

Tampa Bay Field Book

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Next Tampa Bay Chapter Meeting: **Thursday, March 27th, 2014**

Sea Dog Brewing Company

26200 U.S. Highway 19 N, Clearwater, FL 33761

GUEST SPEAKER: Lamar Evers, PSM, Florida DEP

RSVP at: fsms.tampabay.chapter@gmail.com

Happy Hour at 5:30 pm – Meeting/dinner at 6:30 pm - \$20 for members

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

"The only way to avoid being miserable is to not have enough leisure to wonder whether you are happy or not." – George Bernard Shaw

Greetings and I hope you are all keeping busy with resurrected old projects and new projects that actively grow our communities (and hopefully our pockets). After several years of drought, it's good to see so many ads for help. And after a little cold snap, it's Chamber of Commerce weather. I need more excuses to get outside.

We had our February meeting on the unusual date of February 6th with the Ridge Chapter at Walden Lake. I hope you were able to make it. It was a very good time, as always, and very informative with updates of what's going on in our state from FSMS President Russell Hyatt.

Our next meeting will be on March 27th in Clearwater at the Sea Dog Brewing Company with Lamar Evers as our guest speaker. Do plan to attend as it should be very interesting and worth a CEC.

Also some good news for those of you that have to stop last minute before coming to a meeting to pull out cash, we now accept credit cards. That's right, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover. Of course there is a small fee of 3% +/- for this convenience but we think this is going to be well worth it. We will be the first chapter to accept credit cards and we hope we can be a shining example for others to follow.

"In spite of being a terrible game, the Super Bowl was the most watched TV event in history. So apparently it's true - if we do start televising executions, people will watch."
– Jay Leno

Attend the chapter meetings and events. It's what professionals do. Also please visit the website – www.fsms-tbc.org for all of the latest information on current events.

See you there,

Leon Hampton, PSM

FSMS website:

www.fsms.org

Tampa Bay Chapter website:

www.fsms-tbc.org

Florida Surveying & Mapping Society, Tampa Bay Chapter
Thursday, January 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Location: Beef O' Brady's, 9311 North 56th Street, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Meeting Start: 6:33 pm

Persons in Attendance: 20 members and guests

President Leon Hampton opened the meeting with the reading of the anti-trust statement and gave the invocation.

This meeting shall be conducted in strict compliance with all Federal and State Anti-Trust rules and regulations. Members of this Chapter and all others present are not here to violate any Anti-Trust laws.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

MOTION 1: A **motion** was made by Joe Boyle to accept the minutes as published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. As there was no further discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by FSMS Secretary Dianne Collins and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION 2: A **motion** was made by Jim Akker to accept the Treasurer's Report as verbally reported and published in the Tampa Bay Field Book. As there was no further discussion on the motion, it was **seconded** by FSMS Secretary Dianne Collins and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Pete Mattson was absent however FSMS President Russell Hyatt gave a report in his place:

- Proposed changes to Statute 472.027 approved by Dept. of Agriculture and now moves to next step
- Education conference this March in Sarasota
- Annual conference August 13th-17th in Ponte Vedra Beach
- Bon Dewitt says the UF computer lab needs new computers (donation opportunity)
- This year's FSMS dues include NSPS membership
- PAC is only \$50 for individuals
- National Surveyors Week in March
- Board of Director's meeting in February in Lakeland
- FSMS is creating geocaching coins and will give approximately 100 per chapter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Civic update by Secretary Chris Wild:
 - TBC collected 188 pairs of underwear in October
 - Participated in Gallons for G.I.'s in November
 - TBC collected 35 pounds of food for Metropolitan Ministries in December
 - Ridge Chapter having Sporting Clays Tournament on Friday March 14 for their scholarship and PAC funds
 - Spring event will be Paint Your Heart Out in Clearwater, details to come
- Special Events update by President-Elect Joe Shatto
 - Bowling tournament in late spring/early summer to raise funds for PAC
- Membership: No report
- Education update by President Hampton:
 - Future speakers will be Lamar Evers and Jack Breed
 - Still pursuing other presentations
- Scholarship: No report

NEW BUSINESS

- **MOTION 3:** A **motion** was made by President Hampton to donate \$1000 (\$500 now and \$500 in 30 days) to the family of Jerry Huntsman. Discussion included passing on individual donations in addition to the \$1000 from the chapter. Vice-President Mark West **seconded** the motion and it passed unanimously.
- President Elect Joe Shatto informed members of a scam posing as official communication from USDOT request financial info
- President Elect Shatto encourage participation in the upcoming Future City Competition

GUEST SPEAKER

Matt Kalus, PSM from the Orange County Property Appraiser's Office gave a presentation on mapping lake parcels.

MOTION 4: A **motion** was made by Joe Boyle to adjourn the meeting. FSMS Secretary Collins **seconded** the motion and it passed unanimously at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tampa Bay Chapter Secretary Chris Wild.

