyors are Diamonds in the Rough
Hampton, VA
January 15-19, 2008

As the First Vice President and Convention Chairman for the Virginia Association of Surveyors, I report to the Board of Directors that the Convention planning is complete and should be in progress as you read this.

Again, I need to express my thanks to my wife Cindy Richmond, our Executive Secretary Judy Hite, our Education chairman Chip Richardson, and our Affiliates Chairman Rich Williams. **Thank You!**

As I write this, we have had a great response in room reservations and in early registrations. We have satisfied our commitment to the hotel and convention center.

I am available during the convention with my cell at (804) 263-4820. Please feel free to call me with any questions or problems.

It's been quite an experience planning a convention. I hope everyone has a great time, and I thank you for the opportunity.

I also report to the Board that I was part of a committee charged with choosing. The committee was made up of our Past President Dave Holland, our Legislative Chairman Fred Shanks, and me. We interviewed two candidates, and although very impressed with both, we were unanimously agreed that Chip Dicks was a "no brainer" and a perfect fit for the VAS lobbyist. We entered into an agreement with Chip and his firm Future Law. I'm sure that Fred will have details on this in his report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Richmond
First Vice President
Convention Chairman

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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
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Second Vice President Report
December 24, 2007

As Second Vice President, I would like to report that the location for the 2009 convention has been selected and will be held in Roanoke at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center.

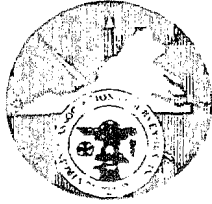
I would like to thank all the Board members and the general membership for their support and confidence in selecting me to serve as your Second Vice President during 2007. I look forward to serving as your First Vice President in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy S. Nash". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Timothy S. Nash, L.S.
Second Vice President

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December 17, 2007

Ms. Judy Hite
Executive Secretary
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Re: Secretary/Treasurer's Report

This serves to summarize the activities of the office of Secretary/Treasurer since the Fall Board of Director's in Westmoreland County, Virginia on September 15, 2007 and is provided for the Winter Board and Annual meetings scheduled for January 17 and 19, 2008, respectively, in Hampton, VA.

The primary focus for this past quarter has been the compiling of the minutes and reports from the Fall Board meeting. My sincere thanks go to my administrative assistant, Christin Amdur, for her help in compiling the minutes, and to Judy Hite for her help in proofing them. The completed minutes, with all of the appendices, were sent to Judy in the Central Office, who then posted them on the website and distributed the few mailed copies to those that requested them. I will emphasize again that getting written copies from all of the Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen has been most helpful and has enabled me to get the minutes compiled, scanned to a disk and distributed after each of the meetings; and, my thanks are extended again



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to all Officers, Directors and Committee chairs that submitted reports. I look forward to getting as many reports for the winter board meeting and annual meeting as I had for the previous meetings; and, I will encourage this practice to continue for Peter Moore when he takes over next month.

Other activities since the last Board meeting have included the joint Mt. Vernon Chapter/Bull Run Chapter Christmas dinner meeting on December 5, 2007 and participating in their Board of Director's meeting on October 24, 2007. I am honored to report that the Mt. Vernon Chapter has selected me to represent VAS on the Fairfax County Engineering Standards Review Committee, beginning in January 2008. I look forward to representing the interests of both the 3A and 3B surveyor as part of reviewing proposed changes to the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual and other standards.

Regarding the Central office, Judy and I met on November 15, 2007 to go over plans to implement some of the initiatives discussed in the spring. Among the items that were discussed are the following:

- Financial records of the Association will be preserved for a period of seven (7) years. All other records will be preserved for a period of three (3) years. Most of the above records are already in electronic format; and, they will be easy to preserve. Selective documents that are older, such as the original documents relating to the formation of VAS, would be retained. Old membership applications would be trashed, except if they contain sensitive information such as Social Security Numbers and/or date of birth. To avoid the risk of identity theft, these applications would be shredded prior to disposal.
- A separate set of back-up electronic records on a disk would be stored at an offsite location, yet to be determined.
- The remaining material would be destroyed. It was suggested that perhaps a special committee comprised of members of the Chapters that are located in the vicinity of the Central Chapter (i.e. Central Chapter, Monticello Chapter and/or Rappahannock Chapter) could be appointed and select a day to meet with Judy at the Central Office to go through the records and assist with setting aside those records that are to remain and those that are to be disposed.
- Judy has information of several companies that provide disposal of these records; and, the cost includes picking up the material. We have the option of watching the destruction of the records if we elect to do so.



