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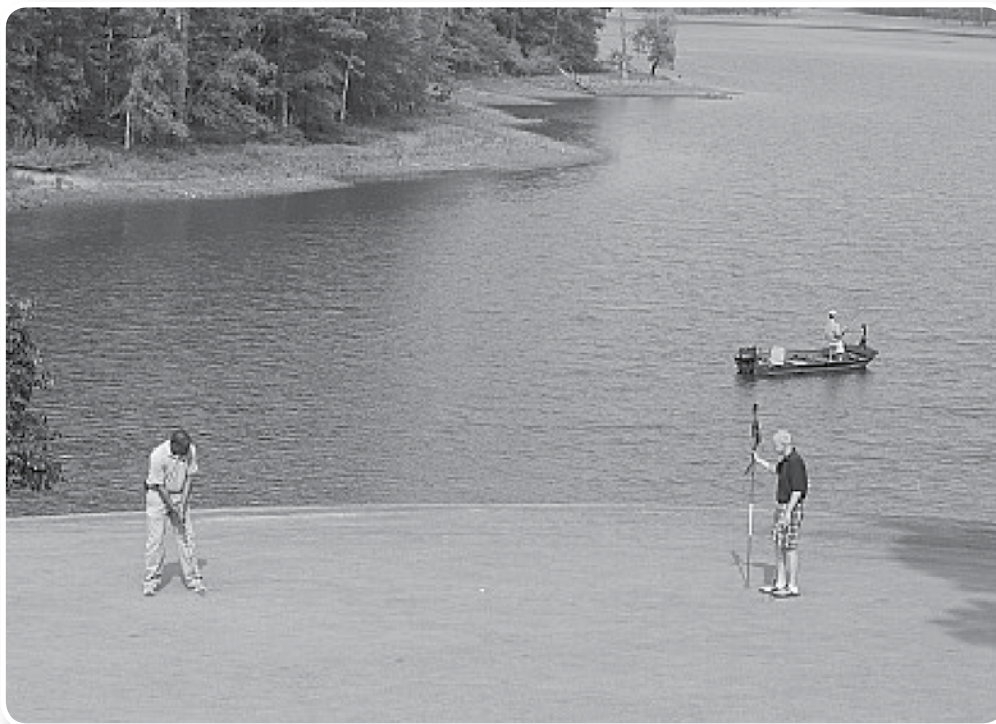
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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**SATURDAY – MARCH 27, 2010**  
**10:15 AM**



**HICKORY KNOB STATE PARK**  
**MCCORMICK, SC**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members:

Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

First, I would like to thank everyone who endured the cold and rain to attend the December seminar and general membership meeting. The fire chief for the Town of Sullivan's Island gave an informative talk ranging from hypothermia to snake bites. After lunch (provided by the Coastal chapter), we were given a hands-on demonstration for the proper procedure in using a fire extinguisher. Prior to the seminar we had over 50 surveyors attend the general membership meeting. I would also like to thank Chuck Drouillard and Duncan Parnell for providing dinner and beverages following the general membership meeting.

The spring membership meeting this year has been moved from Camp Buckhorn at Paris Mountain State Park to Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick. Camp Buckhorn is currently closed for renovations. Mike Johnson is planning a golf outing for Friday afternoon at the Hickory Knob course and we would like to have the chapter cook off as we have had in previous years at this March meeting. If your chapter would like to participate in the chapter cook-off, or you would like to play golf please contact Mike Johnson at 843-571-2622.

The convention this year has been moved to Wild Dunes Resort on the Isle of Palms. Brenda and Dale have put in countless hours in preparing menus and the various meetings and events. The amenities and layout for Wild Dunes is similar to Kingston Plantation. The pools, bars, restaurant, golf course, and convention center are within walking distances of the hotel and villas. There is a link to Wild Dunes Resort as well as more information for the convention on our website. ([www.scspls.com](http://www.scspls.com))

Frankie Manhardt and I will be attending the licensing ceremony at the end of January for the new engineers and surveyors. The event usually takes place inside the State House with a reception following at the Palmetto Club. The reception is co-sponsored by the Engineering Society and SCSPLS. There were 21 new surveyors to pass the exam, but only 5 are from South Carolina.

I look forward to seeing each of you at both the Education Conference and Trade show in February and the general membership meeting in March.

Sincerely,  
Lewis Moore, PLS  
SCSPLS 2009-10 President

## How Will You Serve Your Profession?

We will have a new slate of officers coming up for the new year beginning July 1, 2010. As the surveying profession is changing, we challenge you to consider becoming more active in your Society and your profession by serving on a committee on the State level or in your own chapter. Being active will be an enriching experience both personally and professionally, and we would encourage you to get involved. Standing committees are appointed by the President and approved by the Board to assist the President and the Board. Their tasks are determined and assigned by the Board, working mostly as advisors to the Board by making recommendations on their specific tasks and/or duties. The Scholarship Trustees (Committee) is the only committee able to work completely independent of Board approval by the Declaration of Trust. No committee can set its own agenda. Make sure your chapter representative is attending the four designated Board of Directors meetings as well as general membership meetings this next year in order for your chapter to be informed and updated. A few voices can sway decisions that affect all of us.

Please take time to get involved in your local chapter and attend those meetings. By attending more chapter and general membership meetings, you can learn more about upcoming events and trends in your profession. Strength and power is in numbers. You need to rally support from your fellow practitioners,

come to meetings and discuss these issues and offer support for each other. How many general membership meetings have you attended this year? At how many chapter meetings were you present? Get active and participate! You will be surprised what you will learn!

Did you know that the average age of the surveyor across the nation is 55 years of age? This suggests that you need to reach out and promote the Surveying profession among the youth, possibly hiring for summer work and mentoring into the profession. By getting involved, promoting the profession, and supporting the Society and local chapters, you are building a stronger foundation for yourself and those interested in the surveying profession.

If you are interested in serving your Society and your profession in any capacity, whether it be on the Executive Board, as a District Director or Committee Chairman this coming fiscal year, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Lee Frank, Chairman - [lee frankpls@comcast.net](mailto:lee frankpls@comcast.net), Henry Dingle - [hdingle@BPBarber.com](mailto:hdingle@BPBarber.com), or Burnett Jenkins - [jls-inc@hotmail.com](mailto:jls-inc@hotmail.com) before the nominations are made at the March 27th general membership meeting. Offices up for election are: President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Districts 2, 4 & 6 Directors.

# BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## MARCH 27, 2010

# HICKORY KNOB STATE PARK

McCormick, SC

What would you call a state park that offers 18 holes of lakeside championship golf, tennis, skeet shooting and archery, a swimming pool for lodge guests, full-service restaurant and meeting facilities and more than 70 lodge rooms? That would be Hickory Knob State Resort Park. The only full-service resort in the SC State Park Service, Hickory Knob rests on rolling, wooded shoreline alongside 70,000-acre Strom Thurmond Reservoir on the Savannah River: South Carolina's "West Coast." The park's amenities also include a boat ramp, campgrounds and one of the state's most popular mountain biking trails. Serene and tucked away, location is another plus for this destination, with picturesque, historic small towns such as Abbeville and Greenwood nearby and Augusta and Anderson (and Clemson) just an easy drive away. For more information on the park, go to: [hickoryknob@scprt.com](mailto:hickoryknob@scprt.com)

**Driving Directions:** From Greenville: From I-85 toward Anderson/Atlanta; Take Exit 46, SC-291/Mauldin Rd./Pleasantburg Dr./Augusta Rd.; Take the Augusta Rd./SC-291 S exit, Exit 46A on the left; Merge onto SC-291 S; SC-291 S becomes US-25 S; Turn left onto SC-72-BYP NW/US-25 BYP/SC-72 BYP. Continue to follow US-178 BYP E/US-25 BYP E; US-178 BYP E/US-25 BYP E becomes US-221 S; Stay straight to go onto W. Gold St/US-378. Continue to follow US-378; Turn right onto SC-7; Turn left onto Resort Dr.; 1591 Resort Dr. is on the right.