JANUARY 2014 Treasurer's Report

Tampa Bay Chapter - Florida Surveying & Mapping Society

Treasurer's Report - JANUARY 2014

Submitted by: David Lechner

Beginning Balance JANUARY 1, 2014	\$1,858.01
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Income:

1/23/2014	BEEF O'BRADY'S TEMPLE TERRACE DINNER	\$365.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/23/2014	TOM KANEY FUND (RAFFLE)	\$30.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/23/2014	PAK FUND (DONATION)	\$30.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/23/2014	JERRY HUNTSMAN DONATION	\$125.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/24/2014	CHAPTER DUES	\$40.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/29/2014	GALLONS FOR GI DONATION	\$100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total Income:	\$690.00		\$2,548.01
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Expenses:

1/10/2014	TOM KANEY FUND	\$419.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/23/2014	BEEF O'BRADY'S TEMPLE TERRACE DINNER	\$287.11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1/31/2014	CHECK ENCLOSURE FEE	\$5.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Total Expenses:	\$711.11		\$1,836.90
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Balance as of JANUARY 31, 2014 **\$1,836.90**

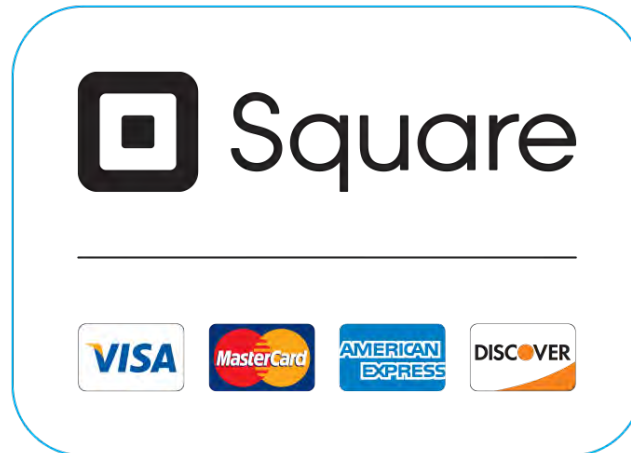
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Dedicated Funds:

TKF Fund	AS OF 01-01-2014	\$30.00
PAC FUND		\$64.00
GALLONS FOR GI'S		\$0.00
Net Cash:		\$1,742.90

Announcements

The Tampa Bay Chapter is pleased to announce that starting with the March meeting, all major credit/debit cards will be accepted using square:



A small processing fee will be added to the total. For a \$20 meeting, the price comes to \$20.55.

Conference Drawing

The Tampa Bay Chapter is giving away one *full conference registration* with one night's hotel stay to one member.

To be eligible to win, you must:

- Be a full member at time of drawing
- Attend a minimum of 50% of chapter events

Earn an **additional entry** in the drawing for every event attended beyond the required 50%.

In January, Tampa Bay Chapter members Deborah Hill and Joe Shatto participated as judges for the Best Land Surveying Practices Award during the Future City Competition.

future City

COMPETITION

Future City puts its student competitors in real world situations and asks them to be the problem solvers as they brainstorm ideas and design solutions. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders are eligible to take part in the competition. For information about Future City, visit www.futurecity.org.



“The NCEES Best Land Surveying Practices award recognizes the design that employs the best land surveying practices, taking into consideration the high standards used by surveyors to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Teams should be able to demonstrate the skills and resources surveyors provide in the design, development, and maintenance of their future city.”



National Surveyors Week March 16-22, 2014

National Surveyors Week is designed to raise awareness of the surveying profession.

Here are just a few of the ways you can help promote the profession:

- Request a proclamation from your city or county (see sample request letter and proclamation below)
- Talk to kids about surveying (request a speaker's kit from NSPS)
- Take part in GPS day on March 22 (visit www.gpsday.com for info)

Sample proclamation request letter

March 1, 2014

City Council
City of [insert name of city]
Address
City, State, Zip

**RE: [insert name of state/local chapter]
National Surveyors Week Proclamation**

Dear City Council:

Please accept this letter as a request to issue a "National Surveyors Week" proclamation declaring March 16-22, 2014, National Surveyors Week in [insert city or state].

National Surveyors Week was established by the National Society of Professional Surveyors as an annual event to bring public recognition to the surveying profession and the vital services surveyors provide to the advancement and betterment of human welfare. During this week, thousands of professional surveyors throughout the country will take part in local activities designed to introduce a new generation to the profession and highlight the use of technology in their day-to-day work.

A copy of the proclamation is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your support of NSPS and the surveying profession. Please contact me at [insert contact information] if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[insert your name]
[insert name of state/local NSPS chapter]

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, land surveyors are counted among the founding leaders of our county and were instrumental in the formation of the layout of property boundaries in the United States, providing our citizens the opportunity to enjoy the American dream of property ownership; and

WHEREAS, United States Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Abraham Lincoln all served as surveyors, contributing to the historical mapping of America in its early years; and

WHEREAS, the surveying profession requires special education, training, the knowledge of mathematics, the related physical and applied sciences, and requirements of law for evidence; and

WHEREAS, surveyors are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights; and

WHEREAS, the continual advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor to not only be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of time; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tampa recognize the valuable contributions of the surveying profession to history, development, and quality of life throughout our country, and make important decisions based on the knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-24, 2012 as

“NATIONAL SURVEYORS WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of surveyors to our community and throughout the United States.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of March, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor