

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS TIDEWATER CHAPTER

RE: Tidewater Chapter 2008 Board and General Membership Meetings Report January 17, 2008

The Tidewater Chapter Board met Wednesday September 26th, 2007 and Thursday November 15th, 2007. These meetings were held to make arrangements for the October General Membership Meeting and the December Christmas dinner and party.

The October 18th, 2007 General Membership meeting was held at Aberdeen Barn Restaurant and was attended by 28 surveyors. Our speakers for the evening were Robert Kennedy, President of East Coast Hydrographic, and John Rand, PE, LSIT of Old Dominion University.

Mr. Kennedy discussed riparian rights, boundary law, specific cases in the courts pertaining to water boundaries, and a practical approach to boundary surveying on waterfront properties.

Mr. Rand discussed the status of the Survey Program at Old Dominion University and the University's efforts to recruit a new Director for the program.

A plaque and was presented to Past President Chris Capozzi to show our appreciation for his efforts as 2006 VAS Tidewater Chapter President.

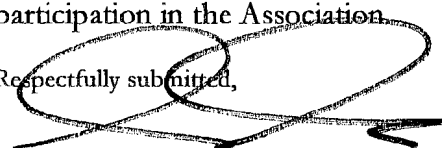
A plaque and was presented to Michael Starling, Trig Star Chairman and 1 Year Director to show our appreciation for his efforts and success with Trig Star in 2007.

The December 3rd Christmas Party was held at Steinhilber's restaurant and was attended by 15 surveyors and their guests.

The election results of the 2008 Tidewater Chapter Board were provided by Past President Chris Capozzi on December 5th, 2007. Our 2008 board consists of Timothy Campbell – President, Michael Starling – Vice President, Timothy Fletcher – Secretary, Kevin Wood and Steve Ferguson – 1 Year Directors, and Richard Galloway and Tano Lentini – 2 Year Directors.

I thank the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve the VAS and look forward to continued participation in the Association

Respectfully submitted,


Hayden Frye, LS
2007 VAS Tidewater Chapter President

Western Chapter

Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. Report to the VAS Board of Directors

The Western Chapter met at the Farmhouse Restaurant Christiansburg, Virginia, on November 15, 2007 with approximately 11 members and guests in attendance. President-Elect Chris Pappas presided over the meeting for President Larry Ogle, Jr. who was unable to attend.

Unfinished/Old Business Discussion:

- A brief discussion concerning the John Foster School at Roanoke College. Employers are urged to have employees attend.
- Review of issues discussed at the fall board meeting:
 - a) Renewed effort to establish a new member designation - Associate - for non-licensed individuals that wish to join the VAS. The Western Chapter is endorsing this effort.
 - b) The issue of life insurance for Chapter members has been brought up by the Auxiliary; the details are incomplete at this time.
 - c) Legislative issue: The VAS no longer has a lobbyist. Efforts to find another were slowed by the upcoming holiday season.
 - d) Machine Control on construction sites is being considered to come under the oversight and review of a LS.
 - e) Greg Vess was designated as the Fundraiser coordinator
Standards of Practice - Brian Casella to begin a membership drive

New Business Discussion:

- New Chapter officers announced: Chris Pappas, President; Brian Cassella, Vice President; Carl Correll, Secretary Treasurer.
- Motion passed for the Western Chapter to donate \$1000 to the Educational Support Fund and that it all is designated to ETSU. (Check #441 for \$1000 sent to Judy Hite on 12/27/07 by Carl Correll)
- Steve Douty to be named NSPS Governor for Virginia.
- Chris Pappas volunteered to be the state representative for Geocaching.
- Next Chapter meeting will be held in March in Roanoke.

The Western Chapter remains strong financially, in attendance, in leadership, and fundraising thanks to the dedication of its membership, many of whom are now or have been in the past, officers at a state level and/or been members of special committees and boards such as APELSCIDLA, NSPS, Continuing Education and Right-of-Entry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry T. Ogle, Jr., L.S.
Virginia Association of Surveyors
Western Chapter - President



*The Auxiliary of the
Virginia Association of Surveyors*

January 10, 2008

AUXILIARY REPORT:

**The Auxiliary of the VAS is pleased to announce new officers for 2008-2009.
With great pleasure we present our new officers.**

**President
Donna Sehl**

**Vice President
Nancy Dunlap**

**Secretary
Mary Barcina**

Each elected officer is a member of the auxiliary and has experience in organizational leadership. Their husbands are licensed surveyors and members of the Virginia Association of Surveyors.

As President of the Auxiliary for the last two years, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of this great association, both surveyors and auxiliary members. Without the help of supportive members no organization can prevail and succeed in their endeavors. Thank you for a successful term.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Brooks
Joyce Brooks, President

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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS

Affiliate Report
Winter Board Meeting
Hampton Roads, Virginia
January 19, 2008

The Virginia Association of Surveyors commercial affiliate membership for 2008 includes twenty-four (24) commercial affiliates supplying products and services to the Virginia surveying industry.

Twenty (20) of these affiliates will be exhibiting their products and services during the Annual Meeting in Hampton Roads in January. There will also be six (6) non-commercial affiliates exhibiting.

There are two (2) new affiliates who have joined the Association for 2008:

Smartvent, Inc Pitman, NJ

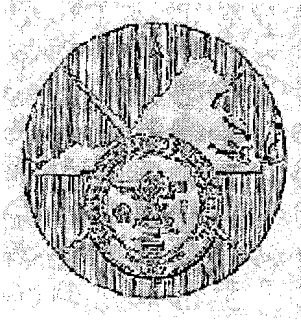
Vector Industries, Inc. Waynesboro, VA

If any member is using a supplier or service provider who is not an affiliate, please ask that vendor to join and support the Virginia Association of Surveyors as an affiliate member or forward their contact information to me and I will contact them.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Williams, PPS
Affiliate Chairman

APELSCIDLA REPORT

November 8th, 2007 Survey Board Meeting

Canceled

December 13th 2007 Full Board Meeting

I was unable to attend this meeting. I am attaching the meeting minutes, which I downloaded from the website. The meeting minutes are available on the web site.

The Department of Professional Occupational and Regulation has moved its corporate offices from 3600 West Broad Street in Richmond.

The new location is at:
9960 Mayland Drive in Richmond.

Located right off I-64 at Gaskins Road in the Circuit City Office Park. The move was completed in time for the September 13th Board meeting.