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- As we move forward into the “electronic age”, the Board minutes will not longer be mailed. Instead, they will be posted and available only on the VAS website. (Submitting the minutes on a disk greatly assists in this process.)
- The only mailings that VAS will perform in the future will be the Old Dominion Surveyor. (Judy has been using the services of a bulk mailer; and, this is working well and saving VAS money.
- Due to the work of the Central Office associated with the annual meeting, the collection and disbursement of annual dues, year end reports, etc., it would be expecting too much to complete this task during the first quarter of 2008; and, the anticipated goal would be complete this process by the end of the second quarter of 2008.

Lastly, I again thank Judy and Christin for their help with the fall board meeting minutes. Please feel free to contact the above in the event that you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Dunlap, L.S.
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Tommy Brooks, Sr., President, VAS (email)



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

January 11, 2008

I attended the Rappahannock Chapters Christmas Dinner at Renato's in Fredericksburg. The dinner was good and everyone enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank Randy Grymes, for his service as Chapter President for the last two years.

We had a great turnout for the Boy Scout Merit Badge during which we ran 14 scouts through the program during the Surveyors Rendezvous at George Washington's Boyhood Home in Westmoreland County. It was enjoyable to see the scouts and the surveyors interact and I believe everyone had a great day.

Respectfully Submitted,

John K. Sehl

John K. Sehl, L.S.
Region II Director

Region IV, VAS
Winter Board Meeting
Hampton Roads, VA., Jan. 17, 2008

Director's Report

On 14 Nov. I attended the Southern Chapter Quarterly meeting in Lynchburg VA. The results of Chapter elections were read and I will be the Southern Chapter president for 2008. I look forward to remaining on the Board for one more year in that capacity and I thank the Southern Chapter for their vote of confidence. I would like to thank Tommy Brooks, Jr. for his leadership in that chapter for the last two years and for his continuing commitment to the VAS.

I attended the Western Chapter meeting the next night in Christiansburg VA. and found a warm reception there. Larry Ogle was unable to attend due to illness and the meeting was presided over by Chris Pappas. A good flow of information was exchanged and a little fun and good food was had as well. Thanks to the Western Chapter for your hospitality and it has been a pleasure working with you during my time as Director.

As always both of these chapters are very engaged in the business of the VAS as is the Appalachian Chapter which I did not have an opportunity to meet with but have contacted via e-mail.

Many thanks to the Board and to Judy for all the help and good working relations over the last two years and to our outgoing President for his superb leadership of our great organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Nash
Region IV Director.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT
September 17, 2008

Judy S. Hite

The December issue of The Old Dominion Surveyor will be mailed this week. If you would like to submit an article or articles for 2008, March 1st is the deadline for the April issue. The dates for deadlines for all issues are in each newsletter.

This report is brief because I have been devoting all of my time to preparing for the convention. I hope everyone in attendance has a good time.

I mailed out a board package but the following applications have come in and need to be voted on at this meeting.

Retired Membership – John L. Marshall

Regular Memberships – Kenny Blaylock, Brent E. Evans, Charles H. Forbes, IV, Eric A. Garner, Mark Lawson, Scott E. Leiffer

Associate Membership – Matthew T. Mosteller

A reminder to all that 2008 dues must be paid by April 1st. So far everyone is reading this deadline and sending in their payments.

We have started doing blast emails to the membership and this will continue with the board meetings. Be sure you stay current with any changes so will receive your notices. We will not be mailing the information out as in the past. You may want to read the secretary/treasurer's report from September and the one that will be included in this meeting for further details on changes that will be implemented.

Remember, if you move or change emails, etc. you need to be sure that you send the information to the Central Office. This will ensure that you receive your association information in a timely manor.