From Charleston: Take I-26 W toward Columbia; Merge onto US-378 W/Sunset Blvd. via Exit 110 toward Lexington; Merge onto I-20 W; Take the SC-19/Edgefield exit, Exit 18, toward Aiken; Merge onto SC-19 N toward Johnson/Edgefield; SC-19 N becomes US-25; Turn slight left; Stay straight to go onto US-378; Turn right onto SC-7; Turn left onto Resort Dr.; 1591 Resort Dr. is on the right.

From Columbia: Take I-20 W; Take the SC-19/Edgefield exit, Exit 18, toward Aiken; Merge onto SC-19 N toward Johnson/Edgefield; SC-19 N becomes US-25; Turn slight left; Stay straight to go onto US-378; Turn right onto SC-7; Turn left onto Resort Dr.; 1591 Resort Dr. is on the right.

**Lodging:** We always have a lot of fun and fellowship with great food from each corner of the state! Plan to come for the



weekend and bring your family. Wireless internet service is available at Hickory Knob. Most of the campus including lodge rooms, cabins and meeting rooms can access the wi-fi service. Hickory Knob has given a special rate to Society members of \$77.23 per lodge room and \$105.79 per cabin. You must make your reservation by February 27, 2010 to take advantage of these great rates. The number for reservations is 800-491-1764. Make sure you reference

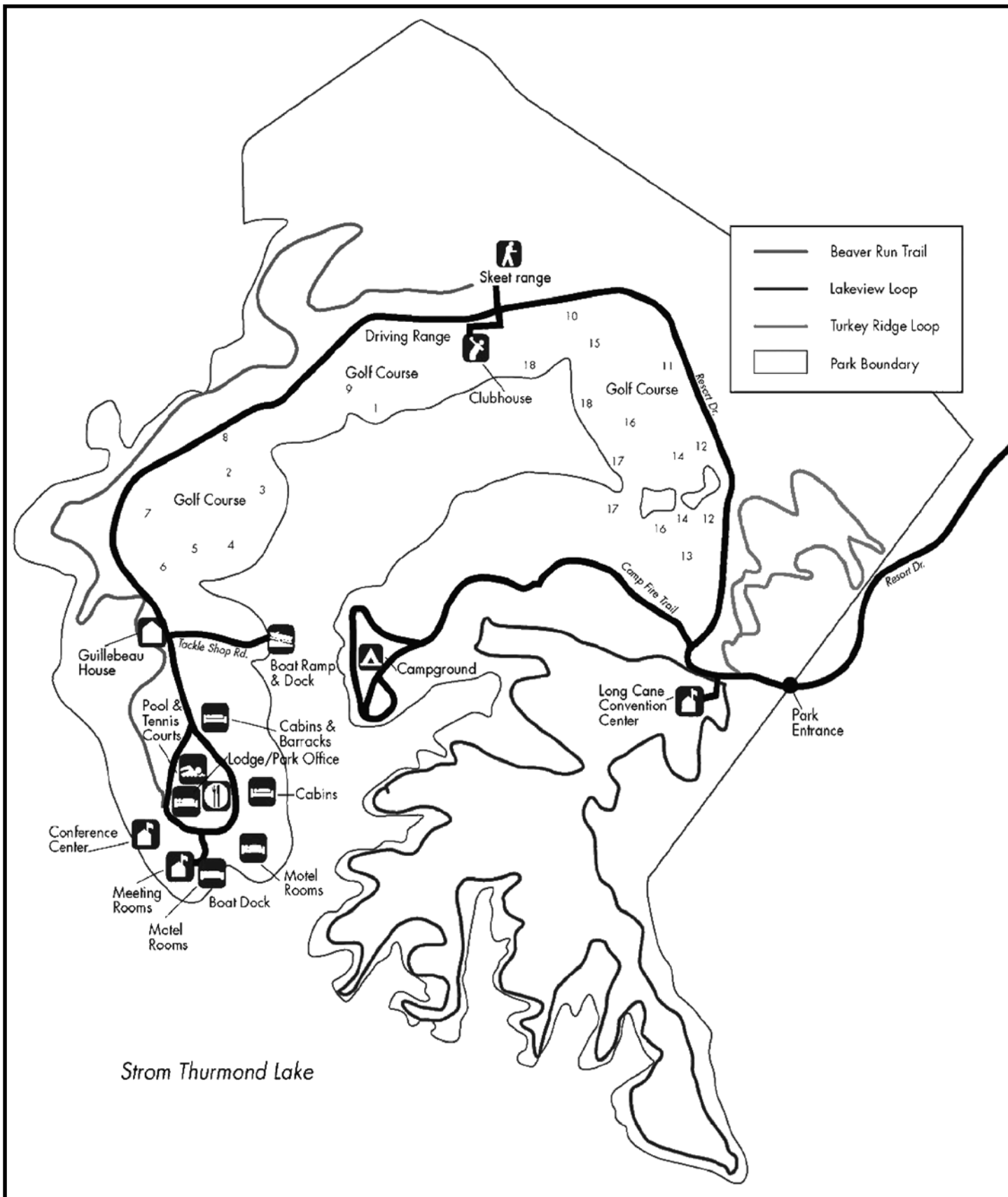
SCSPLS. Lodge rooms sleep 2 to 4 people and include a color television, telephone, automatic coffee maker and 2 double beds. A one bedroom cabin can accommodate up to 6 people. The duplex cabins, located 100 to 150 yards from the lake, include bath and bed linens, basic cooking and eating utensils, television, automatic coffee maker, air conditioning and heat, outside grill, picnic table and telephone. Two double beds are located in the bedroom, with a sofa bed in the living room. Lodging & golf packages are also available.

**Meeting:** SCSPLS General Membership will begin the meeting at 10:15 AM. Nominations for SCSPLS officers for 2010-11 will be accepted from the nominating committee and from the floor at the meeting for the following offices: Executive Board-President Elect, Vice Pres., Secretary, Treasurer and District Directors for Districts 2, 4 & 6. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, contact Mr. Lee Frank, Nominating Committee Chairman. Persons nominated must be in attendance at the meeting or letter of acceptance presented.

**Friday Golf:** SCSPLS will sponsor a golf tournament Friday, March 26, 2010 at Hickory Knob. The cost is \$28 per player. If you are interested in participating please let Mike Johnson, Activities Director, know by February 28, 2010, at [mjohnson@forsberg-engineering.com](mailto:mjohnson@forsberg-engineering.com), phone 843-571-2622.

