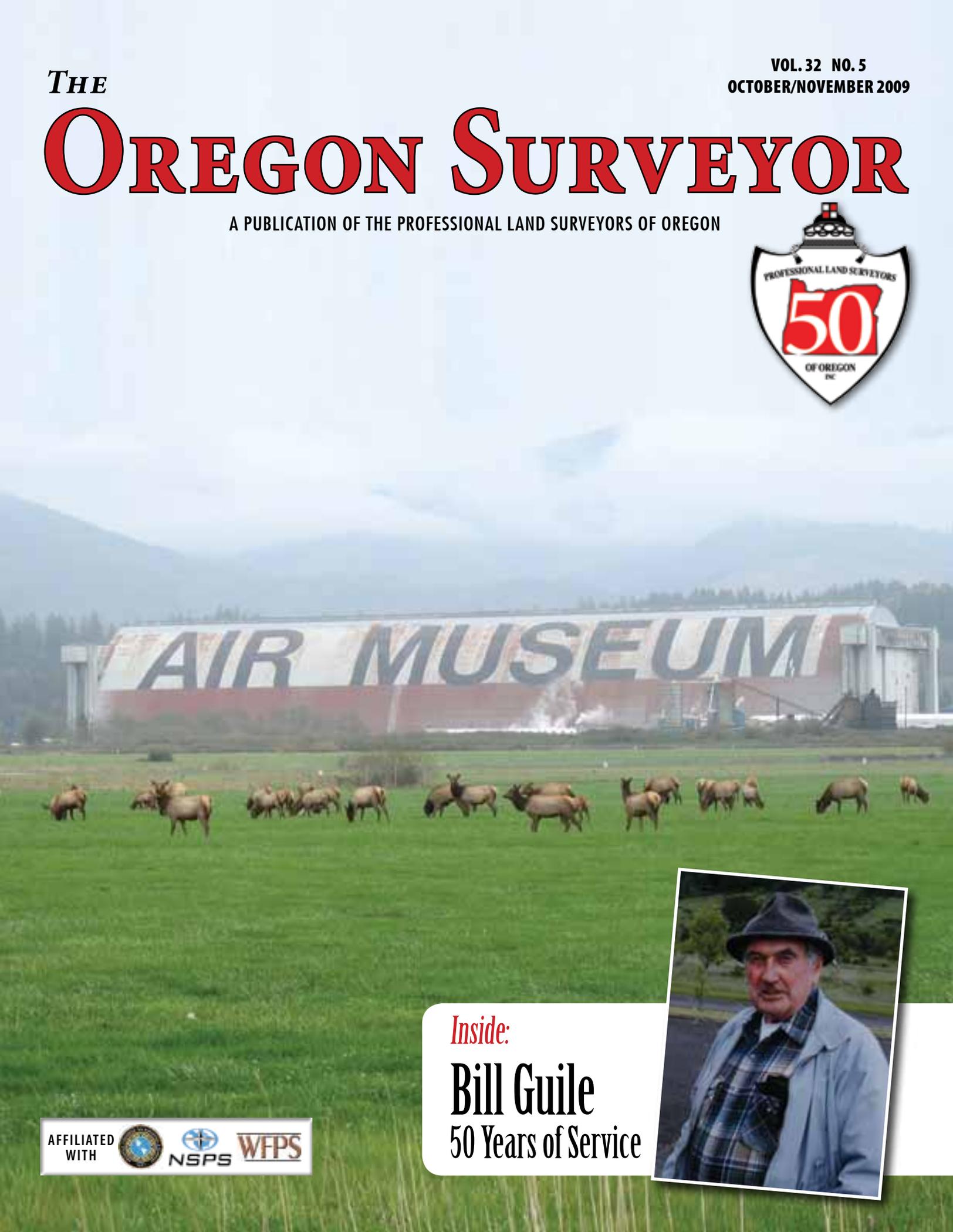


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From Your Chair

■ *By Gary Johnston, PLS, 2009 PLSO Chair*

This fall has been a very busy period for PLSO. Chapters have resumed their regular meeting schedules and PLSO committees are actively working on their agendas. Expanded efforts are being promoted in several outreach endeavors. Some new innovations are also proposed that contribute to the mission of PLSO.

In October, PLSO renewed its agreement with Mary Louise VanNatta as executive secretary. Mary Louise and her staff at VanNatta Public Relations have provided excellent service to the PLSO, its individual members, and to the public that has contacted our PLSO Office. I am very pleased with the innovations and scope of service that her office delivers to PLSO. One example is the development of online membership renewal for 2010. This should be more convenient for many members and should save a significant amount of staff time by streamlining the data entry process. Thanks for all your support Mary Louise!

Two excellent workshops were presented by chapters earlier this fall. The Rogue River Chapter presented a session on riparian boundaries attended by 66 people. The Midwest Chapter sponsored a workshop covering adverse possession claims and incorporated a mock trial session. The workshop also broadened its reach by broadcasting proceedings over an internet connection to a small gathering of surveyors in Alaska. Dave Wellman arranged this connection after getting a special request from an acquaintance working in Juneau. Dave thought it was worth attempting so that he could measure the benefit to distant registrants, and get acquainted with costs and time involved to produce a workshop over the web. There are obvious benefits to this type of presentation with the right combination of topic, format and facilities.

The conference committee has been meeting monthly since summer and has prepared a comprehensive and varied program for the 2010 PLSO Conference. There may even be more presentations offered in 2010 than were provided at the 2009 conference. You should have received the conference brochure with the preliminary program, cost and registration information in your mail. If not, you can obtain it from the PLSO website at www.plso.org.

At the conference, the annual scholarship auction will be conducted on the first evening of the event. Everyone can participate in this effort to provide additional scholarships for surveying students. An oral auction is scheduled together with a silent auction, so numerous

items are needed. Chapters and individuals alike are encouraged to donate an article to support this worthy cause. Please support the scholarship auction by contributing something of value to the auction, whether it is a special service, gift basket, artwork, craft item, overnight lodging, equipment, tool or other gift. Even more important, join others in this entertaining event by competitively bidding for one or more special items—whether large or small.

In September, the PLSO Board convened a very productive meeting. The draft minutes are contained in this issue, but I would like to bring attention to a few items:

- Fred VanNatta was hired as our new lobbyist. The PLSO board was very impressed with Fred's presentation at that board meeting, and unanimously approved retaining him through the 2010 Special Session. He is making excellent progress learning about PLSO and their concerns, and will very capably counsel and represent PLSO. The main issue concerning PLSO members is a proposal to make OSBEELS (and several other semi-independent boards) a state-controlled board within the Building Codes Division. Fred is working with PLSO chapters and coordinating with representatives from other state boards to develop a strategy contesting this and several other changes being contemplated for state licensing boards. Fred has provided a separate article elsewhere in this issue that more fully explains the proposal. I have observed presentations by Fred at chapter meetings and have been impressed with his explanation about the issue and with his message to members about the importance of developing a relationship with legislators. The relationships established prior to the session will greatly enhance our chances for success at the special legislative session. Welcome aboard, Fred!
- The Legislative Committee announced they will begin working on potential legislation for the 2011 legislative regular session once the 2010 session has concluded. Among topics being considered are: changes to the Right of Entry Law, boundary line agreements, and considering aspects of machine control that constitute professional surveying. I am certain there will be other issues considered for preparation as time passes.



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Editor's Note

■ By Oran Abbott, oranabbott@gmail.com



It is amazing how fast time goes by in two months. In the last three weeks, we had six funerals at our church for people that we know. It is sad for me to see these people gone. But, the friend most noticed—not at our church—is Bert Mason Jr.'s wife, Ellen, who passed away in November. She was very sweet and a gracious woman that will leave many memories for Bert, and for the rest of us. We extend our sympathies to Bert and the family.



In the last issue, I asked if any of you knew someone who lived throughout the entire 19th century. Thanks to the VanNattas we now know about Aunt Daisy. Check out her story and other great reads in the rest of this issue.

I also asked you to calculate how many immediate relatives you would have if your wife could have babies for a span of 300 years and you lived to be over 900 years old. My best answer is that you would have 20,000 people calling you father; not counting their spouses. Of course I am counting one child per year starting at age 20, with no deaths and half would be female. Imagine the size and scope of what your family tree would look like; or maybe you do not even want to think of it!

We should hold onto those letters in "Surveyor-L" from Representative Richardson. He must be one of the few legislators that makes sense. Good articles!

Are we in a recession or a depression? A recession is when your neighbor is out of work. A depression is when you are out of work. When I was younger, I was told that the best time to retire is when you are 66 years old. Well, I know a lot of people who have been forced into retirement from age 58 to 65. A couple of things to remember—these people have a difficult time getting health insurance since Medicare does not start until you are 65 years old. Secondly, those people are not on unemployment because they may be collecting Social Security. Most are also part of the 'Baby Boom' era born right after World War II. The Boomers will become the largest single block of American voters in the next few years. I wonder where this will leave the surveying profession.

I am a semi-retired employee, who is rapidly becoming "de-semi-ed." When I was younger there were 24 hours in a day and I could do a lot of things in those 24 hours. I think I was only sleeping about six hours a night. Now it seems like there is only about eight hours in a day after sleeping, getting dressed, and eating. Those eight hours are always filled with something to do. So far I have not seen any "retirement." If you see any eight hours that are for just twiddling around with not much to do, give me a call. I can put them to work.

Check this issue out and the PLSO website for upcoming important schedules and conference registration information.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. ☉

View from the PLSO Office

■ By Mary Louise VanNatta, CAE; PLSO Executive Secretary

Social Networking, What?

We took a little ribbing at the PLSO Pioneer Chapter meeting because we started a Facebook fan page for PLSO and we can now Tweet away on Twitter. If you are familiar with social media then you can probably skip this article, but if you are not, you might enjoy considering reasons why PLSO is entering into the world of social media.