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December 10, 2007

Board of Directors
Virginia Association of Surveyors
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Dear Sirs:

I'm writing this letter at the request of David G. Yolton, L.S. 1509 regarding his VAS membership status. It is the desire of Mr. Yolton to have his status changed from a regular member of the VAS to a retired member. I was a long time employee of Mr. Yolton's until May of 2005 at which time I bought his business. Mr. Yolton worked for me from then until December 1, 2006 at which time he retired from the practice of land surveying.

Should you require any additional information I would be happy to provide it.

Sincerely,

James H. Berckman, LS 1787
Berckman Land Surveying, Inc.



**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS,
INC.
APPALACHIAN CHAPTER**

January 04, 2008

Report of the Appalachian Chapter, VAS
Christmas Dinner

Our chapter has held no official meeting since the VAS Board of Directors meeting in September 2007.

Our Christmas Dinner was held on December 4, 2007 at the Bristol Culinary Arts College. This restaurant is a college for those students working to become chefs and restaurant managers. The menu was a Dual Entrée of Roast Pork Loin and Chicken Cordon Blues served with House Ranch Salad or Caesar Salad, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Dessert, Bread with Butter, Tea, Water, and Coffee.

There were four members and two guests in attendance.

The following items were discussed:

The status of the proposed calibration baseline for the area was brought up. At the time of the dinner no new information was available.

The proposal by VDOT to require surveyors to obtain work area permits for each residency for each project in lieu of the statewide blanket permit currently available for non-interstate projects was discussed. Most surveyors do not understand they are required to have a permit to work in the right of way. If VDOT

follows through with this course of action the time delay in projects will be measured in weeks probably. Whether VDOT has the personnel to implement this program in each residency should also be questioned as well as the proposed fees for each permit.

The hosting of the BOD meeting on August 14-17, 2008 at ETSU in conjunction with the NSPS Directors meeting was discussed concerning what will be required of the membership. The Chapter membership will provide the necessary support as requested from the VAS. Jeff Miller is the Chapter liaison with VAS.

Gary Kent and Walt Robillard conducted a CE course at ETSU to assist in raising funds for the curriculum on November 2/3, 2007. The instructors waived their fees to assist in this effort.


The Chapter is planning their 2008 schedule as follows:

Meetings in February, May and August. Sites are Lebanon, Wytheville, and Norton. Dates weren't decided at the dinner.

Picnic 2nd or 3rd week of September at probably one of the local state parks.

Christmas Dinner the first or second week of December at some site to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,


Tony F. Holbrook
Appalachian Chapter President



Bull Run Chapter
Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.
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Bull Run Chapter
 Chapter Report
 January, 2008

The Bull Run Chapter held a Board Meeting on December 11th 2007 at McMahon's Restaurant in Warrenton in attendance was Ed Dodd, Sandra O'Connell, Kevin Shreiner, Eric Niskanen, Dennis Corl and Ernie Holzworth.

The following orders of business were discussed:

Kevin submitted Minutes from the October 23, 2007, Bull Run Chapter Board Minutes.

Ed reviewed the events of the year for the Bull Run Chapter and State VAS Meetings in particular attendance and membership.

Sandra went over a tentative schedule for Bull Run Chapter meetings in 2008:

- Suggested meeting sometime in the months after the State Board Meetings, which would be February, May, ? and October. The summer meeting should be discussed at the February meeting with the chapter for the best chance of attendance due to vacations, etc.
- Suggested having the February meeting in Warrenton with a speaker from VDOT to discuss all the changes going on with VDOT. Sandra will coordinate a speaker.
- Be sure to send the schedule to the Mount Vernon Chapter by email to Charlie Rice.

Question came up about the by-laws for the Bull Run Chapter. By-laws are a requirement of the chapter creation, however, not known where and what they are. Sandra shall double check with Judy, to see if she has a copy on file and Jack Bartenstein, since he was a founding member.

Continuing Education

- Rewriting, so can check with Chip Richardson
- Should be coming up with an Approved classes, Audit Rate, and an implementation plan.

Respectfully Submitted.

