

Land Surveyors' Association of Washington Historical Society

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010
MURANO HOTEL - TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Arrival & Breakfast: We had a nice breakfast and shared stories about our experiences. The accommodations were very nice as in the previous year and allowed for a lot of interaction and conversations as we ate our breakfast. Our thanks to Ben Petersen and the conference committee for making the arrangements for the room and our breakfast.

Call to Order: Chairman Denny DeMeyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

An attendance sheet was passed around for the members and guests to sign in. Those in attendance were: Denny DeMeyer (LSAW), Robert Allen (BCLS), Pat Beehler (LSAW), Jon Warren (LSAW), Tim Griffin (LSAW), Jerry Olson (LSAW), John Thalacker (LSAW), Bud Condrey (LSAW), Bill Glassey (LSAW), Ben Petersen (LSAW), Brien Blevins (LSAW), John Brock (Australia) and John Linzee (LSAW).

LSAW Legacy Project: Ben Petersen introduced the concept for a "Legacy" project. Several other states and provinces have published histories of their surveyors. His discussion and the comments from the surveyors in attendance centered on possible ways to develop a History of Surveying in Washington. Jerry Olson talked about the database of GLO surveyors he has developed, along with a listing of licensed surveyors, where they worked and where their records might be stored. All in attendance agreed that there is a real need to visit with some of the older surveyors and get their stories written down before they are gone. Those that have information or want to help were encouraged to work with Ben.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the March 7, 2009 meeting in Tacoma, Washington at the Murano Hotel were published and sent to the members for their review. There being no changes, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand as of 12-31-2009 was \$5,212.03 in checking, and \$11,062.26 in savings. The report was accepted.

Updates on Continuing Activities:

- 1. Joe Colcord:** Randy Sleight is working on preparing an article on Mr. Colcord. Randy was not at this meeting so there was no report or update.
- 2. Al White Material:** Tim Kent sent a report on the material that he was allowed to retrieve from the family and recently received some more material. The significant material has been sent to the National Museum of Surveying in Springfield, Illinois. Tim's written report also included information on other GLO and BLM surveyors: Irving Zerpel (BLM Surveyor in the NW and Alaska), Floyd Brooks (BLM surveyor in the NW and Alaska), Robert Hofland (GLO/BLM Draftsman in NW), Leonard Berlin (GLO/BLM Surveyor in NW, Alaska and WY), and Robert Hyatt (BLM surveyor in Alaska).
- 3. Galena Road/Yellowstone Trail:** This is also a project that Randy Sleight was working on. Since Randy was not at the meeting there was no report.
- 4. GLO Surveyors' Grave Sites:** Jerry Olsen's web site that has a lot of information on GLO surveyors has a link on the LSAW Historical web site <http://www.lsayhistorical.org> with

pictures and locations. LSAW Historical Society members are encouraged to locate the graves and establish Lat & Long on them. Some of the graves are indexed in the cemetery records but they are missing a marker.

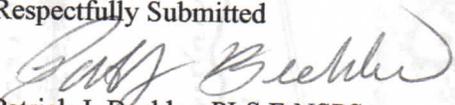
5. **“Surveying North of the River”:** Jerry has been working on a draft of another book that will have information on the GLO surveyors in Washington. The main section will contain a discussion of the GLO process, then Biographies. An appendix with a listing of contracts and townships surveyed by individuals. Jerry is looking into the format on how he will publish the book. Possible posting on an FTP site, scanned onto CD’s, or published as a limited run as a book. There was discussion regarding funding and cost recovery. A motion was made by Jon Warren, seconded by John Thalacker, to assist with acquiring historical photos that are not in the public domain budgeting \$500.00. Motion passed.
6. **LSAW Historical Society Website:** Denny gave an update on the progress of the LSAW Historical website. It is being updated with more information still to be posted. There is a link to it from the LSAW website, but it is hard to find. We need the LSAW site to have a better link to our site. Meanwhile, Jerry Olson assured us that his website is continuously updated.
7. **International Boundary:** Denny gave an update on the latest news surrounding the marking of the international boundary.
8. **Solar Instrument Seminar:** Tim Kent’s written report included information on hosting a Solar Instrument workshop.
9. **Willamette Meridian Initial Point:** The PLSO had a cleanup of the Willamette Monument Park in Portland on May 2, 2009 in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Oregon statehood, and the 50th year of the PLSO. The rededication of the Willamette Initial Point was attended by both Denny DeMeyer and Tim Kent.
10. **National Museum of Surveying:** A motion was made by Bill Glassey, seconded by Jon Warren to donate \$1,000.00 to the museum, after discussion on the museum’s financial situation the motion passed.
11. **David Thompson Bicentennial:** The issue of where to spend up to \$1,000.00 of our funds for this year’s Thompson programs was discussed. Motion made and seconded to support the David Thompson Brigade Conference with \$1,000.00. Motion passed.
12. **Web Site Expenses:** A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$400.00 for web site expenses this year, passed

New Business:

- 1) **Thompson Brigade Canoe:** The idea of helping to buy a canoe for the re-enactment was discussed. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$900.00 for sponsorship of the David Thompson Canoe Brigade in 2011. Motion passed.
- 2) **Election of Officers:** The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President, Denny DeMeyer being the only individual; nominated, he was elected for another year. The floor was opened for the election of Secretary/Treasurer. Pat Beehler being the only one nominated, he was elected for another year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted


Patrick J. Beehler, PLS F-NSPS
Secretary-Treasurer