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DINNER MEETING

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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

Thursday, October 27, 1988

10+00 LOCATION: Chief Charley's - Dunedin
1800 Main St.

11+00 SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
(Beverages available in meeting room.
Server will take individual orders and
collect at time beverage is served.)

12+00 DINNER: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

MENU: Ribeye Steak, 13 oz.
OR
Sirloin and Shrimp

13+00 Includes: Salad Bar
Baked Potato
Homemade Multigrain Bread & Butter
Coffee, Tea
Dessert (Vanilla or Peppermint Ice Cream)

14+00 PRICE: \$14.00 per Person

BUSINESS: 8:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.

15+00 PROGRAM: F.S.P.L.S. Goals and Objectives - Steve Woods, past-president
of the F.S.P.L.S. will outline the Executive Committee's
direction for the land surveyors of Florida. We have a new
slate of state officers and district directors along with a
commitment from our new president, Steve Vrabel, for an open
door policy to all meetings. You are invited to unite with
us at this dinner meeting and participate in lively discussions
regarding our profession during this important sun-set year.

16+00 Please call Joan Dwyer at 253-5311 by Monday before the meeting with the
NAMES of the people in your firm planning to attend, indicating the choice
of entree for each individual.

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MINUTES

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TAMPA BAY SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1988
MINUTES

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Meeting called to order at 7:43 P.M. at the Holiday Inn Downtown by President Dick Lawrence.

There were no minutes from the picnic meeting.

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Treasurers report was given by John Waby

The following is the standing committee chairpersons for the current year:

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Membership.....Danny Polk
Finance.....John Waby
Ethics & Grievances....Mike Fuqua
Education.....Margaret Caron
Publicity.....Charles Norwood
Legislative.....Jeff Lucas
Constitution & Bylaws
Publication.....Joe Boyle
GPS Users Group.....Ed Wackerman
FSPLS Communications...Jeff Lucas

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No unfinished business.

New business:

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Report from Dick Lawrence on the ad hoc committee reviewing the proposed FSPLS Constitution amendment.

Motion by John Waby to donate \$500.00 to the University of Florida Scholarship fund. Seconded by Red Clanton and approved.

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Meeting turned over to Don Hawkins, Convention Chairman for reports from the convention committees. Motion by Curtis Fredlund to sell jackets for \$20.00 and hats for \$5.00 at the convention. Seconded by Red Clanton and approved.

Discussion on the M.T.S. and the O.H.W.L. with Doug Manson from the law firm of Blain and Cone.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Respectively submitted,
Danny Polk
Secretary

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

10+00 This is a new committee formed this year by President Lawrence to act as the liaison between TBSPLS and FSPLS on the important issues that will be facing us over the coming year. This committee will work with FIELD BOOK and the Administrative Office of FSPLS to bring this information to you in a timely manner. This committee will follow the actions of the FSPLS Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Standing Committees. If I do my job right you will know what the issues are before you know what they were.

11+00 ANNUAL COMNVENTION

12+00 As you are well aware, the 33rd Annual Convention of FSPLS was held right here in beautiful downtown Tampa, October 6 - 9. All-in-all, I believe that the objectives of TBSPLS were well served by our members who were in attendance at the general business meeting on Friday and at the Board meetings on Thursday and Sunday.

13+00 Our Chapter received much praise from the entire membership of FSPLS for a job well done. All of the events that we sponsored were unqualified successes, with the exception of the tennis tournament which was cancelled. Our own Dick Lawrence received an award as Director of the Year of FSPLS. Congratulations to all who helped make this convention the best one yet!

14+00 SUNSET REVIEW

14+00 By far and away the most pressing issue facing us as a Chapter, as a Society, and as a Profession is "Sunset Review". The sun will set, so to speak, on our practice act this year. It is not beyond the realm of possibilities that we could lose the regulation of our profession during this review. This is not without precedence, but is highly unlikely. What is more apt to happen is some sort of change that drastically changes the complexion of the laws governing land surveying. This could come about by the most well meaning, uncontroversial attempt to make some minor change, that turns into something quite major and contentious by the time it's run it's course.