Edwin (Ed) J. Dodd, Jr., LS,
 VAS Bull Run Chapter President



VAS CENTRAL CHAPTER

**Virginia Association of Surveyors
Report to VAS Board of Directors
2007 Winter Board Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel, Hampton, Virginia**

December 17, 2007

The Central Chapter held its summer picnic at the Hanover Ruritan Club on Friday, September 21, 2007. We had 68 guests at this event. A special thanks for Paul Jalbert and Chip Richardson for their extra effort and time they provide each year.

The Central Chapter held its Fourth General Membership Meeting on November 6, 2007, at the Holiday Inn Crossroads, 2000 Staples Mill Road, Richmond, VA. There were 22 people present at our meeting.

We were pleased to have Al Fravenfelder, the Henrico County GIS Coordinator, as our special guest. Mr. Fravenfelder gave a brief presentation to our Association concerning the new changes to the Henrico County FEMA Flood Maps. These new changes will be effective on December 18, 2007.

A Treasurer's Report from Stephen Letchford indicated that our current balance as of November 6, 2007 is \$2,848.71.

There was a brief discussion about the NSPS-Certified Survey Technician Program to determine if anyone was interested in getting their employees involved in this program. There will be further discussions at our upcoming meetings on this subject.

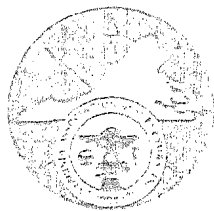
Our Chapter Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at the Capital Ale House at 623 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. There was a total of 22 people in attendance.

I am pleased to report that the Central Chapter has had 11 new members join in 2007. With this increase in membership, the Central Chapter has met its goal of a 15% membership increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Shrader, L.S.
President
V.A.S., Central Chapter

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October 31, 2007

Winter Board Meeting Report

On Thursday, October 25th the Monticello Chapter held its' annual spouse night meeting in Charlottesville at the famous Thomas Jefferson Room at Farmington Country Club. Twelve members and fourteen guests were present at the meeting. In keeping with tradition, the purpose of the meeting was primarily social with a limited business agenda.

Business items included were as follows:

- A) The Election of 2008 Chapter Officers
President – Tom Gale
Vice President - Bill Ledbetter
Secretary-Treasurer – Marilyn R. Gale
Directors – Steve Ellinger & Chris Kean

- B) Approval of changes to the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws, including the Chapter approval of raising Chapter Dues from \$15.00 per year to \$35.00 per year, if the proposed changes are accepted by the State Board Members. A copy of the proposed changes is hereby included with this report for State Board review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Gale
President, Monticello Chapter

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

MONTICELLO CHAPTER
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this Chapter shall be the Monticello Chapter of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. Hereinafter referred to as the Chapter

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The aims and objectives of this Chapter shall be:

- (a) The advancement of the public welfare through the promotion and development of public interest in surveying and through the promotion of higher standards of surveying practice.
- (b) The advancement of the professional, social and economic interest of the ~~Certified~~ Land Surveyor.
- (c) The advancement and protection of the interest of the surveyor-in-training.
- (d) The promotion of high standards of surveying education.
- (e) The active support of legislation generally beneficial to the profession and the public.
- (f) The development and expansion of civic consciousness in the members.
- (g) The establishment and maintenance of high ethical standards and practices.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

~~Section 1. Membership in this Chapter shall be consistent with the classifications of membership in the State By-Laws. Any further changes to membership classifications in the State By-Laws shall apply to the Monticello Chapter as well.~~

Section 1. Membership in this Chapter shall be consistent with all applicable membership categories found in the State By-Laws.

~~Section 2. Application for membership must be accompanied by the recommendation of two active members of this Chapter.~~

Section 2. Only Licensed Land Surveyor members shall be eligible to vote in the Chapter and hold Chapter offices.

Section 3. Should the registration of any member be revoked for any reason, said person shall automatically cease to be a member of this Chapter.

Section 4. Only those members whose dues are currently paid shall be eligible to vote in the Chapter. If dues remain unpaid for six months after they become due and payable, said member shall be dropped from membership in this Chapter at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Request of such person for re-admission must be accompanied by dues in full for the year in which such dues become due and payable.