Now, even though I'm a PR/Association person and am expected to live in the world of social media, I too had to be taken, dragging my heels, into Facebook. I recognize that surveying is a time-honored profession that, while technical, has great traditions that might not want to be tarnished with the trivialness of a 140 character "tweet." However, let's get comfortable with this new technology and consider how PLSO members might benefit from it.

What are you missing? If you haven't discovered text messaging yet, or don't get email on your phone, then social media may be a big leap. However, what you're missing is a way to connect with people instantaneously. If you are interested in an important political issue or industry trend, you will be overlooking a portion of public opinion that carries a significant influence in the cyber world.

First of all, what is social media? Social media is internet communication services that provide the ability to interact with a selected group of people with similar interests. "Web 2.0" is the 2nd generation of web design that facilitates this conversation.

Let's look at some of the terminology:

BLOG: A blog is essentially an "online diary" that everyone can see and can comment on your thoughts. This "weblog" allows people to follow interesting things you are doing. You might wonder why anyone would care, but, interestingly enough, they do. A student might like to hear about your day, your thoughts, and your concerns. Wordpress and Blogger are sites you can use to start your own blog.

LINKED IN: For personal, professional use, you can list your resume and projects on which you are working.

Potential clients may check the site to see if you have been "recommended" by colleagues or past clients and to review your education and accomplishments.

FACEBOOK: This started out as a college networking system that has exploded into the mainstream. It is for more casual content, but is also being used for targeted advertising and to communicate interesting information to friends and associates. PLSO hopes to use this to tap into the public, students and people interested in learning more about the profession. The PLSO fan page is found by signing up for Facebook at www.facebook.com and searching for Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon and selecting "become a fan."

TWITTER: This is the fastest growing social networking site, doubling almost every week in membership. The limit for the communication is 140 characters per post, which requires the user to be brief. You might ask "who cares what people are doing, thinking or saying?" but the movements of interesting people or companies or technologies or media people do influence decisions. For example, by following a local reporter, I can find out what stories they are working on for their next deadline, and help them find clients. A high compliment is when your comment is "retweeted" and this is symbolized with an RT at the beginning of the message and a reference to the person who originally wrote the comment.

PLSO has a Twitter account and you can follow us at www.twitter.com/ORLandSurveyors. I'm not sure what we'll be tweeting about, but you can get PLSO twitter updates on your computer twitter account or sign up for mobile devices and get them on your cell phone. If you sign up for the Tweetdeck, you can get all your tweets and direct messages (like an email directly to your Twitter account that only you can see).

So let's take PLSO where the next generation is living and I'll be tweeting you! ☺



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- Outreach efforts are expanding on several fronts. Of special note is the proposal to fund a part-time outreach coordinator. This position would be similar to a program that has been successful for LSAW. A decision on this proposal relies upon you and your chapter's feedback. I expect that if financial support is approved, it will still take months to define the role of that position and to find a qualified and motivated coordinator.
- Other outreach endeavors of note: **Joe Ferguson, PLSO TrigStar chair**, is striving to expand the number of students entered in the TrigStar exam, and recruiting additional members from each chapter to reach out to local high schools. **Tim Kent, PLSO TwiST chair**, has proposed that each chapter consider sponsoring one or more teachers at the 2010 TwiST program. The PLSO Board approved funds to **sponsor registration for one college student to attend the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree** to assist at the NSPS surveying merit badge booth. The **Geocache Program** needs a new PLSO chairperson plus chapter representatives to establish and maintain at least one geocache site in each chapter area.

There are a large number of programs and events listed above, but there are several others not mentioned that are very actively participating as well. Thanks to all of you who continue generously contributing time and effort on behalf of PLSO and the surveying profession.

I recognize that this year has been a difficult one for many surveyors. Projects have been scaled back or curtailed. Several of you have experienced a significant reduction in work and loss of income. I am acquainted with individuals who have been out of work for months. PLSO cannot remedy the impact of our economic downturn, but I hope PLSO members, can be supportive and that your continued association with PLSO will present opportunities to return to full time employment as quickly as possible.

Finally, as we approach the end of 2009, I wish each of you and your family a blessed and Merry Christmas. Enjoy your holiday gatherings. I know that you will spend time with family and friends to celebrate all that you have. Take the opportunity to also help others in your community who could use some extra support. ☺

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September 12, 2009 — Holiday Inn Eugene-Springfield

DRAFT MINUTES
(To be approved at the
Nov 2009 board meeting)

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Fred VanNatta, Lobbyist

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Gary Anderson, EGAC/OSBEELS Liaison; Mary Louise VanNatta, Exec. Secretary; Lloyd Tolbert, ACSM/NSPS; Logan Miles, Awards; Brian Reeves, Central President; Craig Claassen, Rogue River Pres-Elect; Bert Mason, Historian; Oran Abbott, Oregon Surveyor; Roger Galles, Archives; Shaun Fidler, Pioneer President and Membership; John Nemecek, Finance; Greg Crites, WESTFED; Tyler Parsons, Internet/Website; Steve Haddock, Scholarship; Mason Marker, South Central Pres-Elect; Tim Simons, Blue Mountain President; Paul Galli, OACES Liaison; Wendell Harness, Internet/Website; Sue Newstetter, Oregon 50/150

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02AM by President Gary Johnston. Attendees made self-introductions.

Review and Approve Agenda

Agenda for meeting was reviewed and approved.

Minutes of the June 27, 2009

Review and approval of June minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Malone to approve the June 27, 2009 minutes as published. Ferguson seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

VanNatta provided a written report read by Dutcher.

Financial

The PLSO accounts stand, as of 8/31/09, as follows:

Checking	\$ 23,841.69
Checking	CLOSED
Conference	CLOSED
Money Fund	\$ 105,038.27
(up from \$105,032.35)	
Total Assets	\$ 128,879.96

The PLSO accounts stood last year on 08/31/08:

New Checking	\$ 5,657.11
Checking	\$ 7,292.21
Conference	\$ 13,156.09
Money Fund	\$ 119,823.10
Total Assets	\$ 145,928.51

Membership recruitment—Dutcher reported for M. VanNatta that VanNatta Public Relations (VPR)

staff is finalizing forms for the online membership renewal process for 2010, which would work in conjunction with registration for the annual conference. VPR is asking for a beta version for the form before the end of the month.

Committees—Conference committee meeting site arrangements have been made and staff is assisting the committee with various tasks as directed, including budgeting/coding, on-line registration, etc. A conference “Save the Date” postcard was prepared and distributed to the membership. Staff met with the legislative committee to look at the strategic plan and to discuss the future of the PLSO legislative agenda.

Finances—The budgeting process is beginning, and chapter financial summaries have been distributed. The office continues with the regular bookkeeping duties.

Education—VPR has completed the update of “A Guide to Selecting an Oregon Land Surveyor” brochure and copies are now available for purchase through the office.

Chapter relations—The office printed and distributed brochures/registration materials for Rogue River chapter workshop. The office also provided assistance in the coordination of credit card payment processing for attendees and onsite meals for meetings and workshops including the Mid-West chapter.

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PLSO Membership by class	2005	2006	2007	2008	1/09	9/09
Corporate*	609	592	574	583	473	559
Associate*	107	120	131	108	68	82
Special*	32	34	31	34	32	38
Student	19	31	50	83	25	34
Life	19	29	28	30	23	23
*Dues paying members 748	746	736	725	573	679	
Totals	786	806	814	838	621	736

Communications—PLSO entered the Public Relations Society of America Spotlight Awards for the 50/150. Gary A., Gary J. & ML and Tierney worked to get the submission completed. The awards will be announced in October. VanNatta has created a Fan Page on Facebook for PLSO. You can sign up for Facebook at www.facebook.com or if you are already on this social networking program, search for Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon and become a fan. You can post information for members, potential members and/or students. Dutcher also noted that the office has created a Twitter page and members and stakeholders can follow PLSO on Twitter. If you are familiar with this program, Twitter provides an opportunity to Tweet 140 character updates with updates or links. Sign up or Twitter on www.twitter.com and follow PLSO on www.twitter.com/ORLandSurveyors. VPR will be updating information about the conference and other activities.

General admin—Regular processing of checks, membership data updates, promoting sales of logo merchandise, reorganization of the storage unit. VPR has asked OSBEELS to put all the board members on the mailing list to receive updates, because they often come very late to us in the mail. If surveyors do not want to receive those, please give OSBEELS a call to be removed from the list.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Johnston attended the Southwest chapter meeting for the purpose of visitation and addressing the strategic plan. He will continue outreach visits to the chapters as the year progresses. He reminded chapter presidents to post chapter minutes and meeting announcements on the website and calendar.
- Dutcher provided chapter presidents with details of expenditures to date. Chapters were requested to review

these reports and let her know if there are any changes to be made. Johnston encouraged chapter officials to use these reports as a guide to create a budget for 2010. Johnston asked chapters to have a budget session at their next meeting and provide their budget to the PLSO office prior to the November 14 board meeting.

- Johnston also urged members to think about awards for 2009. The operations manual contains a list of award criteria and requirements for Surveyor of the Year and Associate of the Year. All nominations for awards are due by the November 14 board meeting. Also, 2010 President-Elects need to be determined by the November board meeting to vote on the PLSO Chair-Elect for 2010.
- Reminder: talk to your Chapters about how GPS-controlled machine work overlaps with professional surveying. In September's of *Machine Control Today* (www.machinecontrolonline.com), an article titled "Machine Control and the Land Surveyor: The Law," discusses some differences in the definition of professional surveying between states as it may pertain to machine control. PLSO and other survey organizations need to become better informed about how they can interact with this technology.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

Fassbender reported that Past-Chair Ed Henricks will assist with obtaining Chair-Elect nominations. Board members can expect to be contacted for input as well. He also noted that board members need to make it a priority to be better informed about survey issues pending for the 2010 special session because time is very limited before that session begins. This year will be busy right at the beginning of the year because of the conference and the special session being so close. Chapter Presidents who have just stepped down, could be great candidates for nomination.

CHAPTER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Central (1)—Scott Freshwaters said the Central Chapter has a meeting on September 16 in Bend.

