



## PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF OREGON

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Board of Directors  
Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon  
Sept. 12, 2009 Board of Directors meeting  
Valley River Center  
Eugene, Oregon

**Re: WFPS Board of Directors meeting, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, Nevada, 6/13/2009**

Members of the Board:

(Please refer to the agenda packet for state reports)

Attendance was strong for the second meeting of 2009, with nearly all delegates from each of the Westfed member states present.

In alphabetical order our attendance looked like:

Alaska: Richard Heieren (Paul Whipple absent)

Arizona: Harold Baldwin

California: Ray Mathe and Aaron Smith

Colorado: Dave DiFulvio and John "JB" Guyton

Hawaii: Kevin Kea

Idaho: Larry Glahe and David Short

Montana: Dick Smith and Linda Smith

Nevada: Nancy Peace-Almanzan and Matt Gingerich

New Mexico: David Cooper and Kerry Greiner

Utah: Ron Whitehead and Ken Hamblin

Washington: Mike Mickiewicz and Bryan Thorp

Wyoming: Paul Reid

In addition, guests present were Dorothy Categori from the WFPS central office, Curt Sumner (ACSM Executive Director), and Steve Parrish (NALS).

After dispensing with the usual business items on the agenda, highlights were as follows:

- ◆ Ray Mathe reported the WFPS current assets totaled \$143,287.48 as of Apr. 30, 2009 or a change of -\$8,517.25 from the same date in 2008.
- ◆ Of note, the ASPLS (Alaska) reported more than 600 students participated in the Trig Star program. The ASPLS conference will be held Feb. 22-26, 2010 in Anchorage.
- ◆ The APLS (Arizona) Ethics and Standards Committee have begun work on writing the "Arizona Construction Services Standards." APLS is developing a new logo that represents 30 years in surveying and the new commitment to the Geospatial Community.

- ◆ CLSA and NALS will be holding a joint conference Feb. 27 thru March 3, 2010 at the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino in Reno, NV. CLSA has approved a voluntary professional development program and developed a tri-fold brochure outlining benefits to membership.
- ◆ The surveying program at Metro State College of Denver continues in transition after the retirement of Dr. Herbert Stoughton. Due to the improved financial outlook, PLSC has renewed funding for a lobbyist before the state legislature. PLSC will participate in "GIS in the Rockies", September 16 and 17, 2009 in Loveland, CO.
- ◆ As of this date, HALS (Hawaii) membership is down nearly 40 percent. The economy gets the blame. WFPS will provide volunteer instructors in the PLSS system at the annual conference in Honolulu in January, 2010.
- ◆ ISPLS will hold their annual conference March 10-15, 2010 in Moscow, ID. The 2011 conference will be held jointly with LSAW in Spokane, WA. Idaho had their first Trig Star winner in 2009.
- ◆ MARLS membership is down 10 percent from 2008. Their 2010 conference will be held Feb. 24-27, in Helena. The monument preservation bill passed.
- ◆ NALS membership is down 32 percent. 15 Nevada high schools participated in Trig Star during 2009. Great Basin College graduated its first four students.
- ◆ After serving 7 years as a WFPS Delegate, NMPS (New Mexico) member Allen Grace has stepped down to devote his energies to his state society.
- ◆ The UCLS (Utah) 2010 annual conference will be held in St. George, Feb. 18-19. Several legislative changes occurred during 2009 including modifications to survey recording requirements.
- ◆ The LSAW conference in 2010 will be held either in Sea Tac or Tacoma. A \$20 dollar fee was added to the recording of documents in Washington to fund programs for the homeless (filing fee is now \$128.00 for a ROS). The TwiST program for 2009 has again been filled to capacity with teachers from both Oregon and Washington.
- ◆ The PLSW (Wyoming) 2010 annual conference will be held in Laramie on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ WFPS officers for 2010 are Ray Mathe (California), Chair; Harold Baldwin (Arizona) Chair-elect; and Richard Heieren (Alaska) Secretary/Treasurer.
- ◆ As previously noted, a summary of upcoming conference dates for WFPS member states are available upon visiting the WFPS website at [www.wfps.org](http://www.wfps.org). As always, state conference coordinators are encouraged to review for sufficiency, schedules and avoidance of conflicts.
- ◆ State reports, though previously submitted in writing to Secretary/Treasurer Baldwin, were reviewed. A written report was received from all but one member state.
  - Alaska (ASPLS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Arizona (AZPLS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - California (CALS) - written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Colorado (PLSC) - written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Hawaii (HALS) – no written report (verbal report submitted)
  - Idaho (ISPLS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Montana (MARLS) - written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Nevada (NALS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - New Mexico (NMPS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Oregon (PLSO) – written report submitted

- Utah (UCLS) – written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Washington (LSAW) - written report submitted (see agenda packet)
  - Wyoming (PLSW) - written report submitted at board meeting (see minutes)
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- ◆ The next WFPS BOD meeting will be held Sept. 12, 2009 in Denver, CO (site has yet to be announced).
  - ◆ The 2011 WFPS conference will be held in conjunction with the ISPLS and LSAW conference in Spokane, WA.
  - ◆ ACSM Lobby Day is September 24, 2009.
  - ◆ Most state reports indicate a significant decrease in membership, though this may be due in part to late renewals, here again driven by the economy.
  - ◆ The winter WFPS BOD meeting will be held in conjunction with the HALS annual conference in Honolulu, HI, in January, 2010.
  - ◆ I developed a draft “WFPS Financial Aid Rules and Request Policy” for review by the WFPS BOD at the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Recommendations for revisions were received so it is still being “tweaked.”

Respectfully submitted

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