**Chapter Cook-Off:** Each chapter is asked to help with the menu for Saturday after the meeting or make a donation to help with the cost. Please e-mail the information as to which food items your chapter will be bringing to Mike Johnson, Activities Director, at [mjohnson@forsberg-engineering.com](mailto:mjohnson@forsberg-engineering.com) or phone 843-571-2622. He will also need an approximate number of those attending the dinner from your chapter in order to prepare the correct quantity of food.

# HICKORY KNOB STATE RESORT PARK



# SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010, 10:15AM

Mt. Carmel Room, Hickory Knob Conference Center, McCormick, South Carolina

## Welcome:

## Invocation:

Meeting Format: Robert's Rules of Order

## Agenda Approval:

## CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

### 1. Minutes of Board Meeting:

President Lewis Moore  
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President Lewis Moore

### 2. Financial Report:

December 5, 2009  
Ben Christensen  
Brenda Smith

### 3. Executive Secretary Report:

### 4. Delegate Reports:

- SC Council of Eng. & Surv. Soc.
- NSPS Governor
- SMAC/GIS Delegate
- SC Utilities Committee
- The Auxiliary

Carl Bostick  
Henry Dingle  
Ben Christensen  
Aaron Taylor  
Charlotte Swygert

### 5. Chapter Representative Reports:

- Aiken Chapter
- Central Chapter
- Coastal Chapter
- Foothills Chapter
- Grand Strand Chapter
- Low Country Chapter
- Midlands Chapter
- Mid-State Chapter
- Northwest Chapter
- Pee Dee Chapter
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David Thomas  
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### 6. District Director's Reports:

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

Chuck Dawley  
Al Whitworth  
Tom Abraham  
Dennis Clinkscales  
Burnett Jenkins  
Mike Culler, Jr.

### 7. Committee Reports:

- Activities & Programs
- Constitution & By-Laws
- 2010 Convention
- Education
- Ethics & Standards of Practice
- Four-Year Degree
- GPS-VRS
- Insurance
- Legal & Legislative
- Membership
- Newsletter, Plat Contest, SOY
- Past Presidents Council
- Public Relations
- ROD Committee
- SC State Parks Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Survey Contest
- Web Site Committee
- Yearbook

Mike Johnson  
Lee Frank/Ronnie Tyler  
Dale Swygert  
Joe McIntyre  
Bobby Foster  
Bart Dominick  
Chuck Dawley  
Lee Frank/Dennis Clinkscales  
Ben Christensen  
Frankie Manhardt  
Kevin Schwacke  
Lee Frank  
Perry Gerard/Nancy Hopper  
Al Whitworth  
Mike Culler, Jr.  
Robert Praete  
Grand Strand Chapter  
Dale Swygert  
Frankie Manhardt

## NORMAL AGENDA ITEMS:

### Business:

Board of Prof. Eng. & Surveyors' Report  
Nominating Committee Nominations for 2010-11

Gene Dinkins/Thurl Amick  
Lee Frank, Chairman  
President Lewis Moore

### Closing Comments

Adjournment: Join us for a social and Chapter Cook-off after the meeting.



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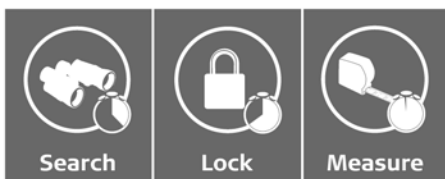
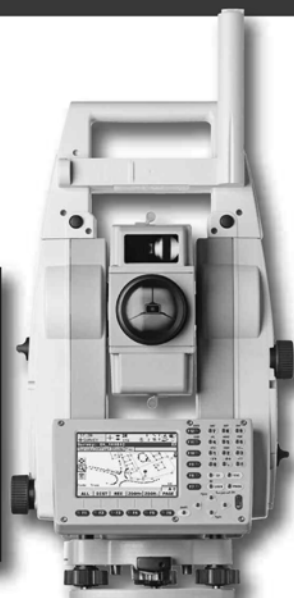
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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**The following new members were approved at the December, 2009 Board meeting:**

**Full:**

Zachariah Thomas Andersen, Turbeville, SC

**Complimentary:**

John W. (Wes) Cole, Wes Cole Land Surveying, PA, Enka, NC

Wesley A. Greene, Atlantic Surveying, Inc., Ravenel, SC

Chris E. Morelli, City of Charlotte, Clover, SC

James M. (Jim) Pearsall, Evan, Mechwort, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc., Charlotte, NC

Randall L. Stepp, Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Asheville, NC

Michael J. Zoltek, Pictometry International Corp., Crestview, FL

**Student:**

Todd B. Beam, John R. Long & Assoc. – Greenville Technical College, Central, SC

Jeffrey M. Plumblee, II, Plumblee Surveying – Clemson University, Travelers Rest, SC

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The S.C. Department of Labor and Licensing announces the following were recently licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor and Land Surveyor in Training:

**Those passing PLS exam in October, 2009:**

Thomas D. Abraham, Pomaria, SC

Stuart C. Barwick, Winterville, NC

Tracy T. Bishop, Charlotte, NC

Robert K. Coleman, Piedmont, SC

Russell A. Courtney, N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Dean B. Devane, Valdosta, GA

Clyde R. Eldredge, Marietta, GA

Charles B. Gardiner, III, Orlando, FL

Andrew C. Gillette, Jr., Charleston, SC

Joseph A. Gray, Kings Mountain, NC

Travis K. Hege, Rock Hill, SC

Christopher T. Hill, Brunswick, GA

Robert T. Horton, Augusta, GA

Augustus N. James, Concord, NC

James A. Lewis, Sneads Ferry, NC

Mark A. Parris, Zirconia, NC

Stuart W. Spencer, Savannah, GA

Eric B. Stuart, Walnut Hill, FL

Thomas E. White, Pineville, NC

**Those passing LSIT exam in October, 2009:**

John M. Brightbill, Aiken, SC

Philip R. Bryan, Johns Island, SC

Adam L. Garris, Lake View, SC

Daniel J. Lane, Nichols, SC

Nickey H. Lewis, Jr., Murrells Inlet, SC

Larry C. Rollings, Rock Hill, SC

Joel B. Russell, Goose Creek, SC

## FROM THE AUXILIARY

Spring is in the air! It is the time of year for growth and new beginnings. With that thought in mind, I would like to invite you to become a member of the SCSPLS Auxiliary. Why you ask? Well there are a number of reasons. First and foremost, it is a way that we can support the Surveying profession. To many of us it is our livelihood and we can make a difference. Secondly, it is a way to make new friends that you will look forward to spending time with at every opportunity. When my husband, Dale, first started coming to the membership meetings I always dreaded tagging along, mainly because there was nothing for me to do while he was in a meeting or seminar. I would usually try to find something close to explore or just brought a book to read. One day someone introduced me to the Auxiliary and from that day forward I have made new friends that are a joy to be around. I look forward to coming to the meetings just to be with my friends. Lesa Jenkins is one of those friends. In the past few years Lesa has worked very hard on building the Auxiliary and bringing in new members. She has set the bar high when it comes to ideas and leadership. This year there were no officers per say but I want to give Lesa a much needed break. With that being said, I am stepping up into an "unofficial Presidents" role. Sometimes it just takes an organizer to get the ball rolling. Not saying that I have all the tools, but want to see the Auxiliary grow and prosper.

SOOOOOOO please accept this as an invitation to join us as part of the Auxiliary. I know you won't regret it! Look for more info to come with upcoming events and plans.