MidWest (2)—Kent Baker reported that their September meeting had a guest from the City of Springfield, who discussed his involvement with GIS with the city. They have a seminar on October 9, on adverse possession and will present a mock trial on that topic. They had a 50th anniversary licensure party for Bill Guile. PLSO presented him with the book *Chaining Oregon*.

Pioneer (3)—Joe Ferguson reported that they had a Chapter Picnic. The September meeting is at Cascade Locks.

Rogue River (4)—Herb Farber reported that the Rogue River had 66 paying attendees at their workshop. On September 21, Representative Dennis Richards will be the guest speaker at their chapter meeting.

South Central (5)—Evelyn Kalb reported they had a meeting in May and plan to have their next meeting in October. They accomplished baseline improvement including setting concrete pads at the Klamath Falls Airport.

Southwest (6)—Edith Forkner reported that the Roseburg ODOT moved the Surveyor's Rock on Highway 42 to the Roseburg office. They are soliciting donations for Boy Scouts to build a shelter as an Eagle Scout project.

Umpqua (7)—David Beedle reported that the Umpqua Chapter took the summer off, but will hold a meeting on September 14 in Roseburg.

Willamette (8)—Dave Malone reported that there were no summer meetings, but there will be a meeting next week. Chapter representatives are involved in planning the Salem conference.

Blue Mountain (9)—Bob Butler reported no activities for Blue Mountain.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD Operating Manual and Travel Policy—Dutcher provided a printout

of the new travel policy and it is posted on the website.

Other BOD Operating Manual

Drafts—Kent reported the conference committee is working with a comprehensive draft of different functions. The conference manual will be available after January. The legislative committee manual will be revised by Freshwaters and Fassbender. Johnston noted that the legislative chair was to be elected by the legislative committee as adopted by a board decision in January 2003. The financial manual has been started by Nemecek. The membership committee manual is being updated by Fidler. Kalb asked whether the Casebook should have a manual prepared. It was determined that no manual was needed for this committee as it was a short term function. Bylaws Chair, Bacon offered assistance as needed to those preparing a new or updated manual.

Trade Show Booth—Johnston reported that two full size booths are available. The newer one is at the PLSO office and the old trade show booth resides with Farber. Dutcher will make a kit to go with the old booth and get it to Farber. Schedule with Farber and Dutcher and use the PLSO Google calendar to check availability.

Renewal of VPR Contract—Johnston will be meeting with VPR to discuss the renewal of the contract. He foresees no big changes unless we add additional outreach positions. He anticipates a small request for increase in fees. Comments included that the administrative services are great and very professional. Linscheid, Tolbert, Henricks and Fassbender were appointed to a committee for this task.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Committee Actions—

Johnston reported that the legislative committee met prior to the board meeting and had several significant actions to report. Freshwaters, legislative committee chair, provided minutes

from the August 24 Legislative Committee Meeting to the Board. He reported the committee met with Tom Gallagher to review the past legislative session and to make future plans. The committee and Tom Gallagher mutually agreed to discontinue the contract with Legislative Advocates. The legislative committee felt it was imperative to obtain services from another lobbyist for the 2010 special session as quickly as possible. At the special meeting that morning, they interviewed Fred VanNatta, longtime lobbyist who has his own consulting firm. The committee recommended retaining Fred VanNatta as soon as possible through the 2010 session. Following that session, it would be determined whether to work through the RFP process or to form a new agreement with VanNatta.

At this time, there are two known legislative proposals concerning surveying: The committee recommended support for the OACES effort to increase the maximum allowable fee that counties could impose for county corner preservation funds; and recommended opposition to the governor's proposal to remove OSBEELS from its semi-independent status and place it under the building codes division (BCD) at which point the BCD would take over all functions of the Board. Extensive discussions on reasons for this were held. Fred VanNatta shared history on this issue and examples of how this could be very troublesome for the profession. Farber recommended working with Fred VanNatta and there is not enough time to go through the RFP Process.

MOTION: Malone moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the PLSO Legislative Committee to hire Fred VanNatta at the same monthly rate as Tom Gallagher, effective September 15, 2009 through the 2010 session and allow the Legislative Committee to negotiate contract details. Farber seconded.

Discussion: Kent asked Freshwaters if the RFP was prepared, Freshwaters said that a draft was prepared but not distributed. Gaylord welcomed the opportunity to work with VanNatta. Johnston noted that the cost was already budgeted.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Farber moved that the PLSO support the semi-independent status of OSBEELS and OACES proposal for corner preservation with a \$25.00 fee limit. Neathamer seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

Freshwaters further reported that legislation to be contemplated for the 2011 session included: Modifying the Right of Entry Law by allowing notification by mail, boundary line agreements and considering aspects of machine control that constitute professional surveying. Relationship building with legislators in advance of the session will be a priority. He urged these issues be mentioned at chapter meetings. Freshwaters noted that there has been a lack of consistent participation and the committee needs a representative from each chapter.

Gaylord didn't anticipate much success with the machine control issue, but supports monitoring the other issues closely. Minor asked if F. VanNatta was to address chapters. VanNatta said that he wants to visit chapters and provide materials to leadership to assist with chapter presentations and will get a list of legislators for each chapter. Smith said legislators should be invited to chapter meetings. Ferguson added that he needed pros and cons on issues so members feel more educated. Linscheid will work with F. VanNatta on a draft regarding the proposed change to the semi-independent status of OSBEELS.

Support for Boy Scout Counselors—Gaylord updated the Board on the NSPS plan to support the 2010 Boy

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Scout Jamboree through funding college-age counselors at the event. The cost will be \$695 per person; not including travel expenses. NSPS requested Oregon support one student.

MOTION: Farber moved that scholarship be given to support one college student at the requested rate. Freshwater seconded.

Discussion: Level of donation discussed.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Ferguson amended the motion to change the support level to \$1000. Neathamer seconded the amendment to the motion.

The AMENDED MOTION to donate \$1000 to the Boy Scouts PASSED. Burrell, Beedle, Malone voted no.

Gaylord stated he may be requesting some financial support from PLSO for his travel to the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree, but would defer that to a later time. He asked that it be considered for inclusion in the 2010 budget when that document is prepared.

Strategic Planning Session—Farber wanted to review the strategic directions and accomplishments. The plan was reviewed and the Board was asked to provide accomplishments. Farber said the Rogue River workshop had a great turnout, even someone from Texas. Ferguson said the Pioneer Chapter picnic inspired members. Under “Foster Excellence,” Ferguson asked if there would be a web tab that listed tips and tricks. Farber said he wanted more direct links on the website for educational components such as Clark College and Fresno State. Johnston said NSPS has more information. 150 event and geocache sites would be considered “Outreach” and “Public Awareness.” TrigStar issues were discussed and the Board was asked to review feedback on the program. The Survey Merit Badge and Compass Skills/Map Reading would also be considered outreach.

A survey merit badge day would be a good project. Freshwaters has been in communication with realtors about what surveyors do. Those classes would provide continuing education credit to realtors. Freshwaters has a PowerPoint presentation available upon request. The annual conference and career days provide outreach to students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—Nemecek was absent, but is working to consolidate chapter budgets. Kent said they netted \$52,000 profit for the 2009 conference, but the numbers are expected to be down in 2010 and they will be lowering registration costs to \$395 for full registration. Projected budget is \$25–26k net, but the goal is \$30,000.

Conference—Kent reported that the conference committee is moving ahead and the program schedule and presenter list is nearly complete. Kent met with Action Registration to discuss live registration starting mid-October. The proposal for the 2011 Salem conference will be made after the 2010 conference. Kent also booked the of January 12–14, 2011 at the Hilton Eugene as a backup. For 2012, Kent recommends a return to Portland to convene a joint conference with GIS in Action. It would probably be at the Doubletree or the Red Lion Jantzen Beach. The conference meeting date would likely need to be changed from January to February or March as a compromise with the GIS in Action’s conventional meeting date in spring.

MOTION: Farber moved that the Conference Committee continue to work on the 2012 conference partnership with GIS in Action. White seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

TrigStar—Ferguson said that summer has been slow. He asked chapter presidents to make sure to mention both TwiST and TrigStar when

PLSO members talk to teachers. One or two TrigStar training sessions will be presented at the conference. Malone asked if there was a standard award program throughout the state. Ferguson said at the present time, chapters set the award amount.

TwiST—Kent reported that OIT wants to make some changes to course offerings, perhaps presenting two sessions, one in Washington and one in Oregon, June–July. In Washington, each chapter has its own TwiST budget. They funded 18 teachers to attend the program. Teachers are then required to make a presentation to the chapter who sponsored them. This year the TwiST course will use a free version of ESRI software which reduces total expenses for this course by \$3,000. Perhaps PLSO could consider contributing this amount toward scholarships. PLSO sponsored three local teachers from Salem. As a result of training they received at the TwiST course, they requested and received three total station instruments for use in their course work. Johnston said that chapters may consider sponsorships for TwiST developing their budget. The goal could be to sponsor 20–24 Oregon teachers at \$500 each. Chapters that produce income from workshops could use part of the proceeds over the next twelve months to provide these sponsorships. Teachers who attended the program in 2008 stated they are available to address chapters. Contact Kent for more information.

Scholarship—Haddock was absent but provided a written report. The PLSO Endowment Fund for this school year was \$10,447. The scholarship committee voted to raise the total award amount for surveying students to \$10,500, plus funding the Pete Maring Scholarship separately for a total 2009 scholarship award of \$11,000. In his written report, Haddock stated that PLSO board needs to vote on \$553 to reach the \$11,000 balance.

MOTION: Farber moved that PLSO send a check for \$553 to the Oregon Community Foundation. Neathamer seconded.

MOTION PASSED.

Education Goals and Actions—Kent reported that the LSAW pays for services of an outreach person who works throughout the state. Johnston said that cost estimates for this position may amount to \$17–18K annually including travel. Fassbender said the Mid-West chapter will not support a paid outreach position. Forkner said the Southwest chapter would like more details before a decision could be made. It was asked that the chapters discuss this at their meetings and be prepared to comment at the November board meeting. Kent suggested PLSO invite the LSAW outreach coordinator to speak at our November meeting.