Section 5. Members may be expelled from the Chapter by two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership upon recommendation of the Board of Directors.

~~Section 6. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer. Approval of such new membership shall require a majority vote of~~

~~the duly constituted Board of Directors.~~ Chapter membership shall automatically be accepted upon being successfully approved for membership in VAS at the State level.

Section 7. Upon notification of his acceptance for membership, an applicant shall be awarded all the privileges of this Chapter as soon as his ~~admission fee and dues~~ are paid.

Section 8. Any person becoming a member of this Chapter shall agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Chapter and of the Virginia Association of Surveyors and the ~~Code of Ethics for Surveyors~~ Canon of Ethics for Land Surveyors.

Section 9. A member may resign from this Chapter by a written communication to the Secretary-Treasurer provided his current dues have been paid. Such a person may be reinstated upon application and payment of the then current dues.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two Directors.

Section 2. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors have been duly elected and installed in their respective offices.

Section 3. One Chapter Director shall be elected for a 1-year term and one Chapter Director shall be elected for a 2-year . Thereafter, there shall be one Director elected annually, each for a 2-year term.

Section 4. Duties of Officers:

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings, make an annual report to the members and shall perform such other duties as are normal

to his office. He shall also serve as the representative of this Chapter on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Surveyors.

- (b) The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and perform other duties as are normal to his office.
- (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall issue notices, bill members, keep the minutes and papers of the Chapter, and perform such other duties as are normal to his office.
- (d) Directors shall perform such duties as are normal to their office.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The regular business of this Chapter shall be conducted by a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the Board) consisting of all elected officers and directors and the immediate past-President, if there be one.

Section 2. Board of Directors shall hold ~~at least 2 regular meetings each year at such times and places voted upon by themselves~~ meetings shall be held as necessary when called by any two Directors.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon written request to the Secretary-Treasurer (himself included) of any three members of the Board.

Section 4. Written notices of meetings of the Board must be mailed to each member of the Board at least ten (10) days in advance of the date of the scheduled meeting.

Section 5. A necessary quorum for a meeting shall consist of 3 members of the Board.

Section 6. Any Director on the Board shall be dropped from the Board membership if he fails to attend more than two Board meetings in succession without proper excuse. The Board shall review reasons advanced for such absences, and upon majority vote of all the other members of the Board, shall notify the member of his dismissal from the Board. The Board shall appoint an eligible member of this chapter to fill the unexpired term of office of the dismissed Board member until the next regular Chapter elections are held, at which time an eligible member of the Chapter shall be elected by the membership to fill any remaining term of the dismissed Board member.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

Section 1. The minimum annual dues of this Chapter shall consist of the following:

- ~~(a) \$5.00 for administration of this Chapter.~~
- ~~(b) Required amount of dues for membership in the V.A.S., Inc.~~
- ~~(c) Such additional dues as may be specified in the By Laws provided the total, excluding V.A.S. dues, does not exceed \$10.00 per member, per year.~~

be at least \$15.00 and may be increased if approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors and a majority of the voting members attending the annual Chapter meeting in October.

Section 2. The fiscal year of this Chapter shall begin January 1 and end December 31 of each calendar year.

Section 3. ~~Dues collected for the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc., shall be forwarded to the Association's Secretary-Treasurer by this Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer who will take the necessary steps to see that the Chapter members are forwarded their proper membership cards. Chapter dues will be billed by and paid to the State Association's Executive Secretary, who will in turn reimburse the Chapter.~~

Section 4. ~~Other than for Charter members, an admission fee shall be required and provided for the By-Laws, not to exceed \$10.00.~~

Section 4. Omit this section.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. ~~There shall be at least two regular meetings (in addition to the annual meeting of the V.A.S.), of this Chapter per annum, one of which shall be termed the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall schedule these regular meetings as provided for in the By-Laws. chapter membership meetings per annum, one of which shall be termed the annual Chapter Meeting. The Board of Directors shall schedule these meetings as provided for in the By-Laws.~~

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee to prepare and mail to the membership a slate of nominees at least 30 days prior to the annual chapter meeting. The officers shall be elected at the annual chapter meeting.