15+00 So the best plan of action would be to not attempt any changes during "Sunset Review". Let's try and survive with Chapter 472 intact. If changes are deemed appropriate at some future date, let's attempt them in an atmosphere where only that change being proposed would be considered. Not during Sunset when our whole practice act will be under review. This has been the position of this Chapter and I'm happy to report that this is now the position of FSPLS. The general membership voted to pursue no changes to 472 during "Sunset Review" and to oppose any other groups attempting to make changes.

16+00 FSPLS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

17+00 The amendments mailed to the membership of FSPLS prior to the convention came up for discussion but were not adopted. Newly installed President, Steve Vrabel, charged all of the Directors with the responsibility of holding at least one workshop in every District to discuss the proposed amendments. All seven Districts must report back to the Board of Directors in March with their comments. The Constitution and Laws Committee will then produce a final draft of the amendments and present it to the Board at the June meeting. This draft, if approved by the Board in June, will then go to the Annual Convention next year for consideration by the entire membership. We

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Florida State Board of Land Surveyors, FSBLs, adopted the new MTS, including rules on OHWM, at their board meetings held in late September. I have not seen the final draft, fifth rewrite draft, that was finalized by the Board. Therefore, I cannot report any details of the standards that were actually adopted. However, if the fourth rewrite draft that was sent out to all FSPLS members is any indication, then the major point of contention of these new standards is Section 21 HH-6.007, Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) Surveys.

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As you know, DNR has been working on some standards of their own for the determination of OHWM. Immediately following the Board's adoption of MTS with OHWM procedures, DNR issued a 21 page challenge to the rule. I have a copy of this challenge and I have a copy of the DNR's draft Ordinary High Water Line Rule.


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The question is, where does this leave FSPLS, and the individual Land Surveyors around the State? At the Annual Convention the general membership voted to defer any action either in support of, or in opposition to, the rules adopted by the Board. This technically puts us in a neutral position on this issue. With Sunset Review looming over the horizon, this is probably the best position for FSPLS, and Land Surveyors as a whole, to be in. We don't need to be caught up in controversy during a review of our practice act.

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One of the major objections to DNR's proposed rule, that came out early on, was the lead role that others played in the determination of OHWM and the minor role that the Land Surveyor played. The Board's rule, as written in the fourth draft, has the Land Surveyor as the lead professional. However, the DNR's latest draft on OHWM does not name any professionals. Moreover, no profession is mentioned at all in the DNR's draft, except for Land Surveying.

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The DNR's draft falls short of naming Land Surveyor's as the lead professional in the determination of OHWM. Instead, it sticks to the criteria for determining this line. Who performs these tasks apparently is left up; who is qualified to perform these tasks? It's my opinion that if we were forced to live with DNR's version of OHWM, that we as Land Surveyor's could step in and become this lead professional with a little training through seminars. Of course if we sit back and let others do it, as we have in the past, then we will not be the lead professional. Our's will be a function of surveying and mapping the OHWM as determined by others. The DNR's draft rule does not hand it to us on a silver platter the way the FSBLs rule does, but the DNR's rule doesn't prohibit us from taking the lead role either.

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As I stated earlier in this report, I do not have the final version of MTS as adopted by the Board, and therefore I am a little reluctant to comment on specifics. Likewise, the DNR just concluded a series of workshops on their draft rule, and for all I know they may be significantly different from the draft that I have read. However, generally speaking the DNR's draft has a couple of advantages over the Board's. One, it is a more scientific approach to the determination of the OHWM, and thereby more defensible in court. Two, it gives public notice, again more defensible in court. And three, it would demand higher fees for our services. The more educated our profession, the more scientific our approaches, the more business like we become, the more respect we will command from society. The end result of respect from society is a larger demand for our services with fees commensurate with that respect.

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Respectfully Submitted


Jeffery N. Lucas
Chairman
Legislative Committee
TBSPLS

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need to hold a joint workshop with the Ridge Chapter and hammer out our comments on the FSPLS Constitution.