Oregon Boundary Law Casebook—Kalb reported that progress has been on hold for the summer and is awaiting a progress report from Jeff Lucas. It does not appear that Lucas will complete his Alabama survey law casebook soon, and other candidates could be considered to produce this document. PLSO should start brainstorming on a paper vs. electronic version and how to use it as a member benefit. An outline of alternative ideas for the casebook will be sent to Parsons for circulation and PLSO feedback.

Webmaster—Johnston will contact Parsons concerning some outdated items on the website. Linscheid stated that he has updated some portions. A comment was made that there are aspects of the website that are sometimes hard to navigate.

PLSO to OSBEELS—Linscheid reported that OSBEELS Board hired a new full-time investigator. SB274, passed during the 2009 legislative session, affects the appeals process for law enforcement issues by OSBEELS. The bill changes the standard for acceptable evidence for an appeal

from “preponderance” to “clear and convincing evidence.” A committee comprised of the three land surveyor board members plus one engineering member has been given a 6-month deadline to look at other state standards and practices, and formulate some draft standards of practice for Oregon land surveyors. A discussion about the timing of public notices from OSBEELS was conducted as some board members reported receiving meeting notices with little or no lead time. The PLSO office will try to provide meeting reminders by posting as many dates for OSBEELS meetings on the PLSO calendar as possible. The standard meeting of the full board of OSBEELS convenes the second Tuesday of every other month.

Membership—No report.

Professional Practice—Neathamer will prepare a report on the responsibilities of the Professional Practices committee and asked the board review the operations manual and provide him feedback.

WFPS—Crites was not in attendance since WFPS was meeting in Denver. In a written report, Crites shared information on the June meeting in Nevada. A summary of the upcoming conference dates for WFPS member states are available on www.wfps.org.

NSPS—Anderson said NSPS was working on preservation of railroad right-of-way monuments. DeFazio is on this committee.

PLSO Liaison to OACES—Haddock attended the August meeting in Boardman for Gaylord and provided a written report. Discussion about title companies and homeowners associations was held.

Oregon GPS Users Group—Minor said they had a great summer meeting and a free picnic. There is a workshop on October 16. Two NGS state advisors, from Illinois and Maryland, will be instructors at the workshop.

Mark Armstrong is the new Oregon state advisor.

Constitution and Bylaws—Chapters were reminded they need to present nominations for Surveyor of the Year at the November board meeting. A discussion of the proxy procedure for PLSO board meetings was held. The proxy must be provided in writing and signed by the officer and provided to the PLSO Chair prior to the strike of the gavel. At the November meeting there could be three representatives from each chapter, comprised of outgoing and incoming Presidents, and incoming President-Elects. The incoming Presidents and President-Elects will convene the extraordinary board meeting immediately following the regular board meeting in November for the sole purpose of electing the 2010 PLSO Chair-Elect.

Publications—Abbott was not in attendance. Johnston reported that Chuck Wiley had volunteered to assist with *The Oregon Surveyor*. October 5 is the next deadline for articles. A call for special project articles was made.

Awards—Johnston reminded board members to monitor award timelines.

Other—Geocaching was discussed. Hamilton will no longer be the Geocache chair and Johnston said it would be ideal to have a Geocache chair from each chapter. Tolbert has canisters for each chapter; contact him if a chapter needs one. Kent announced that a workshop will be held on December 4 in Clackamas entitled “Accept or Not to Accept.” This workshop is jointly sponsored by the BLM/OIT for the benefit of the OIT survey program. Kent wants to see all 67 OIT students attend the annual conference.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 14 at OIT in Klamath Falls. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM. ◉



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In Memoriam Turf McTaggart

1952-2009

Turf Cameron McTaggart was born in Roseburg, Ore. on November 14, 1952. He attended local schools, Fullerton, Fir Grove, and John C. Fremont, graduating from Roseburg High School in 1970.

After high school he enrolled in the Carpenter's Apprentice Program while attending Umpqua Community College. He worked in the carpenter trade for several years on the West Coast and in Alaska. While working in the Portland area, he attended classes at Mt. Hood Community College. In 1982 he moved to Dallas, Texas and began his surveying career at Jones and Boyd Construction, becoming a Party Chief. In 1984 he returned to the Pacific Northwest working for the BLM.

In the mid 1980s Turf moved to San Diego and went to work for Rick Engineering. In May, 1990, he received an Associate of Arts, in Surveying from Palomar College in San Marcos, California. In January 1995 he became a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor in the state of California. The following year Turf returned to Oregon studying management/supervision. In 1999 he returned to San Diego working for RBF, a private engineering firm, specializing in survey mapping. The following year he went to work for Caltrans as a 'transportation surveyor.'

He moved to Eugene in 2003 and began working for the city of Springfield, during which time he acquired his Oregon Surveyor's License. He continued to work for the city of Springfield through the remainder of his career.

A celebration of Turf's life was held on October 10, 2009, at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center, Roseburg, Ore. Turf's desire was to have a park bench in his memory, overlooking the bandshell and the Umpqua River at Roseburg's Stewart Park. ◊

Letter to the Editor



Dear Mr. Abbott,

In the August/September issue of *The Oregon Surveyor*, you asked readers if they knew of anyone who lived through the entire 20th century. Your lobbyist's great aunt, and the great-great aunt of your state executive secretary, fits the category of the person you are seeking.

Aunt Daisy, (Fred's grandmother's sister and Mary Louise's great grandmother's sister) was born on June 3, 1899. She passed away May 31, 2009, just 3 days short of her 110th birthday.

She was born in the St. Helens, Ore. area on June 3, 1899 and moved to Scappoose in 1902. She completed high school in Scappoose and graduated from Oregon Normal School (now Western Oregon University).

She taught school, served in the Women's Auxiliary Corp in WWI, raised three children, was inducted into "Who's Who of American Women" in 1959, and made many contributions to the communities in which she lived.

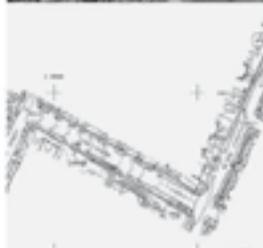
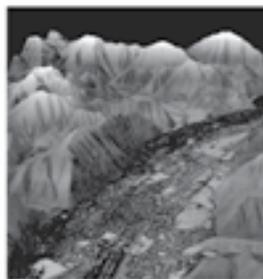
In her retirement years, she was involved in many community service projects. She crocheted hundreds of blankets for orphans in Africa, Guatemala and Mexico. A great lover of books on tape, she was recognized by the Seattle Public Library for her efforts in making tapes for the visually impaired.

She was a pleasant and lively woman until the very end of her life when she quietly passed away in her sleep. She will be greatly missed by our family.

Sincerely,

Mary Louise VanNatta

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BLM Approved Public Survey Plats

The following public land survey plats for Oregon were approved and/or filed during the period of February 2009 through May 2009.

Oregon, Willamette Meridian

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section
T. 27 S., R. 12 W.	Retracement
T. 22 S., R. 10 E.	Dependent Resurvey
T. 30 S., R. 4 W.	Retracement, Rehabilitation & Remonumentation
T. 3 S., R. 8 W.	Dependent Resurvey
T. 32 S., R. 5 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Sections 11, 18, & 19
T. 21 S., R. 7 W.	Corrective Dependent Resurvey, Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Sections
T. 2 S., R. 5 E.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision
T. 6 S., R. 3 E.	Dependent Resurvey, Subdivision of Section 7 & Survey
T. 14 S., R. 7 W.	Dependent Resurvey
T. 33 S., R. 5 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 19
T. 33 S., R. 6 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 35
T. 8 N., R. 10 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Survey
T. 31 S., R. 14 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Sections 14 & 15
T. 34 S., R. 6 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Sections
T. 2 S., R. 5 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 1
T. 1 S., R. 5 W.	Dependent Resurvey
T. 22 S., R. 5 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 7
T. 14 S., R. 7 W.	Amended Plat
T. 35 S., R. 3 W.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 5
T. 22 S., R. 9 W.	Corrective Dependent Resurvey, Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 24
T. 30 S., R. 5 W.	Retracement & Rehabilitation
T. 20 S., R. 8 W.	Rehabilitation
T. 10 S., R. 1 E.	Dependent Resurvey & Subdivision of Section 23

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■ By Mary Louise VanNatta, CAE; PLSO Executive Director

I couldn't be happier than when PLSO agreed to come to Salem, my hometown, for the Annual Conference, January 13–15, 2010. Living here my whole life, I have often overlooked what is great about the city and how it might be viewed in the eyes of tourists and conference attendees. The new conference center and beautiful Phoenix Grand Hotel is the jewel of downtown, offering anything you might find in another Oregon hotel in a larger city.

Our History: If you're a history buff, Salem offers a lot. The city was founded around 1840, part of Jason Lee's establishment of a Methodist Mission. The missionaries started the Oregon Institute, later to become Willamette University, the first university in the West.

From Salem History Online: *"The platting of the new town, originally called Chemeketa and later Salem, both meaning "place of peace," was completed in 1847. Although designated the territorial capital in 1851, Salem would not become the official capital of Oregon until 1855, after some squabbles with Marysville (now Corvallis.) Salem grew slowly during the nineteenth century and the community was best described as small town. A stone capitol building was constructed in 1876, with other state and county buildings following. The city became the hub of state government, mid-valley commerce, and a center of education. The twentieth century brought more growth, and Salem became the third most populated city in Oregon, after Portland and Eugene."* (visit cityofsalem.net)

When you come to Salem, you will be able to visit the Mission Mill Museum which has been designated an American Treasure by the National Park Service. Great for children and adults, the mill tells the history of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, which produced wool products from 1889 to 1962 and shows aspects of Jason Lee's Methodist Mission and Mission house. There is an Oregon Trail settler's house, a historic church and original water-powered turbine. It is also the site of the Marion County Historical Society. A great side trip www.missionmill.org

Love those government buildings? Salem's got 'em! If you haven't taken a tour of the Capitol Building since fourth grade, it's time. Learn about the gold pioneer and see where lobbyists drink coffee. This gorgeous building has been remodeled and its murals and art still provide inspiration for our leaders. See the new portrait of John Kitzhaber or the Governor's ceremonial office. Across the street is the Halle Ford Art Gallery and Willamette University.

Kids? If you have kids who aren't in school at that time or if you can share the conference with a spouse, treat yourself to a night or two at the Phoenix Grand Hotel. While elegant, it has a family-friendly breakfast room, a great pool and is within walking distance to downtown Salem. Also, it is close to the Salem Riverfront Park, with the Riverfront Carousel. I know it will be January, but one of the Northwest's greatest family spots is the A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village Children's Museum (acgilbert.org). If the hotel pool isn't enough for you,

take the kids out to the brand new Kroc Center in Keizer, which has a state-of-the-art aquatics facility with kids activity pool. (salemkroc.org).

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Semi-independent boards

If It Isn't Broken, Don't Fix It

■ By Fred VanNatta and Lenae Gehring



Recently, Governor Kulongoski asked the Oregon Legislature to reclassify the state Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying under the umbrella of the Building Codes Division. His reasoning: “Our financial crisis requires us to do business differently than we have in the past.”

But his argument doesn't make sense.

Semi-independent boards, like the Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, are self-funded and fully supported by the fees they charge. No tax or general fund dollars are involved in the operation of these boards. As semi-independent

organizations, they are able to utilize more efficient and effective practices seen in the private business sectors. They are smaller in size and do not require the same level of administrative processes as larger state agencies. They are also exempt from state require rules on purchasing, contracting, printing, interagency services, financial administration and human resources. A reclassification under the Building Codes Division ultimately costs both license holders and the state more money.

The Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying is already held to a higher level of financial accountability than regular state agencies. It undergoes an audit every two years to ensure financial accountability. Additionally, comprehensive fiscal reports are biennially submitted to the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Fiscal office. It is also subject to the State Ethics Laws and the statutes set forth by the legislature.

This movement for reclassification negatively impacts surveyors in the state of Oregon because it reduces their ability to exercise discretion in regulating their own profession.

It is disruptive to members of the organization and it interferes with the services they provide to the general public.

The State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying has already developed an efficient, self-sustaining method of regulation. Why would the state waste time and money by trying to take it over?

Yes, the financial crisis calls for the implementation of lean procedures and streamlined business practices. However, this particular attempt to consolidate business operations will not help the state cut costs.

The PLSO stands in firm opposition to this legislation. Your help is needed to stop this proposal in the Oregon legislature. Every legislator should be contacted by PLSO members and urged to oppose the changes in the operation of OSBEELS. **Please do your part.**

If you don't know who your legislators are, visit www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/. Provide your home address, then click “submit” and you will be given a full list of your state and US legislators. For further assistance contact the PLSO office at 503-585-4551. ☉

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Governor Kulongoski's Letter Details Proposed Changes

June 8, 2009

Dear President Courtney and Speaker Hunt:

On May 15, I delivered a speech outlining some of my thoughts about the appropriate State government response to the current economic crisis. As you are aware, among the ideas I proposed was temporary suspension of numerous state boards and commissions and consolidation of many state agencies. As I stated in my speech, in times such as these, we must accept that state government can no longer be all things to all people. As we make difficult decisions about state budgets, I feel that it is important to consider all options available for reducing state government—even those that do not necessarily save general funds.

Attached is a broad list of suggestions for elimination, suspension and consolidation of boards, commissions and agencies for the Legislature's consideration. I anticipate that the Legislature will want to take action in a thoughtful and methodical manner, and I stand ready to assist in that process. You may want to consider some of these suggestions for further study during the interim for implementation at the February 2010 session or during the regular session in January 2011.

Sincerely, *THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI*, Governor

SUGGESTIONS FOR ELIMINATION

1. Charitable Checkoff Commission (ORS 305.695)
2. Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission for Multnomah County (ORS 294.610) - Senate Bill 748 would get rid of this board.
3. Wage and Hour Commission (ORS 653.505) No current members.
4. Community Development Incentive Advisory Board (ORS 458.710)
5. Economy, Governor's Council on Oregon's (ORS 284.540)
6. Employee Suggestion Awards Commission (ORS 182.320)
7. Fire Service Policy Council (ORS 476.680)
8. Health Care Interpreters, Oregon Council on (ORS 409.619)
9. Historic Assessment Review Committee (ORS 358.511)
10. JOBS Plus Advisory Board (ORS 411.886)
11. Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (ORS 417.845)
12. Korean Day Commission (ORS 187.215)
13. Licensed Dietitians, Board of (ORS 691.485)
14. Oregon Opportunity Program Task Force (ORS 353.563)
15. Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council (set to sunset this year)
16. Public Officials Compensation Commission (ORS 292.907)
17. School for the Blind, Board of Directors of the (ORS 346.097) and School for the Blind (ORS 346.097) - currently housed in Dept. of Education.
This is not the same as Commission for the Blind.
18. School Safety Board of Directors, Center for (ORS 339.333)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUSPENSION

1. Advocacy Commissions, Office of, which includes:
 - a. Asian Affairs (ORS 185.610);
 - b. Black Affairs (ORS 185.420);
 - c. Hispanic Affairs (ORS 185.320);
 - d. Women (ORS 185.520);
 - e. Korean Day Commission cited above could be included here.
2. Blind, Commission for the (ORS 346.130)
3. Consumer Advisory Council (ORS 180.520)
4. Cosmetology, Board of (ORS 690.155)
5. Hearing Aids, Advisory Council on (ORS 694.165)
6. Massage Therapists, State Board of (ORS 687.115) - semi-independent
7. New Acquisitions - Dept. of Parks and Recreation
8. Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (ORS 675.310)
9. Oregon State Fair - Dept. of Parks and Recreation
10. Athletic Commission - Oregon State Police
11. Various Programs within the Department of Higher Education: Dispute Resolution Programs at PSU and UO; Veterinary Diagnostic Lab; Natural Resources Institute; The Bach Festival; Museum of Art Rural Access Program; Rural Oregon Institute; Population Research Center; Leadership Institute; Jefferson Public Radio at SOU; Small Business Development Center Programs at EOU and SOU

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION

1. Accountancy Board (ORS 673.410) into the Dept. of Consumer and Business Services
2. **Architect Examiners, State Board of (ORS 671.120), Engineering and Land Surveying, Oregon Board of (ORS 672.240), Landscape Architects (ORS 671.459) and Landscape Contractors (ORS 671.630) into Building Codes Division - all four are semi-independents.**

3. Arts Commission, Oregon (ORS 359.020) into the Cultural Development Trust (ORS 359.410)
4. Asset Forfeiture Oversight Advisory Committee (ORS 475A.155) into Criminal Justice Commission (ORS 137.654)
5. Aviation, State Board of (ORS 835.102) into ODOT
6. Construction Contractors Board (ORS 701.205) into the Dept. of Consumer and Business Services
7. Employment Relations Board (ORS 240.060) into the Bureau of Labor and Industries
8. Geologist Examiners, State Board of (ORS 672.615) into Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries (ORS 516.080)
9. Geology and Mineral Industries, Department (ORS 516.020) mapping and geologic functions could consolidate into OSU, regulation of surface mining into DSL or DLCD
10. Law Enforcement Medal of Honor (ORS 176.262) into DPSST
11. Liquor Control Commission, Oregon (ORS 471.705) There are many levels of control that could be explored while still retaining revenues; Oregon is a very controlled state in comparison with other U.S. states.
12. Marine Board, State (ORS 830.105). Registration functions to ODOT DMV, water patrol to OSP, waterway management to Dept. of Parks and Rec.
13. Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, State Board of (ORS 144.005 and 144.015). Could be consolidated into DOC.
14. Progress Board, Oregon (ORS 285A.153) – Move to Higher Education System
15. Real Estate Board (ORS 696.405) and the semi-independent Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ORS 674.305) into DCBS.
16. Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (ORS 496.460) – Move to ODFW.
17. Student Assistance Commission, Oregon (ORS 348.510) into OUS system
18. Tax Practitioners, State Board of (ORS 673.725) into Accountancy Board (ORS 673.410)
19. Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (ORS 342.350) into the Dept of Education
20. Utility Notification Center Board of Directors (ORS 757.547) into PUC (ORS 756.014)
21. Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (ORS 686.210) into Dept. of Agriculture

CONSOLIDATION OF HEALTH RELATED LICENSING BOARDS

- Chiropractors Examiners, State Board of (ORS 684.130)
 Clinical Social Workers, State Board of (ORS 675.590)
 Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional (ORS 675.775)
 Dentistry, Oregon Board of (ORS 679.230)
 Health Licensing Agency
 Mortuary and Cemetery Board, State (ORS 692.300)
 Naturopathic Examiners, Board of (ORS 685.160)
 Nursing, Oregon State Board of (ORS 678.140)
 Optometry, Oregon Board of (ORS 683.250) - semi-independent
 Pharmacy, State Board of (ORS 689.115)
 Psychologist Examiners, State Board of (ORS 675.100)
 Physical Therapist Licensing Board (ORS 688.160) - semi-independent
 Radiologic Technology, Board of (ORS 688.545)
 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners for (ORS 681.400)
- Consider review of consolidation of Natural Resource Agencies

PLSO Legislative Committee Responds

■ *By Scott Freshwaters, PLSO Legislative Chair*

The PLSO Board of Directors voted, on September 12, 2009, without dissent, to launch a grassroots campaign to oppose elimination of the existing semi-independent status of the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying. This was recently proposed by Governor Kulongoski. The Board, if the Governor's proposal is approved by the legislature, will move our board into the Building Codes Division.

How the Board's responsibilities relate to the adoption and enforcement of Oregon Building Codes is unclear. In our view, the proposal makes no sense.

