

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON STATE SECTION OF THE  
AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING

THURSDAY September 15th , 2008 @ ANGELOS RESTAURANT IN BELLEVUE

ATTENDEES:

Pat Beehler, Beth Carpenter, Douglas Casement, Scott Edwards, Holly Glaser, Bill Glassey, Tim Hodson, Tamara King, David Kuhn, Tim Leach, Vince McGowan, Mike Mickiewicz, Celia Parker, Meredith Radella, James Ray, Steve Reding, Jon Warren, James Wengler, Ben Petersen.

The meeting began at about 6:00 PM.

PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS:

Pat Beehler, PLS and President of NSPS, explained the history of the movement to update Washington state legislation regarding the definition of land surveying. He provided handouts with copies of the current law (written in 1947) and the proposed amendments and additions. The dinner meeting was attended by a number of people from the GIS community who were interested in the proposed legislation. There was some concern by representatives of the GIS community regarding some aspects of the wording within the proposed legislation. Comments were noted by representatives from the LSAW including members of the LSAW's Redefinition Committee.

DINNER MEETING:

Due to the length of the presentation/discussion, it was moved, seconded, passed, that all business be postponed to the next monthly meeting, and the officers meet sometime during the interim to take care of details.

Chair's Report, Tim Leach:

Tim asked Pat Beehler to present this as a topic for the September meeting and posted the announcement on the CPS-GIS listserv. Within 15 minutes of posting there were approximately eight people interested in attending. This seems to be a good idea for attracting more people from the GIS community.

It is the Section's turn to put on the joint ACSM/LSAW Christmas Party, so we will be looking for a venue and putting that on the calendar.

Treasurer's Report, Tamara King:

Checking \$2,991.17 Savings \$1,064.23

Last meeting we made \$57.23 and that was after we waived two meals for speakers along with a few non-alcoholic drinks that made it into the dinner bill by mistake. We should probably remind everyone, when the meetings are large or we see several new faces, that all drinks alcoholic or not should be on a separate tab. I will try to remember to remind the wait staff each time as well.

I ordered printed Deposit slips. The bank will charge the account \$36.07 for them. In addition I ordered a debit card for ease of making deposits and transferring money from checking to savings, etc. There was no charge for the bank card that I'm aware of.

I would like to propose that I move money to savings before the next meeting. I'm thinking a balance of approx 800 to 1,000 is all that should be kept in checking and the balance moved to savings as a general rule. Any objections? I was also going to look into higher yielding savings account or short term CD's before the next meeting, if I get time. I'll share my findings at the next meeting to see if this is something we want to do or to just leave it as is.

The Non-Profit status with the state has been renewed with the new officer information.

Secretary's Report, James Ray:

Continuing to develop a web bulletin board and a "Wiki", need volunteers to test and make suggestions before making it a live link on the [www.wss-acsm.org](http://www.wss-acsm.org) site.

Old Business:

Postponed to October meeting.

New Business:

None at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting October 20th: Larry Signani and Jon Warren will present about the LYNX Mobile Mapper.