Charlotte Swygert

"Unofficial" President



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# MINUTES OF SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, December 5, 2009, The Fish Fry Shack, Sullivan's Island, SC**

A combined meeting of the Board of Directors and General Membership of South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors was held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 9:00 PM, at Joe Rowland Fish Fry Shack, at Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

Members in attendance were:

**Officers:**

• President	Lewis Moore
• President Elect	Dale Swygert
• Vice President	Kevin Schwacke
• Secretary	Frankie Manhardt
• Treasurer	Ben Christensen
• Immediate Past President	R. Lee Frank, II

**Delegates:**

• NSPS Governor	Henry Dingle
• SC Utilities Committee	Aaron Taylor
• The Auxiliary	

**Chapter Representatives:**

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**Executive Secretary:**

Brenda Smith

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thurl Amick, Russell Bagwell, Tom Bessent, Edward Bodiford, Jim Cobb, Chris Coggins, Gene Dinkins, Cletewood Droze, Billy Ferguson, Danny Forsberg, Bobby Foster, David Gasque, Jimmy Godfrey, Lee Howell, Dennis Johns, Mike Johnson, Bobby King, Bruce King, Curtis Lybrand, Homer Mason, Tim Maull, Rafal Pawlowski, Robert Praete, Elliott Quinn, Bill Seaborn, Ronnie Tyler, Ralph Vanadore, John Wade, Andrew Wadsworth, Terry Watson, Hart Weatherford, Bill White, Keith Wilson, and Scott Wilson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Scott Barrett, Justin Brown, Joe Jones – SCSPLS Lobbyist, George Murphy, Jeff Roaden, John Smith, and Raymond Walker.

President Lewis Moore opened and called the combined Board and General Membership Meeting of the SCSPLS to order on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at The Joe Rowland Fish Fry Shack, Sullivan's Island, SC, at 9:00 AM. Meeting was opened in prayer by Mr. Chuck Dawley. President Moore stated that the meeting would be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order with a quorum present, including proxies and explained how the motions would be voted on.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was approved with the following additions to the following reports: State Park (Foothills Chapter), Ethics and Standards of Practice, Legal and Legislation, DOT Plan Library report and lobbyist report.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the July 27, 2009 board meeting were approved as written.

**FINACIAL REPORT:** No report given.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:** Mrs. Brenda Smith submitted a written report on the activities in the office since the last Board Meeting in July. The activities include the following: notifying board members of the July board meeting, attending that meeting, taking and transcribing the minutes; Notified general membership of the December meeting; email notices to Chapter Reps., keeping them informed of upcoming events and deadlines; worked with convention committee in preparing questionnaires and emailing to members; visited hotel sites; worked with convention chairman in negotiations for Wild Dunes; working with Education Committee and Executive Board for both the Dec. 5th seminar and the February Education Conference and Trade Show; kept members information of all activities and events of SCSPLS and the surveying profession by phone and email; compiled information and organized fourth issue of newsletter for 2008-09 and sent the PDF file to members who elect to receive information via email and sent to Dale Swygert for posting on the internet; worked with Dale Swygert, webmaster, for updating all information on the SCSPLS website; finalized 2008-09 yearbook with printer and mailing of same in October; Processed all invoices received, coded and added into QuickBooks on-line in proper accounts for the Treasurer to cut checks; entering all deposits of incoming checks into QuickBooks with proper account coding for Treasurer; made journal entries where necessary; worked with accountant to input all entries in bank account and processing payroll; work with NSPS on issues of the surveying profession and submittal of questionnaire of state interoffice work with national office; overseeing work of Assistant, Kim Long, in the Columbia office; mailed sympathy cards, get well cards and letters of donations as needed; purchased office supplies as needed; other general office duties.

**DELEGATE REPORTS**

**SC COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SOCIETY:** No report.

**NSPS:** Mr. Henry Dingle's written report stated NSPS last met September 26, 2009 at the Fall 2009 Joint Government

# MINUTES OF SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (CONT)

Affairs Committee Meeting, Semi-Annual Report, Gaithersburg, MD. With a new President and new Congress, there has not been much legislative action. There are still a few of the same issues from past years, but we also have a few new ones. The following issues were discussed:

- FEMA Flood Map Modernization Coalition
- COFPAES - Fall meeting will be on December 15.
- Lobby Day - Discussed key issues with staffers from Members of Congress in the House and Senate: Preservation of Railroad Monumentation, 3% Withholding on Federal Contracts, Federal Funding for Trig-Star, Coastal Mapping Legislation and Funding for BLM Mapping Projects.
- Government Withholding Relief Coalition - Working to repeal Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005. Legislation introduced in the House and the Senate to accomplish that goal; S. 292 in the Senate and H.R. 275 in the House.
- Preservation of Railroad Monumentation - Members of Congress have not heard from people in their District about it and do not know how it specifically affects their District. We need to step up our grassroots effort.
- USGS Coalition - ACSM is the most vocal member of the coalition when it comes to mapping and geospatial issues.
- Trig-Star Funding - We expect to request funding to more Members of Congress for FY 11 and start the lobbying and application process earlier.
- The National Geospatial Advisory Committee – John Matonich was recently nominated for the committee.
- The FLAIR Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of federal real property to assist with federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of real property; authorizes the Secretary to enter into cost-sharing agreements with states .
- Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act H.R. 365 and S. 174 - Legislation would direct the NOAA to coordinate federal ocean and coastal mapping and surveying activities with other federal efforts, international mapping activities, coastal states, user groups, and nongovernmental entities.
- AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act - Legislation would authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs
- Association Health Plans - The Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2009 (H.R. 2607 introduced by Rep. Sam Johnson) amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) to provide for establishment and governance of association health plans (AHPs).
- Agreement between ACSM and the BLM – Agreement was signed on Sept. 2, 2008 for the following purposes: creation of a single point of contact for surveyors in the United States for knowledge and information about the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) in support of

critical national priorities; collect monies from various educational efforts to be used for the good of the profession; fund educational opportunities, scholarships and other training for the survey profession as it relates to PLSS issues; fund joint projects for research or special effort with other entities, including the BLM, as they relate to PLSS issues; publish additional BLM materials which are of interest to the private sector surveying community for which BLM has no budget to produce.

- Federal Land Survey Modernization - With the federal appropriations process starting soon, it is an appropriate time to work for this funding again.
- eLOMA application - FEMA will now allow National Flood Determination Association member company reps. to access the web-based eLOMA application.
- Fundraiser Contributions - A list of all of the fundraisers to which we contributed are included in the PAC Report.
- NGS Deputy Director - Ronnie Taylor is the New NGS Deputy Director.
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Program – SC was recognized as one of 15 states that had stepped up as a sponsor for the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program.
- Survey Equipment Theft - Survey crews are being stalked and robbed.

Full report can be requested from the SCSPLS office.