Several things are clear:

- It will cost surveyors more money,
- It will reduce the authority of the surveyors to thoughtfully and ethically regulate our profession, *and*
- The transition and move of the board will be disruptive to our membership and the public that requires surveying services.

The sidebar of this article is a fact sheet setting forth several important reasons why this proposal should not be approved by the legislature. It is rumored this proposal will be up for consideration during the February 2010 Special Session.

The purpose of this article is to ask that you contact every legislator in your Chapter's geographic territory and urge them to oppose the measure.

The best contact is made in person, next a phone call or a personal letter from a member who lives in the district or an email. After the contact please report back to me through the PLSO office.

I need the following information from you on each contact with a legislator.

1. Name, email address and phone number of our PLSO member who talked to the legislator. If a group meets with the legislator, assign a specific individual to be the contact person. We may want that individual to make a further contact during the legislative session.
2. Record what the legislator said when (s)he was asked to oppose the proposal.

Our office staff will consolidate this information and it will be most helpful for our lobby efforts.

Thank you for your help with this project. It is a very high priority of your Board of Directors. If you have any questions, please email me at scottfr@cmc.net or Fred VanNatta at fred@PRSalem.com. ◉

FACTS ON SEMI-INDEPENDENT (SI) BOARDS

The main argument made by Governor Kulongoski, in his letter urging this change is: "Our financial crisis requires us to do business differently than we have in the past." He's right!

But the legislature, before Kulongoski was Governor, dealt with boards...made them stand alone, self governing boards that are fully financed by the profession which regulates it. SI boards have their own budgeting authority. The budget does not require legislative approval, saving everyone a lot of money just on the budget adoption. We should not retreat from that change to a less efficient and more costly way of doing business.

SI boards have operated in Oregon for more than a decade. They have functioned efficiently and with few problems. No one has yet made a case that the laws governing the SI boards are lax or that the boards have failed to carry out their duties. The SI boards operate with significant statutory safeguards. These include:

- The Board is subject to the Public Meetings and Records Law, and the Administrative Procedures Act which governs adoption of rules regulating folks registered by the Board.
- The Board is subject to the State Ethics laws.
- The Attorney General's Office is the Board's Legal Counsel.
- The Board is subject to state insurance coverage including tort liability and worker's compensation.
- The legislature continues to be responsible for the Board's statutes except for approval of the operating budget.
- Semi-independent agencies (SIAs) are self-funded and fully supported by the fees they charge.
- No tax or general fund dollars are involved in the operation of the SIAs.
- SIAs are typically small in size and do not require the same level of administrative processes as larger agencies.
- SIAs have been exempted from certain administrative statutes covering functions such as purchasing, contracting, printing, interagency services, financial administration, and human resources.
- Despite being exempted from certain administrative functions the semi independent boards are held to a higher level of accountability.
- SIAs are audited every two years (regular state agencies are audited at the discretion of the Audits Division).
- SIAs submit a comprehensive biennial report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Fiscal office.
- The Legislative Fiscal Office is required to review the biennial reports submitted by SIA and submit a statement of findings and conclusions to the Legislature.
- SIAs annual financial statements are available to the public and are filed with the Department of Administrative Services.
- SIAs have a budget process that is timely, responsive and accountable to the licensees whom fund the agency.
- SIAs are able to utilize more efficient and effective business practices seen in the private sector. ◉

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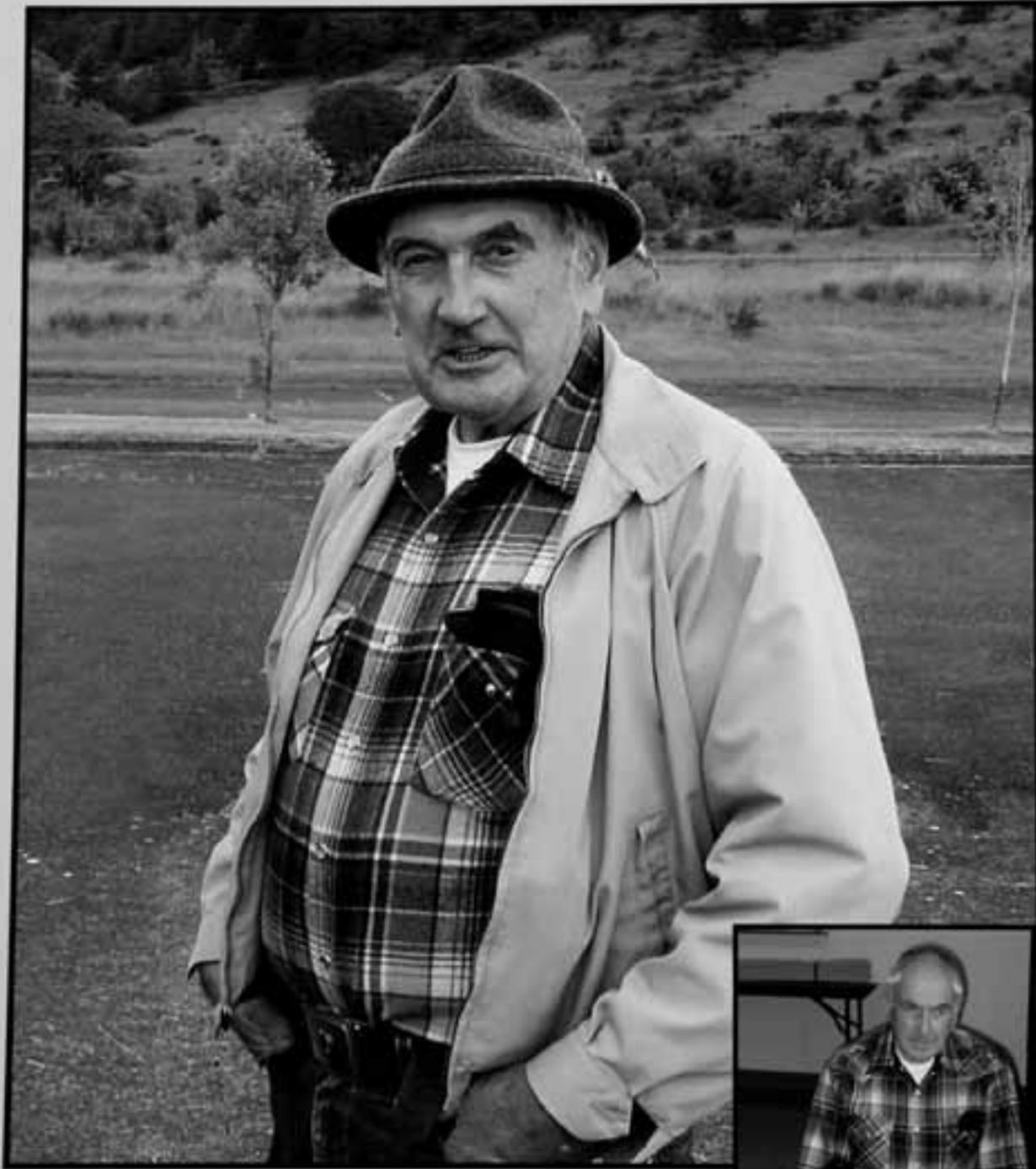
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Mr. Charles W. “Bill” Guile, PLS

■ By Dave Wellman

Charles W. “Bill” Guile, 2009
We are sad to announce that Bill passed away on November 3, 2009. At press time, Bill’s family was making arrangements for his memorial service. The family requests that any donations be made to the PLSO Scholarship Fund for the Bill Guile Scholarship. Thank you, Bill, for everything.

How many of us can boast 50 years as a licensed and practicing surveyor? For 50 years, and at 80 years young, Charles “Bill” Guile has been recording surveys in and around Lane County, Oregon.

On August 20, the PLSO Midwest Chapter held a recognition party in Bill’s honor. Many of those attending were land planners, longtime friends, attorneys and County Surveyor’s staff, together with most of the local

surveyors. The party was conceived by some of his most faithful followers—and follow in his footsteps they have.

Bill was introduced to surveying in 1945 as a summer hire for Charles C. Hayden. It was the summer before his Senior year in high school and a particularly memorable summer being only three months before V-J Day. He was 16 years old. Bill obtained his license to set Oregon property corners in 1959 and is registered as Oregon License No. 472. After a tour of duty with the Lane County Surveyor’s Office he went into private practice in April 1963. His first survey in Lane County was filed as C.S.F. No. 11056 in May of 1959. His last survey, C.S.F. 41669, was filed on November 3 (the day he passed away). When asked how many surveys he filed, Bill could only fathom a guess. The Lane County Surveyor suggests the number as somewhere over 1720 surveys. That’s almost one survey a week—think of it

—one survey a week for 50 years! And it doesn’t take long for a practitioner in Lane County to find that out either. No matter where you go, there is another one of Bill’s corners, BTs, caps, or name stamped on something. He performed more rural surveys than one could shake a viney maple stick at. Subdivisions, partitions, construction, topo, timberlands, private, industry and government—there wasn’t much Bill had not seen or done. This author once asked the County Surveyor for a few examples of family cemetery plot-type surveys in the area as good examples. Of the five surveys found in the database, four were by Bill.

Bill was always active in PLSO and was there when the Midwest Chapter formed in 1968. He had been a Midwest chapter chair, served on a number of committees and was voted a Life Member in 1990.

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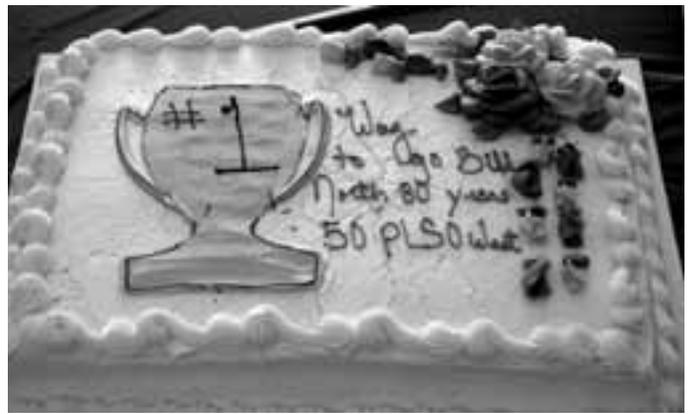


Bill was instrumental from the beginning with the PLSO Scholarship Fund. His initial efforts in obtaining and focusing funding solidified PLSO's effectiveness in awarding present day scholarships. When Bill stepped down from chairing the PLSO Scholarship Fund in 1989, the Board of Directors moved to name the first scholarship awarded each year as the Bill Guile Scholarship.