The next full board meeting is March 19th, 2008, and will be in a new location.
The next Survey Section meeting is February 20th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Zmuda – APELSCIDLA Board Liaison

**BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
LAND SURVEYORS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS
AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MEETING**

MINUTES

The Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on September 13, 2007, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Architects

John S. Clark, Jr.
J. Everette Fauber, III
Kenneth A. Schwartz

Professional Engineers

Nico De León
Stanley C. Harris, Sr. (arrived at 10:17 a.m.)
Wiley V. Johnson, III

Land Surveyors

John R. McAden
Nancy E. McIntyre
W. R. Stephenson, Jr.

Interior Designers

Lorri B. Finn
Cameron C. Stiles

Landscape Architects

Vaughn B. Rinner

Board member William H. Spell was not present at the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
David Ashe, Chief Deputy
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director Licensing and Regulation
Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator
Michelle Gowen, Administrative Assistant

Steven P. Jack, Assistant Attorney General, was present at the meeting.

Ms. Stiles, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Clark moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Fauber seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De León, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Rinner moved to approve the minutes for the following meetings as amended:

Approval of Minutes

- September 13, 2007, APELSCIDLA Board Meeting;
- October 11, 2007, Professional Engineers Section Meeting; and
- November 6, 2007, Landscape Architect Section Meeting.

Mr. Fauber seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

Public Comment Period – Dean Hawkins, Certified Landscape Architect, was present to address the Board regarding site plans he prepared which VDOT refused to accept without the seal of a professional engineer. Mr. Hawkins provided the Board with a bound volume of exhibits and correspondence.

Public Comment Period

Ron McGinnis, a representative of Virginia Chapter of the ASLA, was present to support Mr. Hawkins and request that the Board further educate officials and other agencies of the work that each profession is capable of completing. Mr. McGinnis suggested that a guidance document be placed on the Department's website showing that the *Code of Virginia* allows certified landscape architects to submit site plans.

After reviewing the application and Agreement for Registration, Mr. Schwartz moved to accept the Agreement for Registration as seen and agreed to by Shremshock Architects, Inc. Mr. Fauber seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

Agreement for Registration 2007-09, Shremshock Architects, Inc.

After reviewing and discussing the file, Mr. Schwartz moved to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Martin Bertrand and Land Pro & Associates, LLC. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

File Number 2008-00624, Martin Bertrand and Land Pro & Associates, LLC

Regarding **File Number 2007-04062, Donald Nesmith**, the Board members reviewed the Consent Order as seen and agreed to by Mr. Nesmith. Ms. McIntyre moved to accept the Consent Order which cites a violation of 18 VAC 10-20-710.B of the Board's regulations. For this violation Mr. Nesmith agrees to a fine in the amount of \$750.00 as well as Board costs in the amount of \$150.00. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion which was approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Stephenson, and Stiles. Mr. Schwartz voted in opposition of the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote. As the reviewing Board member, Ms. Rinner was not present during the discussion or vote.

File Number 2007-04062, Donald Nesmith

The Board members reviewed the summary of, and draft response to, the public comments. After discussion, Mr. Stephenson moved to adopt the response to the public comments as prepared by staff. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

**Consideration of
Final
Photogrammetry
Regulations**

The Board members reviewed the draft final regulations as prepared by staff. After review, Mr. Stephenson moved to adopt the final regulations. Mr. Stephenson further moved to authorize staff, in conjunction with the Chair, to make any minor changes as necessary, on behalf of the Board, so that the regulations can be approved. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

December 2007 & June 2008 **December 2008 & June 2009** **December 2009**

Section C: \$310
Section E: \$310

Section C: \$320
Section E: \$320

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Section E: \$326

The Board members reviewed the draft proposed agreement with *Engineers Australia* prepared by staff. After review and discussion, Mr. Fauber moved that a friendly letter, rather than an agreement, be prepared for review by the Professional Engineers Section members and sent to *Engineers Australia* informing them of the conditions under which their licensees may work in Virginia. Mr. Fauber further moved that Mr. Harris, as Chair of the Board, sign the letter. Mr. Clark seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

**Review of Draft
Agreement with
Engineers Australia**

Mr. Courtney asked the Board members if they would like to nominate Mr. Wilmer F. Sirine, II, for the 2008 NCEES Distinguished Service Award. Ms. McIntyre moved that the nomination be submitted to NCEES for consideration. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

**Consideration of
NCEES Award
Nominations**

Mr. Courtney asked the Board members if they would like to nominate Mr. Doyle B. Allen for the 2008 NCEES Northeast Zone Award. Mr. Clark moved that the nomination be submitted to NCEES for consideration. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

The Board members took a break from 10:00 a.m. to 10:11 a.m.

Break

The Board members reviewed the materials provided by Mr. Dean Hawkins regarding the problems he has encountered having his site plans accepted for

**Discussion of Design
of Site Plans by**

review by VDOT. After review and discussion, Ms. Rinner moved that a letter be prepared to the Commissioner of VDOT regarding the work that certified landscape architects are permitted to perform according to law and regulation. Ms. Rinner further moved that this letter be posted on the Department's website. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

Certified Landscape Architects

Mr. Harris arrived at 10:17 a.m. and assumed the position of Chair.

After further discussion, Ms. Rinner moved that a letter also be prepared to Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Association of Counties, Virginia Municipal League, Department of General Services, and state associations attaching the letter sent to the Commissioner of VDOT for educational purposes and for the agencies to share with other officials. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Harris, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles.

Arrival of Mr. Harris and Transfer of Chair

Ms. Rinner further moved that a committee of the Board be formed to create a document that states the scopes and roles of the professions of the Board for educational purposes. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De Léon, Fauber, Finn, Harris, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles. The Board agreed that the committee would consist of the following Board members: Nancy McIntyre, Land Surveyors Section; J. Everette Fauber, III, Architects Section; Vaughn Rinner, Landscape Architects Section; Lorri Finn, Interior Designers Section; and Wiley Johnson, III, Professional Engineers Section.

Regarding **File Number 2007-01880, Carl Duncan**, the Board members reviewed the Consent Order as seen and agreed to by Mr. Duncan. Mr. Johnson moved to accept the Consent Order which cites a violation of 18 VAC 10-20-760.B.2 of the Board's regulations. For this violation Mr. Duncan agrees to a fine in the amount of \$600.00 as well as Board costs in the amount of \$150.00. Mr. Fauber seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, Fauber, Finn, Harris, Johnson, McAden, McIntyre, Rinner, Schwartz, Stephenson, and Stiles. As the reviewing Board member, Mr. De León was not present during the discussion or vote.