QUICKLY SAID

The membership voted to continue the FSPLS/ASPRS Joint Committee for another year. We had a full year of discussions and five workshops. It's time to continue the discussion. No matter what your position on this subject is, it is in everyone's best interest to continue our discussions with the photogrammetrists.

FSPLS reaffirmed it's support of the the 4-year degree requirement as passed during the last legislative session and will urge the Florida Legislature to keep this requirement through "Sunset Review".

The "Surveying Education Extension Centers of the University of Florida Surveying and Mapping Instructional Program" was endorsed by FSPLS. This program would extend the Surveying and Mapping programs offered at UF to local institutions existing in some of the major metropolitan areas around the state.

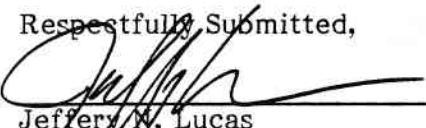
President Vrabel outlind his goals and objectives for the coming year at the Sunday Board meeting. He wants FSPLS to be in a "defensive mode" during Sunset. He appointed liaisons with FSBLs, Gold Coast Land Surveyors Council, WCSPLS, and FES/Professional Surveyors of Florida. He announced a tentative schedule for Board Meetings. Tentatively set is a date for a seminar/Bar-B-Que to be held in Tallahassee on April 18 - 19. This event will be a combination legislative seminar by Carl Adams, meet and talk to your Representative, and Bar-B-Que dinner to discuss the issues.

Next years Annual Convention will be at The Breakers in West Palm Beach, Florida, probably early in October.

FINALLY

Much, much more happened at the convention. I can't possibly tell you all. I was generally pleased with the results and the progress. One thing is very certain. We MUST be a united Society come "Sunset Review". We have too much to lose. I will do my best with communciation so that you know what's going on, but don't be shy about calling Steve Vrabel, Jack Breed, Steve Levine or myself about any of the issues.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeffery N. Lucas
Chairman
Communications Committee
TBSPLS

SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY

10+00 The Landsat series of earthmapping satellites, first launched in 1972, has unlocked a huge store of secrets about the earth. Mining companies have found uranium, copper and molybdenum by studying Landsat photos. Their clues were tiny changes in the amount of sunlight that foliage reflected, changes caused by traces of metals in the soil. In 1976, Landsat even discovered an uncharted, 150 foot island, off the coast of Labrador (now known as Landsat Island).

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13+00 A new French satellite called SPOT 1 now offers photos far sharper than those Landsat provides. From its orbit 520 miles up, the nosy little spacecraft can also take pictures in 3-D - a useful feature for highway planners; dam builders, or anyone else interested in seeing the earth in relief. It was SPOT 1 that provided the world press with aerial photographs of the irradiated region around Chernobyl after the Soviet nuclear power plants' near meltdown in 1986. For as little as \$155, the SPOT Image Corporation will instruct the satellite to photograph a site of your choice, whether it be your hometown or Mount Everest.

The NAVSTAR series, for instance is being deployed by the Defense Department to help ships chart their exact positions. But this past fall, surveyors mapping the route of a new tunnel beneath the Boston Harbor used NAVSTAR signals to position markers along the tunnels path. "It gives us very high accuracy, down to a fraction of an inch" says Kevin Hanley, general manager of the surveying firm. "And it costs a fraction of what it would if we used traditional surveying methods."

For more information, write to:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention all wives of TBSPLS members and associate members! You are invited to our next monthly dinner meeting in October to discuss the possibilities of forming a TBSPLS Auxillary Chapter. Fran Grossman will be in attendance to discuss this in more detail. All interested person's please plan to attend. This is long overdue.