Bill was continually committed to the knowledge of the profession. At chapter meetings Bill would request that we review problems, compare techniques and review the laws. Bill was always there to share his knowledge and to mentor the younger surveyors. Who hasn't asked for his advice or pearls of wisdom? Oh, there are the stories too—daring feats of surveyor prowess if you will—readily followed with a tidbit of sage advice as to how one should hold themselves out to the public.

In the ever-changing world, Bill saw his fair share of those changes. Most notable would be in the planning arena. Land planners commended Bill for "keeping up" with it all. Think of just the changes in performing a partition in the last 10 years, let alone the last 50. Yikes! Attorneys requested his assistance with court cases as an expert or otherwise. As a surveyor, Bill commanded such respect that when clients came asking how much a survey costs, Bill would look up in the air and say, "it will cost what it costs." The client would look up in the air where Bill was gazing and invariably say, "Well, let's get started."

As surveyors, we are a small community. If you knew Charles Guile you'd understand why everyone who met him said, "Thank you, Bill." ◊



NSPS Notice OF Awards

The National Society of Professional Surveyors sponsors four Awards of Excellence in the surveying profession

SURVEYING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented to a person who performed outstanding service to the surveying profession, this award includes an engraved plaque and a \$500 honorarium.

The person does not have to be a surveyor or a member of NSPS or ACSM, but candidates must be nominated for the award by an ACSM affiliate section or two NSPS members at large. If nominated by an ACSM section or affiliate, the nomination must be signed by two officers of the organization. If nominated by two NSPS members at large, the nomination must be signed by the sponsors and accompanied by four letters of recommendation.

Each nomination must include a narrative stating the reasons why the sponsors feel the nominee is deserving of this honor, specific accomplishments the nominee has made toward the profession and biographical data that can be used in the award presentation.

The member organizations administrator must be notified of any nomination by December 15, 2009.

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The Life and Times of Bert Mason, Jr.

Ellen Mason, 2009

Ellen Mason passed away this past October. To those of you who read this column or have been involved in PLSO, you know that Ellen meant more to Bert than even his illustrious surveying career. Please take a moment to reflect on the life of Ellen Mason, a gentle soul and wonderful woman.



Bert Mason, Jr. and his wife, Ellen at the 2009 PLSO Conference

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My first employment with K. B. Wood Engineers was as a draftsman. The office, by this time, was in a large room above a pharmacy at West Slope, between Portland and Beaverton. Ken's new surplus Multiplex plotter was surrounded with a black curtain behind which Spence labored behind his red and blue glasses to turn out manuscripts which had to be edited, traced, inked, entitled and turned into maps by myself and another draftsman.

Only two events remain in my mind of those weeks at my drafting table.

Between my table and Spence's booth stood a large 4' x 8' layout table which had a full-size stretcher about six inches above the floor for stability and for storage of paper, maps and other miscellaneous items. On this day, Ken had invited a whole gaggle of Weyerhaeuser executives to view this marvelous, new method of topographic mapping. Spence had finished his mystifying demonstration and lecture, and Ken shepherded his

charges out to the layout table to show a large finished map which lay draped over the edge of the table. He was well into his speech about how skilled and dedicated his employees were in their efforts to produce the highest possible quality of maps at the lowest possible cost, when zzz-o-o-on-n-n-nk emerged from beneath the table. The startled group instinctively raised the draped map and peered beneath it to view an apparently, human body with a curved briar pipe in its mouth, its heels on a pile of maps, and its head on a stack of paper. The executives laughed heartily; but the boss was not amused.

It was C. E. (Charley) Reynolds, taking his noon-day nap. Charley was a pre-WWII graduate of the New York State School of Forestry at Syracuse. He earned his living by cruising old growth fir. (I did not learn, until nearly 50 years later, that he was also an accomplished painter, whose paintings routinely sold for several hundreds of dollars at a gallery in Lake Oswego.) He had a unique ability to catch the

crummy with a logging crew after an early breakfast, work like a whirling dervish until noon, lie down on any convenient log—pipe in mouth—nap for half an hour, repeat the dervish act, catch the crummy back to camp, shave and shower, and dash to the nearest club for an evening of drinking, dancing and singing until 2AM, sleep through breakfast, and catch the crummy for another day. He could do this day after day, and night after night. We became very good friends, though I never accompanied him on his after-work activities.

On another day, a tall, rather slender man lurched through the drafting room door, carrying a large, heavy leather salesman's sample case in his arms. He staggered drunkenly from one table to the next, talking briefly with each person. At last, he made it to my position where he attempted to support himself by practically laying on the table. He tried to explain—that he was not drunk, but was the victim of a very advanced case of some rare

nervous disorder similar to Parkinson's Disease; that he had been jailed dozens of times for being drunk on the streets. Unable to find any kind of employment, he was trying to sell magazines to support himself. Unfortunately, I, as well as all of the other young fellows in the room, was hip-deep in magazines, and could not help him. As he turned to leave, he asked if we had a pencil sharpener that he could use. He showed me a handful—fifteen or twenty—of yellow Ticonderoga pencils, each one with the point broken off. I pointed out to him a pencil sharpener on the casing of the door by which he had entered. He made his way to the door and laboriously sharpened every one of his pencils. He departed without having made a sale.

I felt so very sorry for the poor guy; then, it dawned on me that I had directed him to the draftsman's special sharpener—it did not put a point on the pencil; it simply removed the wood, leaving a quarter of an inch of round lead, leaving the draftsman—using a sand pad with which every table was supplied—to shape whatever type of point he needed.

I raced to the door and searched the hall, but the fellow had disappeared. All of my life, since that day, I have carried the shame and guilt of knowing that that poor man had to be convinced that I was some kind of wise guy snickering about the mean trick that I had played on some unfortunate person. Even though my intent had been sincere, I know how he must have felt.

Early on, our only source for photography was Knute Melsom, who was based in Seattle. He had an ancient Fokker monoplane which was able to attain the altitude from

which most mapping photography was performed, but it required a very long, expensive time to do it. In addition, photography could be obtained only on cloud-free days; and several other agencies made demands on Knute's time, thus often delaying our projects.

At last, Ken decided that we would do our own flying. He purchased a Cessna Bobcat—an old war surplus tube-and-fabric twin-engine trainer, often referred to as the "Bamboo Bomber." It had been used during WWII as a basic trainer for multi-engine pilots. He had it re-engined with brand new surplus Jacobs higher-power engines, which could be purchased for a few hundred dollars each. He had two holes cut in the bottom of the fuselage—one between the pilot's feet for a plastic window so that the pilot could see downward, and one

behind the seats for a camera mount. Despite its two higher-powered engines, the old Bobcat had about the same performance as Knute's Fokker.

Now that we had a flight department, we had to have a photographic department. This called for a photo processing lab, and I was ordered to design it! This was the answer to a photographer's dreams: to be able to design a lab with every feature he needed or wanted, and without the faults of all he had worked in before.

Ken had also purchased an ancient 20" x 20" inch copy camera, which, rumor had it, had previously been used by a group which had been producing twenty dollar bills in Portland. It had a remarkable lens, which was capable of producing very fine copies. The

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camera was mounted on a frame which was suspended by large springs from a carriage that rolled on a rigid frame toward or away from the board holding the material to be copied. Light for illuminating the material to be copied was provided by two open carbon arc lamps.

An adjoining office, opening onto another corridor, had been leased and a wall had been constructed between the darkroom area and the camera room. A wide door was equipped with a double-curtain light trap for easy, hands-free passage between the two rooms without endangering any light-sensitive materials in the darkroom. The darkroom housed storage spaces for film, papers and chemicals of all kinds and sizes. There were stainless steel tanks for every purpose. And best of all, the water supply for every tank was thermostatically controlled so that the proper temperature for every purpose could be attained by the simple turn of a dial.

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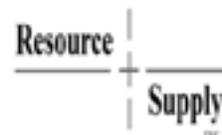
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News from the Chapters

Rogue River #4

■ *Stephan (Pat) Barott, Secretary/Treasurer*

May 18, 2009

Chapter President: Herb Farber
Location: Elmer's Restaurant, Grants Pass
Called to Order: 7:00 PM **Adjourn:** 9:55 PM
Attendance: 7 members
PDH: 1

Approval/Amendments to Agenda

Approved as read and amended by Bob Neathamer and Craig Claassen. Approval/amendments to March meeting notes: approved.

New Business

BOD Business. Statewide PLSO charity discussion (Ferguson-Farber). Geocache discussion.

Committee Reports

Workshop: Shawn has sent out agenda to our chapter.

Strategic Planning: Final action plan will be updated and posted to PLSO website.

Career Day: Craig Claassen and Peter Allen went to Grants Pass High School. Many kids did not have any knowledge of surveyors. Herb and Kerry went to the middle school.

State Board Reports

BOD: Video conference with Umpqua and BMCC worked well. Discussion on old PLSO booth for Southern Oregon or replace with a new one.

OSBEELS: Adopted OAR rules and new budget. Law enforcement cases need priorities. OSBEELS may have three investigators soon.

OIT: There are 69 students in the Geomatics program. Working on in-state tuition with bordering counties. May integrate GIS into Geomatics. Need donations for new instructor at OIT. Spring 2009 update—23 applicants took exams this year; 8 passed.

Local Jurisdictional/Government Reports

USFS: New surveyor is scheduled to report June 8

BLM Medford: Dan Weller is Acting-Lead for Medford until July.

Program

“GPS The Last Twenty Years”—Herb Farber showed the evolution of GPS survey equipment and technology. There was a discussion on economy, and what the future might look like. ☉

September 21, 2009

Chapter President: Herb Farber
Location: Mazatlan Grill, Central Point
Called to Order: 8:00 PM **Adjourn:** 9:40 PM
Attendance: 13 members and 1 guest
PDH: 2

Approval/Amendments to Agenda

Bob Neathamer with an OIT update. Herb Farber with the Jackson County Floodplain Review. Approval/amendments to May meeting notes: approved.

Program

Representative Dennis Richardson presented “An overview of the Legislative Process and the Last Session.” A great discussion on the legislative process and politics in general followed Richardson’s presentation.

New Business

November chapter meeting—Spouse Dinner discussion.

Nomination of Officers, Life Members, and other awards. Bob Neathamer and Shawn Kampmann (and other volunteers) will compile a list of nominees for the October 19 meeting.

Committee Reports

Workshop: The September workshop was attended by 63 people; 3 from California, 1 from Idaho, 3 from Washington, 1 from Houston, Texas. 27 non-PLSO members (two asked for applications). Income was \$5,200, with approximately \$1,900 in expenses. The catering was great and we collected lots of good comments on the content and organization of the workshop.

TrigStar: The 2009 State TrigStar winner was Rafael Castrejon from Phoenix High School. We had very positive support from Shawna Blanchette, a math teacher at Phoenix High School. Jim and Shawna are both looking forward to 2010! Jim thanked Peter Allen and Todd Z. for their efforts in Grants Pass.

State Board Reports

- Discussion on corner restoration fees.
- Proposal/discussion on semi-independent boards
- 2010 annual conference fees will be reduced.

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News from the Chapters

Rogue River, cont.

- 2011 annual conference scheduled for Hilton in Eugene (no host chapter at this time).
- 2012 annual conference will be a joint conference with GIS in the Portland area.

TwIST: This year's goal is to sponsor 20–24 Oregon teachers at \$500 each. Chapters may use workshop funds for sponsors.

MOTION: Herb made a motion to include a line item in budget (\$1,000) for TwiST next year. Seconded by Shawn.

MOTION ACCEPTED

OSBEELS: Bob Neathamer reported there are now three full time investigators.

Local Jurisdictional/Government Reports

Jackson Co: Kerry Bradshaw reported that the fee schedule increased 20–25%. There are some maps and plats online; the project is not yet complete.

Josephine Co: Peter Allen reported that the fee schedule will increase. The map sticker size has changed. Geology records for the county are now with the Surveyor's Office.

City of Grants Pass: Craig Claassen reported that budget cutbacks will reduce the Engineering staff.

City Of Medford: Jon Proud reported that they have downsized their department to two surveyors.

BLM/USFS: The new Lead Cadastral Surveyor for BLM-Medford is Larry Judd; he recently relocated from New Mexico. The chosen applicant for the position of Forest Service Land Surveyor for Medford–South-Central Oregon Lands Zone turned the job down and stayed in Arizona. There is no other selection at this time.

Other New Business

Neathamer reported that the OIT Geomatics class has nearly 70 students and they have a new Geomatics instructor.

County Floodplain Review discussion: more to follow on updated codes. ◉

The Lost Surveyor

From the back cover

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Answer: Magness Memorial Tree Farm Educational Project of the Western Forestry Center at 31195 SW Ladd Hill Road in Sherwood, Ore. Over 5 miles of trails through woods and a creek with buildings and lots of educational information.

October 21, 2009

Chapter President: Farber

Location: Elmer's Restaurant, Grants Pass

Called to Order: 7:02 PM **Adjourn:** 9:30 PM

Attendance: 11 members, 1 guest (Gary Johnston)

PDH: 2

Approval/Amendments to Agenda: Approved.

Approval/amendments to September meeting notes—
Correction: Josephine County fee schedule subject to approval and has not changed as of this date. Approved as amended.

Old Business

The November Chapter Meeting will be a Spouse dinner on Nov 20. Location and agenda to be posted by Max Hull and Craig Claassen.

Nomination and vote of 2010 Officers, Life Members and/or other awards. President—Craig Claassen; President-Elect—Stephan Barott; Secretary-Treasurer—Otto Ribanszky

Chapter Budget for 2010 review and adoption: Approved as amended.

Discussion on distinguished service award for one of our members—more to come later.

New Business

BOD Business: PLSO Paid Outreach Position discussion.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning Committee: Discussion by Gary Johnston. More to come after additions from Herb Farber.

Local Jurisdictional/Government Reports

Jackson Co: Kerry Bradshaw reported that surveys online are coming soon (most likely there will be a fee). Oregon Railroad Maps discussion. Way of Necessity/public ROW discussion.

Josephine Co: Peter Allen reported that the public land corner fee will increase. Other fees will not change at this time. Updated FEMA FIRM (D-Firms) maps are coming soon.

City of Grants Pass: Craig Claassen reported on FEMA updates and new D-Firms for City.

Other New Business

Military support package discussion: Our chapter has at least one soldier on active duty.

Program

Update on BLM Manual and Certified Federal Surveyor program by Stephan Barott, CFeds #1083 and retired Federal Surveyor (Forest Service). ◉

Umpqua #7

■ Brent Knapp, Secretary/Treasurer

May 11, 2009

Chapter President: David Beedle

Location: Elmer's Restaurant, Roseburg

Called to Order: 6:37 PM **Adjourn:** 8:15 PM

Attendance: 11 members, 1 student

Minutes from the April meeting were approved with no corrections made.

- The meeting began with a report from the PLSO Board meeting held at Umpqua Community College on May 2. The meeting was attended by the Blue Mountain Chapter via teleconference. Umpqua Chair-elect Randy Smith was in attendance at the meeting as well as current Chair, David Beedle.
- Smith gave a report on an 8-page opinion on personal contact and door hangers. The report stated that mailings were insufficient.
- Beedle discussed the four goals related to strategic planning that the Board has outlined. They were: Inspire members, conduct outreach, the legislative agenda, and foster excellence.
- Beedle also reported that there might be legislation regarding railroad monumentation. Two main lines are of importance to Umpqua chapter: the Coos Line and the Siskiyou Line. Descriptions are mostly written to the centerline of the railway. Again, the definition of surveying was discussed; this time with reference to GPS-equipped grading equipment. A question was asked, "Who holds liability for grading equipment?"
- Teaching with Spatial Technology (TwiST) was also discussed.
- The chapter looked at what types of charities there were that PLSO could support at the Board level.
- The chapter discussed the "Survey Rock" along State Highway No. 42 near Bear Camp. The Rock is not in its original position. The chapter is in favor of moving and preserving the "Survey Rock" and will coordinate with the Oregon Department of Transportation Geometronics Department.
- Leonard Herzstein volunteered to set up and run a PLSO booth at the annual Engineering and Surveying Evening at Umpqua Community College.

The evening ended with a spirited discussion on the setting of monuments by hand-held GPS and "what constitutes a monument." Ken Hoffine brought to the

chapter's attention two examples of recent incidents that have come in front of the Law Enforcement Committee. Contractors and unlicensed individuals are using hand-held GPS units to determine property corners. Items not in accordance with State Statutes for use in monumentation were also discussed. The meeting ended with a discussion of the question, "Does ORS 209.005 define, clearly enough, what a monument is?" ◊

Willamette #8

■ John Wise, Secretary/Treasurer

September 21, 2009

10th Annual PLSO of Oregon, Willamette Chapter, Student Appreciation Dinner

Chapter President: Dave Malone

Location: Sizzler, Salem

Called to Order: 7:00 PM **Adjourn:** 9:00 PM

Attendance: 3 officers, 9 members, 1 guest

Attendance Note: 10 of 105 Corporate members were present. Chapter members need to show support by attending these meetings.

Business Meeting

Minutes from last meeting in May were approved.

The 2010 PLSO Annual Conference will be at the Salem Conference Center, January 13-15. Ray Wilson and Jack Burrell discussed the speakers and programs. Some of the workshops will be "Newly Released 2009 BLM Manual", "Lidar", "Common Complaints to OSBEELS", "Water Resources Basics 101", and more. There will be a Best Survey Truck/Best Survey Map Contest.

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News from the Chapters

Willamette, cont.

New Business

2009 Surveyor of the Year: Nominees need to be submitted by the November board meeting. The submission form is located on the PLSO website.

2010 Chapter Officers: Jack Burrell, President: President-elect, open; Secretary/Treasurer, open.

Vote will be held in October 2009

Statewide PLSO Outreach: Would like to explore the option of a statewide outreach person to travel to high schools and educate students and teachers on aspects of professional land surveying.

TwIST Program: More participation is needed statewide. Washington state continues to fill open seats for this program - which Oregon should be filling.

PLSO Scholarship Fund: \$11,000 in monies was awarded to eight people.

Committee Reports

Membership: No report was given but there was discussion about the lack of attendance.

Welfare and Ethics: No report.

Legislation: Gov. Kulongoski has proposed merging OSBEELS with other groups to save money (Building Inspectors, Architects, etc.). PLSO is not supportive of this proposal. A \$25 fee increase for Corner Restoration Fund is proposed. These items will come up for vote in the next Special Session in February 2010.

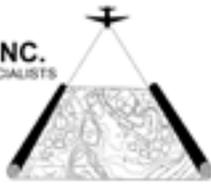
TrigStar: A chapter volunteer is needed to meet our objective and work with Joe Ferguson. Joe will have more information available at the 2010 Annual Conference.

Geocaching: A statewide volunteer is needed to spearhead this committee.

Budget: Dave Malone reported on the cost of the Student Appreciation Dinner held at OSU in May. This event is the biggest budget item of the year. It was reiterated that there will be no workshops held during the year since the chapter is responsible for hosting the 2010 Annual Conference. ◉

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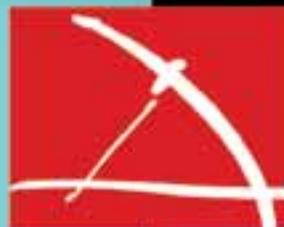
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