File Number 2007-01880, Carl Duncan

The Board members were provided with a comprehensive report of enforcement activity since the last Board meeting.

Comprehensive Report of CID Activity

The Board members were provided with financial statements from October 2007 for informational purposes.

Review of Board Financial Statements

Mr. Fauber and Mr. Schwartz requested that the issue of funding IDP application fees be included at the next Architects Section meeting agenda.

Mr. Courtney informed the Board members that Karen O'Neal would be retiring and that this is her last meeting with the Board.

Other Business

David Ashe stated that he too would be leaving the Department to go back to practicing law.

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Adjourn

Stanley C. Harris, Sr., Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

**Certificate of Incorporation of
Virginia Association of Surveyors, Incorporated**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that we do hereby associate ourselves to establish a corporation under and by virtue of Chapter 151, Code of Virginia 1919, and acts amendatory thereof, for the purpose and under the corporate name mentioned, and to that end we do, by this, our certificate, set forth as follows:

(a) **NAME:**

The name of the Corporation is to be
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INCORPORATED

(b) **PRINCIPAL OFFICE:**

Its principal office to be Richmond, Virginia

(c) **PURPOSES:**

The purposes for which it is formed are: To promote the practice of surveying; to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession; to uphold and elevate the standards of the profession; to discipline unworthy members of the profession or persons assuming its functions, and to this end, in its corporate name, to take, institute and prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding which may now be undertaken by any natural person; to establish a medium for the exchange of surveying knowledge and practices; to stimulate a greater interest among surveyors in public problems affecting the profession to the community; to cultivate social intercourse among surveyors; to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, buildings to house the office of the corporation; and to generally do whatever may be incidental or necessary to carry out any of the purposes aforesaid. This Corporation is not organized for profit.

(d) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, the immediate Past President, four regional directors, NSPS Governor and one director from each of a number of chapters of this Association which may be established from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws of this Corporation.

The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and NSPS Governor shall be elected annually from among the voting members of the Association and shall serve until their successors are elected and installed. The four regional directors shall be elected from among the voting members of the Association for two year terms each, one director being elected on the alternate year from the other director, and each such director shall serve until a successor is elected and installed. Each chapter shall elect one director every two years from among its members to serve on the Board of Directors until a successor is elected and installed. All elections of this Association for officers and directors shall occur annually in the same month, however, each chapter may hold its own elections at the time and place that it desires and the elected director from that chapter will take office at the same time as those officers and directors who are elected from among the voting members of this Association. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of its members being present. The President, or in his/her absence the First Vice-President, or in his/her absence the Second Vice-President, shall be chairman of the Board of Directors.

(e) **MEMBERS:**

The Members in this Corporation shall be limited to Surveyors who are currently licensed by the Virginia State Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Certified Landscape Architects. The Corporation may make such other rules for the admission of members, or associate members, as it may desire.

(f) **DURATION:**

The period for the duration of the Corporation is unlimited.

3. A member shall be dropped from membership in the Association for nonpayment of dues ~~30 days after the end of the year in which they become due~~ on April 1st of each year and the Secretary may so caution any member when sending dues notices. A member may be expelled for just cause by a two-thirds majority of those voting, by ballot sent to all regular members of this Association provided such expulsion is first recommended by the Board of Directors.
4. An appropriate membership certificate will be issued to each member, on which their membership classification will be indicated.

Article II—Membership Meetings

1. THE ANNUAL MEETING shall be held every year at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors, such meeting to be scheduled as near as possible during the month of January. It shall be the charge of the Convention Committee to propose for consideration by the Board of Directors the location of the Annual Meeting, including detailed cost data and availability data on the following: Hotel and/or motel rooms, meeting halls with seating capacities, exhibit space, luncheon and banquet menus and facilities, ballroom facilities, entertainment features, program for spouses and children, registration facilities, decorations, and all similar needs attendant to such Annual Meetings; provided further that such Convention Committee proposal be considered and voted upon by the Board of Directors no later than the Annual Meeting preceding that for which said proposal is made; and provided further that the Board of Directors shall first have reviewed said proposal and confirmed that the said proposal does satisfactorily meet all of the hereinabove requirements.
2. SPECIAL MEETINGS of the members may be held upon call of the Board of Directors or of 10% of the regular members at any time.
3. PREPARED NOTICE OF MEETING is required for each membership meeting, such notice to be mailed to the last known mailing address of each member of this Association not less than ten (10) days prior to the convening of said membership meeting. For special meetings such notice shall state all of the purposes of such meeting, and such special meetings shall be limited to the stated purposes.
4. A QUORUM for any membership meeting shall consist of at least 30 regular members present in person or by proxy. Unless otherwise provided in these By-laws, each decision shall be made by simple majority rule of those voting.

Article III—Board of Directors

1. REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS as required of the Board of Directors will be held at a time and place determined best by the President or Secretary.
2. NOTICES of such regular or special meetings shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board, not less than ten days before any such meeting and notices of special meetings shall state the purpose thereof. This notice requirement may be waived by the President in situations where an emergency is deemed to exist, provided, however, that each member of the Board shall have received reasonable advance notification by some manner or means, or a bona fide effort for such notification shall have been made, and that all other provisions of this article shall apply.
3. A QUORUM for any Directors Meeting shall consist of a majority of the entire membership of the Board being present in person *or by proxy*. Unless otherwise provided in these By-laws, each decision shall be made by simple majority rule of those voting.
4. DIRECTORS providing transportation shall be allowed mileage expenses equal to ~~at the rate of fifteen (15) cents per mile~~ *the Federal standard mileage rate* for traveling to and from each Directors meeting of this Association. All claims shall be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association within 45 days of date when expense was incurred; late claims shall be referred by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Board of Directors for consideration and disposition.

Article VI–Elections

1. THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS shall be elected by ballot prior to the annual meeting of the membership. The Directors shall hold office as provided in the Charter and the Officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualify. The terms of all newly elected officers and directors of this Association and of the Chapters shall commence immediately following the sessions at the Annual Meeting of this Association. All chapters are directed to report the results of the election of new chapter officers at least 60 days prior to each VAS Annual Meeting.