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The ordinary high water line issue, soon to be reviewed by an administrative court, is more than just a political football. At stake are large amounts of land and money. The two main contestants are the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund on the one hand, and many of the state's largest and wealthiest land-owners on the other. The Board of Trustees is charged with custody of the state's sovereign lands. The Department of Natural Resources, as the Board's surveying and mapping consultants, has legitimate concerns in the matter. The department's conservation agenda is, likewise, a legitimate and vital function. But DNR is many things besides surveying and mapping. And just where their justifiable intervention in this matter ends and political empire-building begins is not easy to say because of the interwoven and overlapping areas of responsibility when state agencies work for each other. The land-use lobbies working for mining, agricultural and development interests are working just as hard on their own particular agenda, which is the profitable use and development of private property. The individuals and groups they represent, together with DNR, have one thing in common. They own or control vast quantities of Florida's waterfront property, though from opposite sides of the property line. That this property line is defined as the ordinary high water line is the real crux of the dispute. As the OHWL moves up or down in elevation, large amounts of valuable waterfront acreage shift from sovereign to private ownership and vice versa. It is only human and natural for each side to want to maximize its control over this situation. What is unnatural about it is the involvement of surveyors, including the DNR's own, and the Florida Board of Land Surveyors in what is basically a legal question and therefore not within the purview of surveyors to determine. By proposing rules

changes which pit it and us against DNR in favor of large land owners, while doing nothing to strengthen the position of surveyors, the Board is taking on a thankless task and squandering its political leverage. Fellow members (of the profession and the society), this is not our fight. Let us not compromise our objectivity and credibility by getting bogged down in what is essentially a partisan financial and territorial bout the financial loss or gain of riparian and littoral land owners versus the territorial instincts of a large, well-connected and very determined bureaucracy. Instead of getting involved in bloody hand-to-hand combat with DNR, we should marshal our energies toward seeing to it that the registered land surveyors of the state emerge and remain as the lead professionals in determining the OHWL and mapping it into the surrounding cadastre. We must not allow ourselves to be legislated into being required to certify a boundary which includes any OHWL established by anyone other than a Florida registered land surveyor.

A careful reading of proposed rule 18-22B leaves much doubt as to what role if any DNR has in mind for the surveyor other than mapping and certifying a line placed in the field by scientists who, no matter how competent and experienced, would be determining land boundaries without benefit of licensure or statutory regulation of any kind. A careful reading of proposed changes to rule 21HH-6 leaves much doubt as to their scientific validity and judicial sustainability. We, as surveyors, should forge a forceful and aggressive position by and for surveyors, so that when the administrative hearings have been heard, the test cases have been tested, and the smoke clears we will be well-situated to benefit immensely from the increase in OHWL Surveys, correctly performed, legally defensible, and under our control.

EDITOR

LETTERS

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September 19, 1988

Ms. Jennie Paugh,
Executive Director
FSPLS
119 North Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: Proposed Amendments to FSPLS Constitution

Dear Ms. Paugh:

Please be advised that a group of concerned and involved members of the FSPLS from central Florida formed an ad hoc committee to study the proposed amendments to the FSPLS Constitution that were recently mailed to the membership. The findings of this committee are as follows:

1. That a petition for the proposed amendment has been signed by at least ten (10) members of the Society.
2. That the petition has been presented to the Chairman of the Resolution and Law Committee at least 120 days prior to the Annual Convention.
3. That the amendment was discussed at the last Annual Convention.
4. That the amendment is technically in order for the 33rd Annual Convention upcoming at the Hyatt Regency in Tampa, and can be voted on for adoption.
5. That during the last Annual Convention at Bonaventure the membership voted to hold workshops to further discuss this proposed amendment.
6. That no workshops were held as mandated by the membership.

Therefore, pursuant to the mandate set by the membership at the last Annual Convention, it is the opinion of this committee that a vote to adopt these proposed amendments at the 33rd Annual Convention in Tampa, will be OUT OF ORDER due to the fact that no workshops were held.

Very truly yours,

Ad hoc Committee on Proposed Changes to the FSPLS Constitution.

Committee Members:

Horace Alderman
Bill Carbaugh
Jimmy Chambers
John Clyatt
Steve Levine
Jeffery N. Lucas
Harry Marlowe
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