Section 2. The new officers shall be installed and take office at the annual meeting of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring in the Board membership during the year shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board until the next election is held.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 2. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a petition of 15 percent of the voting members of the Chapter in good standing. Such amendments will be reviewed by the Board for possible changes, subject to approval of the petitioners.

Section 3. Amendments will be enacted only by a majority vote of members in good standing attending the annual meeting.

Section 4. At least 10 days advance notice shall be furnished each member of any proposed change in the constitution.

ARTICLE X – CHARTER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

~~Section 1. The final date for becoming a Charter Member shall be June 4, 1965. Charter Members must have paid their Chapter and State Association dues.~~

~~Section 2. Charter Officers shall be elected at the Charter Meeting.~~

~~Section 3. Charter Officers shall remain in office until their successors are elected and installed at the first annual Virginia Association of Surveyors meeting following.~~

~~ARTICLE X – CHARTER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS – Omit this Article.~~

ARTICLE XI – BY-LAWS

Section 1. The Board will prepare and adopt By-Laws under which the operation and administration of the Chapter shall be governed under this constitution.

Section 2. The By-Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the Board. At least ten days advance notice shall be furnished each member of the Board of any proposed change in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees of this Chapter shall be as determined by the Board.

Section 2. The duties of the committees shall be to advise the Board and no member shall hold himself out as representing the Chapter unless specifically directed by the Board. Failure to perform duties in the time allotted by the Board may be cause for immediate removal from the committee. ~~Specific duties of the standing committee shall be as outlined in the By-Laws.~~

~~Section 3. Standing Committees of this Chapter shall be: (a) Fees & Practice; (b) Membership; (c) Ethics; (d) such other committees as the Board shall determine.~~

Section 3 *Omit this section*

ARTICLE XIII – EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. The effective date of this Constitution shall be June 4, 1965, Amended January 1, 2009, subject to the approval of its contents by the Directors of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – DUES AND ADMISSION FEES

Section 1. ~~Dues for all members of this Chapter shall be \$15.00; \$5.00 of which shall be for administration of this Chapter and \$10.00 for annual dues of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.~~ The minimum annual dues of this Chapter shall be at least \$15.00 and may be increased if approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors and a majority of the voting members attending the annual Chapter meeting in October.

Section 2. ~~Admission fee shall be \$10.00 (\$5.00 Chapter), except that the \$5.00 Chapter admission fee shall not be required from Charter Members.~~

Section 2. Omit this section

Section 3. ~~Full allowance will be given to those members who have paid any part of the above dues and admission fees direct to the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. However, every member will be required to pay the Chapter for its parts.~~

Section 3. Omit this section

ARTICLE II – CHARTER MEMBERS

Section 1. Charter Members shall be those persons who make application, submit their dues and admission fee, and who subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Chapter no later than June 4, 1965.

The following are Charter Members of the Monticello Chapter:

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| J. Harvey Bailey | James Dorsey | Thomas C. Joseph |
| James H. Bell, Jr. | Charles E. Echols | O. R. Randolph |
| Thomas D. Blue | Robert E. Funk | Thomas E. Shumate |
| John W. Clark | Frank A. Gregg | Hugh F. Simms, Jr. |
| J. I. Covell | Jerry W. Harris | William S. Roudabush, Jr. |
| W. A. Crawford | Kenneth M. Hart | |

ARTICLE III – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The Order of Business at all meetings shall be as nearly as possible in accordance with “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. The two membership meetings of this Chapter shall be held in April and October of each year, on dates to be specified by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Directors meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President.



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

Mount Vernon Chapter
 Chapter Report
 January, 2008


The Mount Vernon Chapter has held two General Membership meetings and two additional Board of Directors' meetings since June, 2007. Highlights of those meetings, (in no particular order) are noted below:

- Hotel and Golf arrangements for this year's summer Board Meeting have been finalized.
- 7 "Blacks Law Dictionaries", 35 "Evidence and Procedures" text books, and several NCEES PLS & FLS Practice Exam Booklets were presented to students in the Northern Virginia Apprenticeship Program in December. The books were purchased with the awards from the VAS Educational Supplement Fund.
- At the September General Membership meeting, the members heard a presentation from Craig Martin with Accumark Subsurface Utility Services on the differences between what Miss Utility and private firms will provide.
- The Board of Directors has completed its review and update of the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws. We propose to present this to the membership for ratification this year and submit it for approval at the VAS 2009 Annual Meeting.
- The Chapter held its annual Christmas Party at PJ Skidoos in Fairfax to which both Mount Vernon and Bull Run Chapter members were invited. 37 people attended the dinner.