Article VII–Committees

1. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE, having as its chairman the immediate past-President of the Association and consisting of all of the past-Presidents of the Association, shall hold a meeting prior to the ~~traditional~~ Fall Board of Directors meeting annually for purposes of making nominations (two or more for each office, if feasible) for all of the offices to be filled by election by the voting members of this Association. Additional nominations may be made by petition of ten (10) regular members in good standing no later than 30 days after the said traditional Fall Board of Directors meeting, and each such nomination petition shall certify the nominee's willingness to serve in the event he should be elected.
2. AN AFFILIATE MEMBER COMMITTEE, consisting of all of the affiliate members of this Association, shall elect its own chairman each year during the Annual Meeting of the Association. The said committee shall work cooperatively with and in conjunction with the Association with regard to all mutual interests. The Chairman of the said committee may be invited to attend the Board of Directors meetings in advisory capacity. Each application received for affiliate membership shall be circularized by the Affiliate Chairman among the Affiliate Committee. In the event no adverse comment pertaining to any such application is received within ten days as a result of such circularization, the President, upon notification by the Affiliate Chairman, is empowered to approve such application; in the event adverse comment is received, such application shall be referred to the next Board of Directors meeting for consideration and disposition.

Article VIII–Dues & Admission Fees

1. THE ANNUAL DUES (due and payable each January 1st) and the admission fees are established for the several membership classifications as follows:
 - a. REGULAR: The annual dues shall be ~~\$154~~ **\$169** and the admission fee shall be \$15, and each new member paying such admission shall receive at no additional cost the published VAS Standards of Practice Manual. See paragraph 5.
 - b. AFFILIATE: The annual dues shall be \$55, and no admission fee shall be levied.
 - c. HONORARY: No dues nor admission fee shall be levied.
 - d. RETIRED: The annual dues shall be \$10 and no admission fee shall be levied.
 - e. ASSOCIATE: The annual dues shall be \$35 and no admission fee shall be levied.
 - f. STUDENT: The annual dues shall be \$5 and no admission fee shall be levied.
 - g. NON-COMMERCIAL AFFILIATE: The annual dues shall be \$50 and no admission fee shall be levied. The annual dues may be waived by action of the Board of Directors.
2. For any new member, whose application to join the Association is approved after September 1st, the dues for the remainder of that calendar year shall be one-half the established annual dues
3. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those voting, may defer the payment of annual dues for any member of VAS provided that satisfactory evidence is presented to the Board to indicate a hardship would be imposed upon said member by the timely payment of said dues; provided further that the evidence shall as clearly as possible indicate the need as to the length of time for the deferral of said dues; and provided further that the aforementioned member is currently a member in good standing of VAS.
4. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those voting, may terminate the deferral of dues when evidence indicates there is no longer a need for such deferral.
5. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those voting, may adjust once yearly the dues of this Association by an amount not to exceed (10) percent.

CANON OF ETHICS FOR LAND SURVEYORS

Foreword

Honest, justice and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among men and women, constitutes the foundation of ethics. The surveyor should recognize such a standard, not to passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding his or her conduct and way of life. It is the surveyor's duty to practice his or her profession to this Canon of Ethics.

Section I—Professional Life

1. The surveyor will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of the surveying profession by interchanging information and experience with other surveyors and students and by contributing to the work of surveying societies and associations, schools and the scientific and surveying press.
2. It shall be considered unprofessional and inconsistent with honorable and dignified bearing for any surveyor to advertise in any manner derogatory to the dignity of the profession. Professional work should come to the surveyor on the basis of experience and reputation.
3. The surveyor will avoid all conduct or practice likely to discredit or do injury to the dignity and honor of the profession.

Section II—Relations with the Public

1. The surveyor will endeavor to extend public knowledge of surveying, and will discourage the spreading of untrue, unfair and exaggerated statements regarding surveying.
2. The surveyor will have due regard for the safety of life and health of public and employees who may be affected by the work for which he or she is responsible.
3. The surveyor will express an opinion only when it is founded on adequate knowledge and honest conviction while he or she is serving as witness before a court, commission or other tribunal.

Section III—Relations with Clients and Employers

1. The surveyor will act in professional matters for each client or employer as a faithful agent or trustee.
2. The surveyor will act with fairness and justice between his client or employer and the contractor when dealing with contracts.
3. The surveyor will engage, or advise his or her client or employer to engage, and he or she will cooperate with experts and specialists whenever the client's or employer's interests are best served by such service.
4. The surveyor will disclose no information concerning the business affairs or technical processes and data of clients or employers without their consent.

5. The surveyor will not undertake work which he or she believes will not be successful without first advising the client of his or her opinion.
6. The surveyor will promptly disclose to his or her client or employer any interest in a business which may compete with or affect the business of his or her client or employer. The surveyor will not allow an interest in any business to affect his or her decision regarding surveying work for which he or she is employed, or which he or she may be called upon to perform.
7. An employed surveyor will not solicit or accept other employment to the detriment of his or her regular work or the interests of his or her employer.

Section IV—Relations with Surveyors

1. The surveyor will endeavor to protect the surveying profession collectively and individually from misrepresentation and misunderstandings.
2. The surveyor will endeavor to provide opportunity for the professional development and advancement of surveyors in his or her employ.
3. The surveyor will not directly or indirectly injure the professional reputation, prospects or practices of another surveyor. However, if he or she considers that a surveyor is guilty of unethical, illegal or unfair practice, he or she will present the information to the proper authority for action.
4. The surveyor will not attempt to practice in any field of surveying in which he or she is not proficient. The surveyor should call in special consulting service to supplement his own experience and that of his or her organization on problems outside of their usual field.
5. The surveyor will not become associated in responsibility for work with surveyors who do not conform to ethical practices, or use association with a non-surveyor, a corporation or a partnership as a cloak for unethical acts, but must accept responsibility for any such acts to the extent of his or her authority.
6. The surveyor will not accept any assignment to perform any service in a project under development without the knowledge of the surveyor employed by the same client.

Section V—Ethics in Practice

The surveyor will conduct all surveys in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards and Procedures set forth by the Virginia State Board *For* Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors *Certified Interior Designers &* Landscape Architects.

As approved at the General Membership meeting held in Williamsburg, Hampton Virginia on January 25, 1992. 19, 2008.

Virginia Association of Surveyors
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VAMLIS Liaison Report
January 8, 2008

The VAMLIS 2008 Convention will be held at the Omni Hotel and Convention center in Charlottesville, VA on May 5-7, 2008. The Conference will feature over 40 presentations on the latest in GIS technology and education. This would be a great opportunity for VAS members to educate themselves on GIS technology and rub shoulders with the GIS professionals from all corners of the Commonwealth.