**SMAC:** No report.

**SC UTILITIES COMMITTEE:** Mr. Aaron Taylor submitted a written report. The last meeting of the SCUCC was August 14, 2009, with 33 in attendance. The guest speaker was Bryan Lewis, Supervisor of Distribution SCADA Control, Santee Cooper who provided an overview of their new Myrtle Beach Santee Cooper Storm Center with a guided tour of the facilities. This is part of their Emergency Storm Plan. Santee Cooper moved into the new facility June, 2009. If necessary, there is designate areas for overnight accommodations. Subcommittee reports were given: Procedures, Programs and Communications, Awards/Nominations, Damage Prevention/Safety Standards. Those available to speak to groups are David Landry, Dawn Wallace and Vera Eleazer. Upcoming meetings in 2010: February 12, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Lexington, SC; April 14, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., Florence, SC; April, 29-May, 1, Litchfield Beach, June 9, Carolina Gas Transmission & SCE&G Sand Dunes Club, Sullivan's Island, SC, August 14, Santee Cooper, Myrtle Beach, SC; October 13, SCE&G Vendor Day, Pine Island Club, Columbia, SC, December 8, AT&T, Greenville, SC.

**THE AUXILIARY:** No report.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Aiken:** Mr. Bill Tripp's written report stated the Aiken Chapter meets the second Tuesday at Eejays Restaurant at the Kalmia Mall in Aiken. The August 11th meeting had 9 members in attendance with Mr. Ben Christensen discussing new flood maps for Aiken County. The September 9th meeting also had 9 in attendance with guest Jim Geddes from Security Federal discussing surveying and banking. The October

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14th meeting had 8 members in attendance with Eddie Clark from Hayes Instruments reviewing GPS equipment GRS-1. The November 11th meeting had 5 in attendance with Ben Christensen leading and LMO group discussion.

**Central:** No report

**Coastal:** Mr. A. H. (Buddy) Schwacke's written report indicated the Chapter has met twice since their last report, with an average attendance of 20 members and 3 guests. Guests Dick Woods and Matt Wellslager with SCGC gave tips for obtaining good GPS coverage and efforts to recover and replace lost monuments at the September 29th meeting. The guest speaker at their October 27th meeting was Phillip Ford from Trident Home Builders Association.

**Foothills:** No report.

**Grand Strand:** Mr. Aaron Leach's written report stated the Chapter has met 4 times since their last report, with an average attendance of 17 members and 1 guest. July 21st was a business meeting. A Personal Pathways Seminar led by Patti Short was held on August 18th. On September 15th Butch Herter from Carlson Survey spoke about the newest versions of Carlson software and hardware. Carol Hyatt and Larry Phipps led a September 26th seminar, "Seven Sins of Surveying," discussing the need to reduce your liability and the need for insurance. Identifying explosives in the field was the topic of the October 20th meeting with Jeff Hamilton giving new meaning to the phrase "call before you dig."

**Low Country:** Mr. Ray Cook's written report stated The Low Country Chapter sponsored a FEMA program with SC Department of Natural Resources at the Palmetto Electric Community Room in Hardeeville on October 2nd and had a turnout of 15 surveyors, building officials and others for the program. Lisa Jones and Maria Cox of SCDNR presented. The program was informative especially considering Google Earth will be adding a FEMA Flood layer in our area soon. The Chapter will be taking off the months of November and December for the holidays. They are working on the next program for January which will be in conjunction with the local water and sewer utility in an effort to provide better record drawings.

**Midlands:** Mr. George Bradley, Jr.'s written report stated the chapter has held 5 meetings since their last report, with an average attendance of 15 members and 2 guests. The meeting location was moved to Zorba's Greek Restaurant on St. Andrew's Rd. beginning in November.

**Mid-State:** Mr. C. A. Shealy, III's, written report stated the chapter has held 5 meetings since their last report, with an average attendance of 10 members and 2 guests. The meeting topics were as follows: July – ATV safety; August – heat stress and poisonous plants; September – surveying the Columbia Canal, led by Chris Knight of Dennis Corp.; October – Richland County rules and regulations, led by Sean Busby with Richland County; November – what to do when you stumble onto a crime scene led by the Newberry County Sheriff's office.

**Northwest:** Mr. Gregory Sosebee's written reported stated the chapter has met three times since their last report, with an average attendance of 18 members and 1 guest. The

chapter has discussed continuing education seminars, local counties' processes of approving new survey plats dealing with Development Standards, local counties' processes in dealing with SCDOT in getting new driveway location approval which may be part of Development Standards approval, and inconsistencies of the SCDOT from county to county.

**Pee Dee:** Mr. Ferrell Prosser's written report stated that the chapter has met once since their last report, with 10 members and 2 guests present.

**Thomas C. Anderson:** Mr. John Welborn's written report stated the chapter met on November 10th at Fatz. The chapter enjoyed fellowship, eating, and commiserating.

**Tri-Country:** No report.

**Upper Piedmont:** No report.

### DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS:

**District 1:** No Report

**District 2:** Mr. Al Whitworth's report deferred to chapter reports.

**District 3:** Mr. Tom Abraham's report deferred to chapter reports.

**District 4:** No report.

**District 5:** No report.

**District 6:** Mr. Mike Culler, Jr.'s report deferred to chapter reports.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Activities and Programs:** Mr. Mike Johnson's written report stated the Coastal Chapter will be hosting the social after the December General Membership Meeting out on Sullivan's Island at the Fish Fry Shack. The Coastal Chapter will provide a Hotdog lunch to the attendees. The social after the seminar will include BBQ and beer and will be provided by Duncan-Parnell.

The March General Membership meeting will be the weekend of March 26-28 at Hickory Knob State Park in McCormick S.C. The committee is trying to generate enough interest to put together a golf tournament for the participants during that weekend. For anyone who has not been to Hickory Knob, it is a beautiful location with reasonably priced golf and accommodations. Golf and room rates will be included in the next newsletter.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** No report

**2010 Convention:** Mr. Dale Swygert's written report announced the theme of the 2010 convention, "Changes in Latitudes!" For the past several decades, the Annual Convention has been held in the Grand Strand and has been a lot of fun, but for the past few years attendance has declined. The 2010 Convention Committee was charged with the responsibility of finding ways of getting members & vendors to come back! After considering input from the membership via 2 questionnaires and many site visits and weeks of negotiations, Wild Dunes Resort has been chosen for the site of the 2010 Convention. It is an extraordinarily beautiful location that offers an abundance of activities for the entire family! Seminars and events are still in the planning stage and that info. will be out soon. Everyone is encouraged to go ahead

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and mark their calendar for May 20-22, 2010!

**Education:** No report.

**Ethics & Standards:** No Report.

**Four-Year Degree:** No Report.

**GPS-VRS:** No Report.

**Insurance:** Mr. Lee Frank's written report stated the Committee investigated options to replace the previous disability policy. It was determined that a replacement policy would be more expensive, and require at least the same level of participation. Since low participation was the reason for cancellation; it was decided that we would not pursue a new disability policy. Committee is investigating the continued viability of the Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy that is provided to all current members. It has become apparent that our current level of expenditure is a strain on our budget, and this expense may need to be funded by an increase in dues. The committee has made inquiries with NSPS to find out if a possible joint venture with NSPS would offer a similar benefit to all members. It appears that they do not currently have a similar program; however, they do have a voluntary program with a variety of insurance options.