I have enjoyed my time as the President of the Mount Vernon Chapter, but after serving in this capacity for two years, I am also looking forward to my time as Past President. I am excited about Charlie Rice as the new President, as well as the rest of the new Board of Directors and have every confidence that they will do an outstanding job in continuing to promote the Mount Vernon Chapter and the practice of Land Surveying.

Respectfully submitted,

Mount Vernon Chapter


 Ralph T. Jones
 President

***VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS
PENINSULA CHAPTER***

***Annual Convention
January 15, 2008***

The Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia Association of Surveyors did not hold a general membership meeting in November or December as previously planned.

Notes from previous reports include:

Chapter Boundaries: A brief discussion was held on the progress of the proposed change to the Peninsula and Tidewater district boundaries. Both chapters had previously approved the change but no one knew if anything had happened at the State level.

We are still interested in a possible shift between the Peninsula and Central chapters but I have not contacted the Central chapter to discuss the proposed change.

Membership Drive: The State wide membership drive gave the Peninsula chapter a goal of 4 new members and we are happy to report that we have added three new members since our last meeting. These new members are: Alistair Ramsay, Keith Roemer and Charlie Newbaker. We also are happy to report that Jamie Pruett, formerly an associate member, passed his LS exam in April and is now a regular member.....congratulations go out to Jamie!!!

Financial matters: The chapter voted to pay for lodging and reimburse food expenses for the President or proxy to attend the State Board meetings.

E:mail communication between myself and the chapter members over the last few days recommend re-electing the same slate of officers as 2007 for the 2008 year. Ballots will have been sent prior to the Board meeting on January 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon L. Jones, L.S., President
VAS Peninsula Chapter

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.
Affiliate of American Congress on Surveying and Mapping
RAPPAHANNOCK CHAPTER

January 6, 2008

The Rappahannock Chapter held their Christmas dinner at Renatos in Fredericksburg on December 13, 2007. The dinner was a success with a total of 28 people in attendance.

Elections were held for new officers with the results being:
President: Reed Adams Vice Pres: Dave Ashley Sec.-Treas.: Eric Sullivan
2 Yr. Directors: Randy Grymes & John Sehl

Dave Ashley led the 15 week training class for the Certified Survey Technician program. The training program was open to employees of Rappahannock Chapter members. Three companies took advantage of the class and at the end four participants sat for the Level I exam and five sat for the Level II exam. Dave anticipates getting the results around the middle of February. Dave has done an excellent job with this training and we appreciate all of his work as well as the work of the other members who helped teach these classes. By their efforts 9 employees of our members have been able to further their surveying education at a location close to home and with no financial cost incurred. Dave hopes to offer the training again this spring for Levels II & III.

The progress on the update of the Standards of Practice and the Chapter History is not as good as I had hoped. The SOP update still needs more work. As to the History, I have reached all five Charter members or their surviving families. I have received information from three of the five. I will continue to try and get the needed information from the two, and if that fails I will do my best to write some type of bio for them myself and get the history completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Grymes

Southern Chapter Report to VAS Board of Directors – Winter 2008
January 2008
To be held in Hampton, Virginia

Date: November 14, 2007

As President of the Southern Chapter, I report to the Board of Directors that our Chapter had three chapter meetings in 2007. The attendance at our meetings was normal and our financial affairs are in order.

At the last meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Virginia Association of Surveyors new officers were elected. The new officers are:

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| President | W. E. "Will" Nash |
| Vice President | Fred E. "Ed" Willman |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Troy Williams |
| Directors | Russell Nixon Michael Cassidy |

Congratulations to the newly elected officers. We know they will do a fine job in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Brooks, Jr., LS,
VAS Southern Chapter President