This is my last report as VAMLIS Liaison. Our new Liaison will be Kevin Shreiner, who is an officer in Bull Run Chapter. Kevin will do a great job, and I heartily thank him.

Again, I encourage VAS members to get involved in GIS and VAMLIS. The latest information on VAMLIS can be obtained from the website www.vamlis.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Richmond
VAMLIS Liaison

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December 28, 2007

To: VAS Board of Directors

From: Jeff Miller

Re: ETSU/Education Update

- The surveying seminar offered in November brought in approximately \$16,000 after expenses. This will be used for equipment and supplies. The event was well received.
- I am going to meet with Jerry Taylor (new professor) on January 5, 2008 to talk about the university. We are going to discuss ways to improve communication and participation on all sides. I expect to talk about the upcoming NSPS meeting. Also we will discuss the joint VAS/TAPS joint meeting at the same time as the NSPS meeting.
- We are working with ETSU and the Boy Scouts to have the Surveying Merit Badge again. The date is January 19, 2008.

**Virginia Association of Surveyors
Old Dominion University Liaison Report
January 17, 2008**

The attached report was prepared by John Rand in order to give the VAS an update on the status of the program at ODU. John will be staying to teach at ODU at least through May 2008.

Submitted by:

Bruce J. Frederick, LS

ODU Surveying Report – Annual Convention 2008

To: Bruce Fredericks VAS-ODU Liaison

From: John Rand ODU Interim Surveying Coordinator

Date: 11 January 2008

Re: Status ODU Surveying Program

1. Current Classes - Spring 2008

CET 305	Principles of Surveying	Rand	44 students
CET 313	Advanced Surveying	Rand	17 students
CET 319	Surveying for Engineers	Rand	31 students
CET 320	Adjustment Computations	Zhou	16 students
CET 411	Photogrammetry	Zhou	17 students

2. Staffing

John Rand, PE, LSIT Visiting Professor/Interim Program Director

Dr. Guoqing Zhou, PhD Professor

Dr Nidal Dahman resigned in August 2007. Mr Rand was hired in an interim capacity on a one-semester contract. Mr. Rand's employment has been extended an additional semester (thru May 2008) while recruitment of a replacement for Dr. Dahman continues.

Recruitment is in progress with expressions of interest having been received from 5 applicants. The position has been restructured as a Lecturer position. This means a PhD is not required. The current candidates include 2 with surveyor's licenses and 3 with PhD's. Carol Considine, CET Program Director, is heading the search committee. Interviews begin the week of Jan 14. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

3. Gift Funds

The gift fund currently stands at about \$25,000. In the past semester I purchased some reference materials for the surveying professor's offices, additional miscellaneous

equipment for the field lab locker (tripods, tribrachs, prisms, etc.), and defrayed expenses for distance students attending field labs here in Norfolk (cost of accommodation).

Anticipated expenditures this upcoming semester include additional student travel support to the on-campus field labs. No major equipment purchases anticipated. Support of a student group to the ACSM convention in March (Spokane, WA) will be explored, though it may be too late at this point. Other opportunities will be considered should this not pan out.

4. Degrees & Certificates

	<u>Fall 2008</u>
BSET/Surveying & Site Development	1 graduate
BSGET/Geomatics	none
Surveying Certificate	3 certificates

The two degrees share coursework and continue to attract students, though not in large numbers. A significant portion of the students taking the surveying classes are enrolled because of requirements of other degrees (BSCET/Structural & Construction management – CET305; BSCE – CET 319), or as coursework for a minor. It is my belief that the attractiveness of the degree would be enhanced by the addition of additional site development related course offerings. There is also a need for new coursework addressing site development software (such as Civil/3D) and data collection/transmission technology. These are long-term curriculum maintenance issues which will be the province of the new instructor.

5. Office of Spatial and Cartographic Information (VA Coordinate Repository)

Currently working on a modification to Va. Code §54-294. Limitation on use of systems. The issue pertains to the 'two kilometers' limitation concerning the placement of Virginia Coordinates on a point. The availability of global positioning systems as a positioning technique makes the existing limitation overly restrictive. A modification permitting positioning by means of global positioning methods consistent with the guidance of 18 VAC 10-20-370 C.3 is under consideration.

6. Summary of Current the State of the Program

- a. The BSET still resides within the TAC ABET accredited Civil Engineering Technology concentration as a Surveying and Site Development Option. This accreditation covers both the on-site and off-site programs.
- b. The BSGET is not ABET accredited and there are no plans to seek accreditation.
- c. All courses are available at a distance via satellite or internet streaming.
- d. We are staffed at two full time Lectures/Professors.

- e. Course delivery cycle is now on a 2-year or less schedule.
- f. Student population (for the BSET/Surveying & Site Development degree) appears to be at least 75% distance students working in industry.
- g. All classes are taught at the undergraduate level.



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January 2, 2008

VAS Education Committee Report for the VAS 2008 Winter Board Meeting

Since the 2007 Fall Board Meeting, the Education Committee has been working to finalize all the details for the 2008 Convention in Hampton. The format and location should be one of the best we have seen. We have also begun the initial planning for the 2nd Annual John H. Foster School, tentatively scheduled for July 21st to the 24th at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

For 2008 the Seminar Chapter Hosts will be the Shenandoah, Mount Vernon & Appalachian Chapters. The Appalachian Chapter will be lending support to our NSPS Governor, Steve Douty, for meetings to be hosted by East Tennessee State University. The Chapter Hosts for 2009 will be selected by the incoming VAS President during the 2008 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

VAS Education Committee

Frank R. "Chip" Richardson II
Chairman

cc: Alison Hanson

Important Dates for 2008

Spring Seminar & Board Meeting - April 11th & 12th, Winchester, Virginia.
Summer Seminar & Board Meeting - June 27th & 28th, Manassas, Virginia.
2nd Annual John Foster School - July 21st to 24th, Roanoke College, Salem Virginia.
Fall Seminar & Board Meeting - August 15th & 16th, East Tennessee State University.

EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT FUNDRAISING REPORT

17 JANUARY 2008

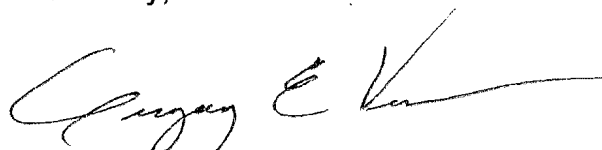
On 27 September 2007, our balance was #3,775.00. At that time we sent out letters to the membership, requesting contributions. Many surveyors responded and our total balance for 2007 is \$12,590.31. Of these contributions: \$4,574.99 was designated to specific causes. Per action of the board of Directors at the fall meeting, undesignated contributions were to be split equally between the entities which sent letters requesting funds – those being East Tennessee State University and the Northern Virginia Apprenticeship Program.

The 2007 break down on monies is as follows:

ETSU	\$5,907.66
NV Apprenticeship Program	\$4,132.65
Old Dominion University	\$2,450.00
Tidewater Comm. College	100.00
TOTAL:	\$12,590.31

We appreciate those dedicated surveyors who support this program and humbly encourage the support of our full membership.

Sincerely,



Gregory E. Vess

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WINTER BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2008

ETHICS AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT:*TO THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:*

As chairman of the Ethics & Practice Committee, I would like to remind those in our profession that it is the duty of the Land Surveyor to protect the Surveying profession from misrepresentations and misunderstandings. To reiterate, the Land Surveyor will not directly or indirectly injure the reputation of another Land Surveyor. However, if the Land Surveyor in his or her opinion considers another Land Surveyor to be guilty of unethical, illegal or unfair practices, the information should be presented to the proper authority for legal action. This is our duty.

The Land Surveyors must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and shall abide by the rules and regulations governing this great profession. If you have concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted.

*Thomas C. Brooks, Jr., LS
Ethics & Practice Committee Chairman*

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WINTER BOARD MEETING

January 17, 2008

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT:

TO THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

There are several chapters of the Virginia Association of Surveyors who have not submitted any information for their Chapter history. In order to prepare an accurate history, I need the chapters' input. Chapter Presidents, please urge your history representative to submit their information. I have provided each chapter with a sample format. Please feel free to improvise. If another format works better for your chapter, use it. I am requesting that you get that information to me so I can complete the task assigned to me.

You may contact me at (434) 528-4674, (434) 929-1615, (434) 944-1867 or via E-mail at Serca@aol.com or TCBJR@acresofvirginia.com. I am waiting for your reply.

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas C. Brooks, Jr., L.S.
History Committee Chairman*

HIGHWAYS AND RIGHT OF WAY LIAISON REPORT

December 31, 2007

VDOT LIMITED SERVICES CONTRACT

VDOT just finished interviews for three statewide contracts for surveying and three for subsurface utility engineering.

VDOT SURVEY MANUAL

VDOT is currently working on updating the survey manual. The web address for accessing the survey manual is www.virginiadot.org. Once at the web page, click Business tab at the top, next on the left hand column, then select Survey Manual under Publications and Manuals.

INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION BASELINES

The NGS may be changing some of the field procedures and requirements for the location of baselines. VDOT is still interested in sites for baselines. If you have questions or possible sites, please contact John Aaron, LS at John.Aaron@vdot.virginia.gov or phone 804-225-4886.

GPS TRAINING FOR VDOT

VDOT would like to thank Doug Richmond for conducting a one day, in house class for VDOT surveyors on coordinate transformation and adjustments.

VDOT LAND USE PERMIT REGULATION CHANGES

VDOT has revised its Land Use Permit regulation. The permit is required to work in VDOT right of way. The State wide permit for surveying may be issued for surveying operations on non-limited access primary and secondary highways right of way and is good for two years. A separate single use permit is required when working on limited access right of way. The fee for the state wide permit is \$200.00 and the fee for the single use permit is \$100.00. Applicants can send the application via email and they will receive the permit through the mail. The revisions take effect in July 2008. For details you can read the revised permit at the VDOT website.

The web address is <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-landUsePermits.asp>

If you have questions, contact Mr. Mutaz Alkhadra, Land Use Permits Manager, Assets Management Division, VDOT at 804-662-9403 or by Email to: Mutaz.alkhadra@vdot.virginia.gov

Sincerely,

H.R. Terrell, Jr. (Highway and Right of Way Liaison)

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.

Legislative Committee Report Winter Board of Directors Meeting Embassy Suites - Hampton Roads, Virginia January 17, 2008

VAS has contracted with FutureLaw, L.L.C. to serve as our lobbyist this year. Mark Singer (Advocates of Virginia) was unable to continue to work with VAS due to personal reasons. A committee was appointed to interview prospective lobbyist and interviews were held in October. The interview committee was most impressed with Chip Dicks and his firm FutureLaw, L.L.C. and we are sure that he will do a first rate job for our association.

While we have been very pleased with Mark's work and regret losing him as a member of our team, we feel very good about having Chip on board.

This General Assembly session has been in swing for only about one week and has been quiet from the surveying prospective. Some general information.

- ▶ This is a long (60 day) session.
- ▶ Last day to pre-file legislation was December 10.
- ▶ Session convened on January 9.
- ▶ Last day to file bills and joint resolutions was January 11.
- ▶ February 12 is "Crossover," which is the last day for each House to act on its own bills.
- ▶ Adjournment is on March 8.

Session statistics through Wednesday , January 16:

Type	Introduced	Continued	Passed	Failed	Approved	Vetoed
H.B.	1484	0	11	23	0	0
H.J.R.	235	0	64	2	0	0
H.R.	9	0	5	0	0	0
S.B.	712	1	5	9	0	0
S.J.R.	123	2	1	0	0	0
S.R.	6	0	5	0	0	0
Totals	2569	2	80	572	0	0

* 3500 bills and resolutions are expected this session.

Impact Fees are and Adequate Public Facilities bills again dot the legislative landscape.

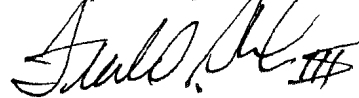
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There are several bills that we are monitoring and I will just read a few for your information.

(Review bills)

In closing, I would like to emphasize that each member of VAS is encouraged to follow legislative issues and advise me when issues that may affect surveyors are encountered. One easy way to stay informed is to follow bills and resolutions on the Internet. You can do this rather easily by going to the Legislative Information System website <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>. The best way to communicate legislative matters with me is by email, where I can be reached at fshanks@verizon.net.

Respectively Submitted,



Fred O. Shanks, III
Legislative Chairman



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January 17, 2008

Membership Committee Report
60th Annual VAS Meeting and Convention
Board of Directors Meeting
Embassy Suites Hotel, Hampton, Va.

Members:

The following is a status update on the activities the Membership Committee for 2007:

1. Inform potential new members of the value of membership in the VAS, through a promotional mail/email campaign.

Comment: Completed

2. Enlist the support of the local Chapters, emphasizing the importance of the local participation in securing new members.

Comment: Completed

3. Organize the membership campaign, so potential new members can be targeted in an efficient manner (by Chapter), and the results of the campaign can be quantified.

Comment: Completed

4. Establish individual goals at the Chapter level, which reflect the Statewide goal of 15% increase in membership.

Comment: Completed

5. Work with the Executive Secretary to track the progress of the campaign, and report the results to the President and Board of Directors.

Comment: Completed

6. Assist in providing recognition and reward for those Chapters that achieve their individual goals.

Comment: Pending

Perhaps 2 categories could be recognized: 1) Chapters achieving the goal of 15% increase, and 2) Chapter maintaining the highest percentage of membership of licensed surveyors in their area.

Chapters Achieving 15% or Higher:

Peninsula (17%)
Central (15%)

Chapter Maintaining the Highest Percentage of Licensed Surveyors in Their Area: (Tie)

Mount Vernon (74%)
Rappahannock (74%)

I would recognize these achievements during the Saturday Luncheon, Installation of Chapter Officers and Awards. Although any specific awards are at the discretion of Mr. Brooks, I might recommend an award to the Peninsula Chapter, for the highest percentage increase (17%).

Review of the Results:

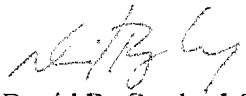
Chapter	Number of New Members	Percent Increase
At Large	30	23%
Appalachian	1	4%
Bull Run	3	7%
Central	11	15%
Monticello	5	12%
Mt. Vernon	5	5%
Peninsula	5	17%
Rappahannock	5	11%
Shenandoah	3	9%
Southern	5	10%
Tidewater	7	8%
Western	5	9%

Based on information provided by the Executive Secretary, the following New Members were admitted to the VAS in 2007. The results are provided by Chapter as follows:

Chapter	Number of New Members
At Large	30
Appalachian	1
Bull Run	3
Central	11
Monticello	5
Mt. Vernon	5
Peninsula	5
Rappahannock	5
Shenandoah	3
Southern	5
Tidewater	7
Western	5
Total New Members:	85

To-date, the VAS has increased it's membership to 749 during the year of 2007, which represents an increase of 85 new members. This represents a Statewide increase of 12.8%.

Respectfully Submitted by:


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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

TO THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

As chairman of the Public Relations Committee, I report to the Virginia Association of Surveyors Board of Directors that the third week in March is National Surveyor's Week. Each of us should do our best to promote our profession to the general public and to our clients through our profession and our standards and high degree of accuracy in our work, although not just during National Surveyor's Week, but every day of the year. The Land Surveying Profession has changed drastically over the last years and we must strive to promote our profession and encourage an interest in land surveying with the youth of today.

Each day we have the opportunity to promote our profession and our association. We need to make the best of every given moment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Relations Committee Chairman*

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WINTER BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2008

WETLANDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS:

In my previous report to the Board of Directors, I touched upon the June 19, 2007, release of the revised "Subdivision Recommendations" by the Norfolk District of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and how these recommendations suggest that all impacts to the aquatic resources, i.e. streams and wetlands, for a project be applied for under one permit. At the same time as the "Subdivision Recommendations", the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a guidance memorandum, the Rapanos Guidance memorandum, regarding Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdictional determinations following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the consolidated cases Rapanos v. United States and Carabell v. United States ("Rapanos"), on June 4, 2007. The Rapanos Guidance memorandum was to ensure that jurisdictional determinations, administrative enforcement actions, and other agency actions being conducted under the CWA were consistent with the Rapanos decision.

Under the Rapanos Guidance memorandum, the Corps and EPA will still assert jurisdiction over traditional navigable waters (TNWs) and wetlands adjacent to these TNWs. The Corps and EPA can also assert jurisdiction over waters that are not TNWs if they fall into one of two categories:

- 1). If a water body is "relatively permanent", i.e., it flows year-round or "seasonally". Additionally, any wetlands adjacent to these waters that "directly abut" the water body would be included. According to the memoranda, wetlands that are separated from the water body by upland features such as a berm, dike or road, would not be considered "abutting", and therefore may not be under agency jurisdiction. However, it should be noted that the "U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDEBOOK" does not consider man-made features such as berms, dikes and roads to be upland features that separate wetlands from their adjacent water bodies, and therefore the wetlands would be considered abutting.*
- 2). Water bodies that are not relatively permanent but have a "significant nexus" to a TNW. Each non-relatively permanent water body would require a case-by-case analysis to determine if it has a significant "nexus", or connection, to a TNW, and therefore be jurisdictional. These waters, and their associated wetlands, would have a "significant nexus" if it can be determined that they may affect the chemical, physical or biological integrity of TNWs. Factors such as proximity to TNWs; volume, duration and frequency of flow; ability to transport pollutants to TNWs; ability to store flood waters; and aquatic habitat value are some of the factors considered in the case-by-case analysis.*

The Rapanos Guidance does not allow for the Corps and the EPA to assert jurisdiction over features such as swales, small washes and ditches that do not carry a relatively permanent flow of water. Even isolated wetlands, such as the low "wet spots" often found in a farmer's field may not be considered jurisdictional under the new guidance.

A copy of the current Jurisdictional Determination (JD) Form Instructional Guidebook that explains the jurisdictional criteria can be viewed at: http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg/cwa_guide/cwa_guide.htm. A copy of the Rapanos Guidance can be found on the Corps' website at <http://www.usace.army.mil/cw/cecwo/reg>. These changes in the wetland regulations as a result of the Rapanos decision are not permanent. In the first six months following the June 2007 implementation of the Rapanos Guidance, the Corps and EPA will review public comments on case studies and experiences with the use of the Rapanos Guidance. Within nine months from the date of issuance, the Corps and EPA will reissue, revise or suspend the guidance after reviewing the public comments and field experience with implementing the guidance.

The Land Surveyor has a responsibility to this profession and to their clientele to keep up with the latest laws and developments regarding wetlands.