**Legal & Legislative:** No Report

**Membership:** Ms. Frankie Manhardt's written report stated SCSPLS had 459 members at present: Full – 378; Associate – 28; Complimentary – 12; Emeritus – 24; Student – 2; and Sustaining – 15. The following were presented for Board approval for membership with no oppositions:

**Full:** Z. Thomas Andersen, Turbeville, SC Complimentary: John "Wes" Cole, Wes Cole Land Surveying, PA, Enka, NC; Wesley A. Greene, Atlantic Surveying, Inc., Charleston, SC; Chris E. Morelli, City of Charlotte, Clover, SC; James M. Pearsall, Evans Mechwart Hambleton & Tiltan, Inc., Charlotte, NC; Randall L. Stepp, Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Asheville, NC; Michael J. Zoltek, Pictometry International Corp., Crestview, FL Emeritus (all renewals): Billy M. Duncan, Whiteville, NC; Warren P. Jenkins, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Heinz B. Krause, Hawley, PA; Robert K. Leake, Greenwood, SC; Murdoch E. Lind, Jr., Lind Hicks & Assoc. Surveying, Inc., Timmonsville, SC Student: Todd B. Beam, John R. Long & Assoc., Greenville Technical College, Central, SC; Jeffery M. Plumblee, II, Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

**Newsletter, Plat Contest, Surveyor of the Year:** No report.

**Past Presidents Council:** Mr. Lee Frank's written report indicated the council has not met since the last board meeting but does plan to meet during the Dec. 5 weekend.

**Public Relations:** Ms. Nancy Hopper's written report stated that she has a list of high schools in the tri-county area and that she intends to contact each school in reference to becoming part of their career day. The schools listed are: Wando High, West Ashley High, James Island High, Summerville High, Stratford High & Bishop England. Anyone interested in participating please contact Ms. Hopper at 843-725-5295.

**ROD:** No report.

**Scholarship:** Mr. Robert Praete's written reported state the Scholarship Committee has been in touch by phone and

decided one of the year's raffle items would be a 2 two day Turkey & Hog or Deer & Hog Hunting trip at Cypress Creek Hunting Lodge. The committee is currently working on coming up with an additional raffle item. Ticket prices will be 3 tickets for \$20 or 1 ticket for \$10. Look for tickets to arrive to your chapter presidents soon.

**S.C. State Parks:** Mr. Mike Culler's written stated the following: Kings Mountain State Park – Kent Hudson (Tri-county Chapter): Mr. Hudson reported the consensus of the Tri County Chapter is all of the work has been completed. Myrtle Beach State Park – Mike Culler (Grand Strand Chapter): Completed. Paris Mountain State Park – Bobby Foster (Foothills Chapter): Mr. Foster reported they (Foothills Chapter) are waiting on the Park Ranger to get back with them to find out which lines need to be surveyed and also to set a weekend for all to work with accommodations. Santee State Park – Rod Vaughn (Coastal Chapter): Mr. Vaughn reported that there is a problem with a property line discrepancy and they are waiting for the Park to make a decision and get back with them. Sesquicentennial State Park – Joe McIntyre (Midlands Chapter): Completed.

**Survey Contest:** No report.

**Website:** Mr. Dale Swygert's written report listed the most recent website updates:

10/29/09 - Add "NOVEMBER 2009" newsletter; Updated "LIFE SERVICE AWARD" Page; Updated "SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR" Page; Updated "EDUCATION COMMITTEE" Page; Updated "GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING" Page; Add "First Aid Training" Seminar to "UPCOMING SEMINARS" Page; Updated "HOME" Page  
10/08/09 - Add "SEPTEMBER 2009" newsletter; Add notice to "STOLEN EQUIPMENT" Page; Add notice to Employment Opportunities Section of "CLASSIFIEDS" Page; Add updated (2009-2010) MEMBERSHIP Form; Post new date for 2010 Continuing Education Conference & Trade Show; Post announcement for 2010 Convention. Check the site often for new updates, copies of the latest newsletter and information on the upcoming Continuing Education Conference and the 2010 Convention.

**Yearbook:** Ms. Frankie Manhardt's written report stated the 2008-09 yearbook was recently mailed to all current members. Work on the 2009-10 Yearbook will commence in March 2010.

## BUSINESS:

**State Board for Engineers and Surveyors:** Mr. Gene Dinkins, Chairman of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors, presented the current issues being discussed since our July board meeting. One of the main objectives this year is to keep good communications with the Board and surveyors across the state. Survey Coordinators – Board is looking into the legal aspects of submitting proposals. Mr. Dinkins reported that there is no one set person to handle the investigations for surveyors and engineers as in previous years. Suggestions and strides are being made to handle investigations thoroughly, fairly and timely. The Internal Review Committee (IRC) also helps to make final decisions in investigative matters. Mr. Rick Inman is the surveyor member

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of this committee. The Board is working on a set formula for making fines uniform for engineers and surveyors. A Policy was made on length of time to keep survey records: Mandated by law, surveyors have to keep all plats and records for eight (8) years. Scanners are used with survey work and matters as a tool only. DHEC letter was received stating that as-built survey certification needed to be signed by an engineer. The Board took issue with the wording of the letter and will write a letter to DHEC asking them to reword the letter stating that an engineer is not allowed to sign an as-built survey. Board has certain funds that can be used for funding professional training and seminars. A new form will be available for use to request funds. Fundamentals of Surveying Exam: Applicants can take the FS exam at any time. No degree or experience is required at time of taking the exam. If passing the exam, the LSIT certificate will not be given until the education and experience requirements are met. There is no time limit to fulfill these requirements after taking the exam. Trig-Star – Mr. Dinkins informed SCSPLS group that some funding would be available to help fund the Trig-Star program. Contact Mr. Dinkins if you are interested in starting a Trig-Star program in any school in SC. Mr. Dinkins noted that in this bad economy, the Board is looking at making sure surveying work is legally done by a licensed surveyor, and requested that each surveyor keep the Board informed of any illegal work being done in the State. According to the standards, if the line is a property line, monumentation must be placed on a critical line of a plat. Recording of sketches: along with deeds: Staff Attorney of the State Board states that the Board cannot control what is recorded and anything can be recorded with the deed if it pertains to what is in the deed. New policy has been set on repeat application process. Applicants will have two (2) chances for submittal before the process has to start over and new fees will apply. Two Universities in SC have enough courses with emphasis on surveying to qualify for 18 semester hours in surveying which is required with a 4 year degree which meets the State's education requirement in order to take the PLS exam. Clemson University Forestry Department has a degree with survey emphasis which started in the fall semester. The Citadel has been approved and will be offering surveying classes with enough hours to qualify for educational requirements with a 4 year degree and taking the PLS exam. SC State wants to do a survey program in the Civil Engineering Department but will have to take the curriculum to the Commission on Higher Education to be approved. None of these courses will be ABET approved at present, and will not necessarily transfer to other state university surveying degrees. These two schools curriculums do meet the SC Board's educational requirements for taking the PLS exam. There is no 4 year program at USC at present. The SC Board is active on the national level with Mr. Dinkins and Mr. Henry Dingle as members of the National Examination for Professional Surveying Review Committee. Mr. Dinkins is pushing for a rewrite of the State Specific Survey Exam which is probably 20 years old at present. He requested help with writing the exam questions and asked for volunteers to contact President Moore, the SCSPLS office or Mr. Dinkins directly.

NCESS will meet with this committee to help them get the process started. Mr. Henry Dingle agreed to serve on this committee. Mr. Sid Shrum from Greenville Tech has agreed to participate on this committee as well. All State Board minutes and newsletters can be downloaded from LLR website at: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Engineers/>

**NSPS Schonstedt Donation:** Mr. Henry Dingle, NSPS Governor, made a motion to donate two magnetic locators to the United Nations Mine Action Service. These will be used for locating leftover bombs in foreign countries which have not been detonated. Schonstedt will donate two matching locators. United Nations Mine Action will coordinate donations. Motion seconded by Mr. Burnett Jenkins. Board voted unanimously.

**Nominating Committee Chairman:** President Lewis Moore appointed Past President Lee Frank as the Chairman of the nomination Committee. Mr. Frank will select two others to be on this committee. Anyone interested in a position on the Executive Board or Districts 2, 4 and 6, should contact Mr. Frank. Nominations will be given on the floor of the March 27, 2010 Board and General Membership combined meeting.

**ETSU Request:** East Tennessee State University has requested funding for their surveying and mapping program for 2010. Motion made by Mr. Lee Frank to donate \$500 to ETSU Foundation with a second by Ms. Frankie Manhardt. Board unanimously approved donation.

**NSPS Convention:** President Lewis Moore asked for an amendment to the budget for an additional \$1500 for travel for the Executive Secretary to go to the NSPS Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Motion coming from Executive Committee needing no second, was unanimously approved by the Board.

**PLS Exam Requirements:** Mr. Scott Barrett presented the dilemma of one of his employees, John Smith a student who met all the educational requirements for the June 30th deadline for requirements for taking the PLS but will not have completed the four years experience by two months. He was turned down by the State Board to take the test due to the lack of completed 4 year experience, which will now require him to have a 4 year degree instead of the two year degree requirement. The State board did make a ruling that the education requirement and experience had to be met by June 30, 2010, but the exam could be taken after the requirements were met. Experience does not have to start after the education requirement is met, but can be started at any time. Mr. Barrett explained the conflicting information given to Mr. Smith before he started his education. After a lengthy discussion and review of the facts, Mr. Barrett, asked for the Society's support with requesting to the State Board that Mr. Smith be able to take the PLS exam. Motion made by Mr. Henry Dingle that the Society not support this idea and that the law clearly has defined the June 30, 2010 date for many, many years. Motion was seconded. Motion approved not to support this request of Mr. Barrett.

**Lobbyist Report:** Mr. Joe Jones reported on a letter which was compiled by a number of organizations under the LLR organization. LLR has taken more and more responsibilities

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away from many State Boards within LLR. So far, the Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors does not fall into this category but many are concerned that this might happen in the future. He will be meeting with the Chairman of the LCI Committee to discuss issues facing LLR perhaps thru legislation. Mr. Jones requested that the SCSPLS board be a part of this initiative and to move forward. Motion made by Mr. Lee Frank to authorize Mr. Joe Jones to represent this Society to promote LLR reform as discussed in this report of 12/5/09. Motion with a second by Mr. Ben Christensen, passed unanimously. Mr. Jones also commented on strengthening qualification process for public offerings with no bidding process where he hopes to see legislation introduced in January as well as Tort Reform. Mr. Dinkins encouraged the society to support this initiative. The State Board needs each Society for support and/or fighting and moving legislation for your profession.

**Foothills Chapter:** Addition to report. Mr. Bobby Foster commented that the Foothills Chapter will meet the second Tuesday of each month at various locations in Greenville community. The chapter is working with the Planning Commission and has met with the department heads of Greenville County on regulations imposed by the Planning Commission. The County Administrator and one commissioner are now working with the Planning Commission to meet legal requirements and not passing local laws and interpretation which does not meet the requirements.

**Ethics and Standards of Practice:** Mr. Bobby Foster stated that he still feels that there are errors in the new Minimum Standards. He requested that each chapter member go thru the Standards and let him know of any other regulations that need to be changed.

**State Parks:** The Foothills Chapter has been trying to get coordination with the Paris Mountain State Park ranger to get information and work on the park survey of the boundary lines with encroachments or problems. So far, they have been unable to get this information.

**DOT Plan Library:** SCDOT plans to go on line with the SCDOT Plan Library in the near future. Software is written but not fully tested. Work will begin after January 1st. Three companies will team up together with SCDOT to test the software. During the May convention, SCDOT will hold a training seminar for half a day on how to register and use this Plan Library.

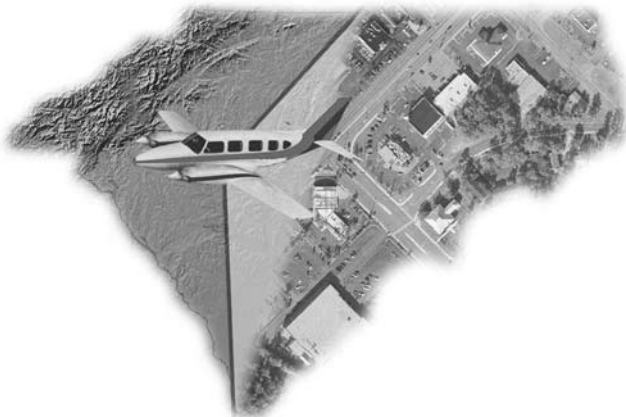
President Moore thanked the Coastal Chapter for providing am break and lunch and help with obtaining the Fish Fry Shack for this meeting. Also to Duncan Parnell who sponsored the afternoon meal and social. With no more further business, Mr. Kevin Schwacke made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee Frank. Motion unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances M. A. Manhardt, SCSPLS Secretary



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# Lobbyist Report

South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors

*Joe S. Jones*

## The 2010 Session of the SC General Assembly is here.

The surveying and engineering communities have several issues this session: possible changes in the SC Department of Labor Licensing and Regulations, strengthening qualification based selection among political subdivisions and tort reform. However, their success may be tempered by the special situations surrounding this session. After discussing the legislation, I have given you my opinion about this session.

Lobbyists for several professional groups, including surveyors, engineers, pharmacists, accountants and realtors met prior to the session about concerns with the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. One of the meetings was with House Labor Commerce and Industry Chair, Representative Bill Sandifer. We are working with him to develop legislation that may address some of the concerns with the agency.

Most groups voiced concern with the new LLR division that is responsible for processing registration applications. Registrations for the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors have not been placed under this new division yet, but other groups have, and they told horror stories about the foul-ups. I understand the engineering and surveying board's responsibilities will change in March, 2010, when its registrants will be processed by the new division.

Representative Sandifer suggested pulling a group of registration boards from under LLR and setting up a pilot program to see if the boards which are given independence perform better and more economically than under LLR. This legislation has not been written. I have petitioned Mr. Sandifer to allow the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors to be a pilot board working outside LLR.

I am circulating language for a bill that would strengthen the qualification based selection process among political subdivisions. The legislation is fashioned after an existing law for architects. Hopefully, this bill will be finalized and introduced before the end of the month.

Tort reform is a major business issue this session. A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee has been meeting throughout the fall and into January on S.350 a comprehensive bill that affects all businesses, but one section is important to surveyors in particular because it deals with the statute of repose. Some attorneys are claiming a possible building code violation is gross negligence or recklessness and thus eliminates the limitation set by the statute of repose.

Among the potential big-money issues in this legislation is establishing reasonable limits on non economic damages and punitive damages. If a company is found to be at fault in a civil action where the company is fined those costs may be multiplied many fold if punitive and/or non economic damages are further imposed. This legislation seeks to put limits on these additional fines.

In all, there are 11 different issues addressed in the legislation. Hopefully, this legislation will pass this session.

