

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1997

Approximate Treasurer's Report: We started out with \$7,746.29 in savings, \$803.32 in checking and received \$1,300.00 in 1997 dues giving us about \$9441.54. Full report at 1998 breakfast meeting.

Historical/Society activities for 1997:

1. Nothing that I am aware of. Much unfinished business, see attached preliminary agenda for 1998 annual meeting in Everett.

Proposed Historical Society activities for 1998.

1. Dick Sterling of Hoquiam has written and wishes to commemorate the survey of the Coast Meridian. He has recovered the initial point on the south side of Gray's Harbor and perpetuation of the original monumentation on the north side. A Historical Society brass plaque and monument are planned for the initial point which is easily accessible. (This should be done at all auxillary meridians in the state).

2. 1998 marks the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Washington/Idaho boundary. It was originally surveyed by G.L.O. surveyor Rollin Reeves in 1873. It was resurveyed (and completed) by the USGS in 1909. The initial monument, located between Clarkston, Washington and Lewiston, Idaho, was visited in 1996 and is in incredibly good condition. It is a basalt pillar in a large mound of stone near railroad tracks on the north side of the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers. The terminal monument on the International Boundary was recovered by the Canadian Section of the International Boundary Commission in 1985. It is a brass disc set in a 4 foot tall rock & cement cairn and was in fair condition. Together with the Idaho and perhaps British Columbia (BCLS) surveyors, it is hoped to visit each site and install our Historical Society brass location plaques. The initial monument is easy to get to, the terminal monument is very hard (best to come through Canada if we can).

As mentioned, it is hoped to involve the Idaho and BCLS surveyors, together with perhaps the governors of both states. I will be contacting the above state/provincial societies/corporations together with David Steele of the DNR and both International Boundary Commissions. I will leave it to others to pursue the governors. *I wish to thank Janet Phillips and Don Fitch of the DNR Public Land Survey office for their generous support in the way of maps and field notes. Also my appreciation to Anne Koenen for the roster and mailing labels.*

My thanks to secretary/treasurer Pat Beehler and all of you that have remained members. We currently have 47 members, at one time or another, we have had over 90. I have done my best but there is so more to do to increase the public's (and our own) appreciation of what we were and surveying's contribution to society. I think it may be time (past due?) to elect new blood as your officers. Please consider taking an office. Thanks again.

Respectfully submitted

Denny DeMeyer, Chairman