Respectfully submitted,



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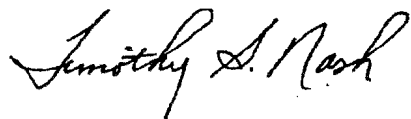
Editor: The Old Dominion Surveyor
December 24, 2007

As editor of the Old Dominion Surveyor, I would like to report that the fall edition of the Old Dominion Surveyor was a success. What a wonderful cover our publisher helped design depicting the 2008 convention. The winter edition should be leaving the printers or in the mail by convention time. I would like to thank everyone who submitted articles for publication. Please continue to submit your Chapter meeting pictures and a short recap of the meeting proceedings for publication.

All Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit updates on their respective committees to help keep membership informed of the work each committee performs. Chapter Presidents, please submit the Chapter meeting dates so they can be published on the back cover for a quick reference guide.

Thank you to the membership for all your support during 2007, Judy for all her help and suggestions, and especially all the Affiliates and companies who pay to have their advertisements printed in each issue. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in January.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Trigstar Report to VAS Board of Directors – Winter 2007/2008
January 19, 2008
Held at Embassy Suites Hampton Rhoads, Hampton, Virginia

Trigstar time is here again!

Judy Hite is in the process of ordering the 2007-2008 school year Trigstar packets from NSPS. The plan is to disperse each chapter's packet at the incoming chapter presidents meeting to be held on Saturday morning (starting at 10:30 am) of the State convention. I will be contacting the chapter presidents to make sure that they or their representatives will be at this meeting.

NSPS has a website set up for Trigstar at http://www.nspsmo.org/trig_star if you have any questions about the program. That site has everything you've ever wanted to know about Trig-Star and then some. There are even sample tests that will help students prepare.

Please pass this information on to your schools and make plans to participate.

An NSPS Foundation Trig-Star scholarship has been started this year for participants (and not necessarily winners) who are interested in a career in surveying and mapping and matriculate to an accredited 2 or 4 year program. More information is at the above NSPS website.

Here is another informative website for promoting land surveying in our schools, <http://www.lsrp.com/lseducation.html>.

Our NSPS contact is Lee Canfield, lee.canfield@acsm.net. or (240) 632-9716 ext. 112.

I look forward to working with the chapters to find that successful Virginia Trig-Star for this school year. The Central Chapter currently has a winning streak with 2 years in a row with the same student. I encourage everyone to use this competition as a tool to get in the schools and get an audience with the students whether it be a presentation or demonstration to showcase the land surveying profession.

Respectively submitted,

Ken Carlton, LS, PE
VAS Trig-Star Chairman

**Report of the VGIN Advisory Board Liaison to the VAS Board of Directors
January 17, 2008
Hampton, VA**

Since my report at the 2007 fall Board meeting I have attended a VGIN Advisory Board meeting held Oct. 2 at VGIN's new office in Chester, VA. I was; however, due to a schedule conflict unable to attend the VGIN meeting in Richmond on Jan. 9th.

The follow items of interest are excerpts from Dan Widner's recent minutes of the Jan. 9th Advisory Board meeting. They will provide you an overview of the activities of VGIN and the status of ongoing projects.

2006/2007 Orthophotography Status

**The orthophotography programs is moving ahead and is currently 4-6 weeks ahead of schedule.45% of the 2007 imagery has been completed and 25% of the 2007 jurisdictions received their data at the end of 2007.Information on the progress of the jurisdiction deliveries as well as other useful ortho project information can be found on the VGIN ortho web page at:
<http://www.isp.virginia.gov/stateactivities.shtml>**

IMAGERY FOR THE NATION (IFTN)

**The National States Geographic Information Council is working with the U.S.Department of Agriculture's National Digital Ortho Program and the Federal Geographic Data Committee to create a Cost Benefit Analysis for public domain Orthophotography. Dan Widner referred the Board members to a web-site on the IFTN Cost Benefit Analysis. The web-site is:
[http://www.ndop.gov/pdf/Imagery for the Nation IFTN CBA.pdf](http://www.ndop.gov/pdf/Imagery_for_the_Nation_IFTN_CBA.pdf)**

Mr. Widner asked the Board to concentrate on the financial and the operational side of IFTN. His objective is to ensure that IFTN is mentioned and partially funded In the Agriculture and Interior budgets for FY09 with full funding by FY10. Those Board members present agreed to support the program.

LIDAR COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS PROGRESS REPORT

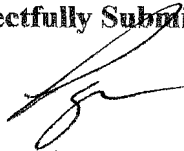
Sam Hall gave an overview of his progress on the Cost Benefit Analysis of the use of Lidar. He briefed the Board on the factors to consider when evaluating a statewide or regional Lidar collection effort. Mr. Hall hopes to have background information by spring and data analysis by the summer. His presentation can be found on the VGIN web page.

Road Centerline (RCL)

The transition to VGIN of the Road Centerline Program was completed in December in 2007. Steady state maintenance will now be performed by VGIN staff beginning in January 2008. Regional and locality datasets are being delivered in January 2008. VDOT continues its effort to fully incorporate RCL data within its GIS, as well as providing regular updates to VGIN.

Should you have questions regarding any of the above information please contact me or go directly to the VGIN web page.

Respectfully Submitted,



W. Page Cockrell, L.S.
VGIN Liaison

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SURVEYORS, INC.

MOTION FORM

MOTION:

Accept new members

MOTION MADE BY: Steve

SECONDED BY: Tim

ACTION: approved

DATE: 1/17/08

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TO: VAS Board of Directors, 2008 Winter Board Meeting

FROM: Website Committee

DATE: January 9, 2008

The URL for the VAS Website is <http://www.vasurveyors.org>.

As requested by President-elect Doug Richmond, I have volunteered to continue as the Website Committee Chairman for 2008.

One feature that I plan to incorporate on the website in the next year is paid sponsorship or advertising to offset the cost to the VAS of having the site hosted and maintained.

The Website appears to be functioning well with timely updates and the necessary information for meetings and events posted to the homepage.

Please e-mail me with any features, links or additional suggestions for things to add to the website at JohnChristman@RobertsEngineering.biz, or send the information to Judy Hite via the Contact Us page on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Christman
Chairman

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DATE: January 16, 2008

TO: Thomas C. Brooks Sr

FROM: Thomas C. Brooks JR.

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COMMENTS: I hereby give Thomas C. Brooks Sr my proxy vote as President of the Southern Chapter and as an individual to act on all matters concerning the Virginia Association of Surveyors.

Signed Thomas C Brooks JR.

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