Tort reform is also alive in the House of Representatives; it is

on the House Republican Caucus' 2010 agenda. The leadership is pushing for passage this session. Meeting with the House leadership, the proponents and the opponents are being held this month with hopes of moving the legislation soon.

It appears that the 2010 session is going to be somewhat different for several reasons: the state, in some people's minds, is broke; the House of Representatives has already scheduled three week furloughs; and the Governor was not impeached.

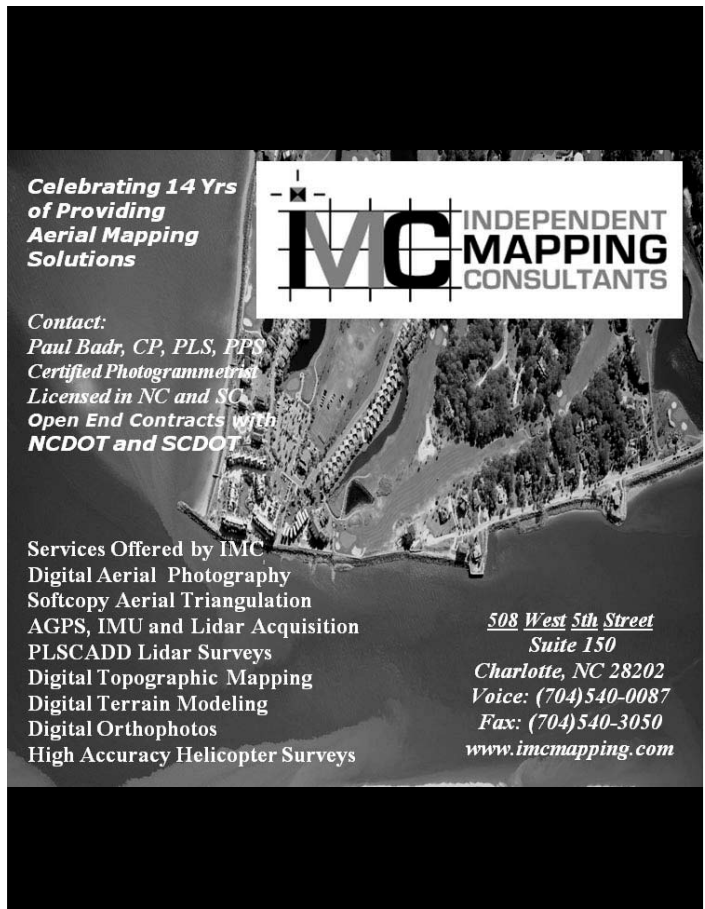
Undoubtedly, the state's revenues are down and there is little hope that 2010 revenue is going to be any better. The result is going to be further reduced spending, less services and potentially changes in tax laws. Further, I believe the General Assembly is not going to pass legislation that is going to cost the state money.

Fortunately, surveyors are not working on legislation that is going to cost the state more money. However, we will have to watch to be sure registration fees are not raided for the General Fund or sales taxes placed on surveys.

The 2010 legislative session may be the shortest in modern history. Three furloughs have already been announced by the House of Representatives. The Senate may follow suit. Obviously a shortened session gives us less time to pass the bills we want passed.

I mentioned the Governor's impeachment because in the months leading to the opening of the General Assembly, legislators anticipated the impeachment process would consume at least a month of the already shortened session. That time was not lost.

As in any given legislative session, the issues important to surveyors can change, and the ability to get desired legislation passed may change due to opposition, timing and even the leadership.



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## May 20-22, 2010

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>THURSDAY, May 20:</b>		
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Technical Session: By: SCDOT “Registering For and Use of the SCDOT Plan Library On-Line” 1.5 hrs. “SCDOT ARMS Manual (Access & Roadside Management Standards)” 1.5 hrs.	Sweetgrass Pavilion
12:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Golf Fishing Tours of Chas.	Links Course, WD Wild Dunes Marina
On Your Own		
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	* President's Reception Presentation of Golf Awards	The Grand Pavilion
<b>FRIDAY, May 21:</b>		
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Technical Session: By: Jake Duncan “Identifying Wetlands and Their Regulations”	Sweetgrass Pavilion
9:00AM – 1:00 PM	Auxiliary Function	Meet at Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer
12:00 PM– 1:15 PM	Lunch	On Your Own
1:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Seminar	Sweetgrass Pavilion
Optional:		
2:00 PM Until	Tour of Ft. Sumter Tour of Charleston Harbor	On Your Own On Your Own
5:30 – Until	Dinner – Spiritline Cruise from Chas. Marina (near Yorktown) Optional	
<b>SATURDAY, May 22:</b>		
7:30 PM - 9:00 AM	Past President’s Breakfast	Boardwalk Inn
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM		Registration Open
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer SCSPLS General Membership Meeting	Sweetgrass Pavilion
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Surveying Contest/Games (Grand Strand Chapter) Survey Awards after conclusion of games ???	Grand Pavilion Lawn
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	*SCSPLS Social Hour	Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	*Awards Banquet (Door Prize Drawings)	Sweetgrass Pavilion

*Convention Agenda is subject to minor changes as needed.*

**Registration will be in the Sweetgrass Pavilion Foyer, Wild Dunes Conference Center at time listed above.**

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# 2010 SCSPLS PLAT CONTEST

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2010**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCSPLS ANNUAL CONVENTION

## CATEGORIES

SUBDIVISION

BOUNDARY/CADASTRAL

TOPOGRAPHICAL

ALTA/NSPS SURVEY

MISCELLANEOUS

COLOR PRESENTATION

## DESCRIPTION:

- SUBDIVISION: Plat of survey of boundary and division of property into two or more parcels.
- BOUNDARY: Plat of field survey. Should not show topographic, as-built, etc., information.
- TOPOGRAPHIC: Plat showing existing topographic information and features.
- ALTA/ACSM: Surveys showing existing improvements and boundary information.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Easement, mortgage, and other plats not in above categories.
- COLOR PRESENTATION: Must be actual plat used for client presentation.

## RULES:

1. Entry fee of \$10.00 per plat entered in each category. (If entry fees exceed cost of awards, excess will go to the SCSPLS Scholarship Fund).
2. Plat must be drawn of surveys performed after May 1, 2009.
3. All entries must be submitted or sponsored by a member of SCSPLS.
4. All entries must be in accordance with "Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina," Article 4, Chapter 49, Code of Regulations.
5. Entries must be reproduced as blue-line or black-line drawings - no originals. All plats must be reproduced to scale - no reductions or enlargements.
6. Provide the following information for each plat:
 

a. Entrant	c. Company	e. Category
b. Sponsor	d. Address	f. Name to put on Award, i.e. Company or Individual

**AWARDS:** Plaques will be awarded for first place and second place in each Category to be presented at the Banquet of the Annual Convention. First place winning plats will be entered into the NSPS Annual Map/Plat Competition.

**Mail to:** Kevin Schwacke, A.H. Schwacke & Assoc., PO Box 13077, Charleston, SC 29422  
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**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2010**

# South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors



# SURVEYOR of the Year Guidelines

**DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2010**

(As approved by the SCSPLS Board of Directors November 7, 1997)

## A. Eligibility

1. Licensed in South Carolina.
2. Resident of South Carolina.
3. Prior recipients are ineligible for five (5) years.
4. No record of administered disciplinary action by the S.C. State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
5. Must be a member of the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

## B. Nominations

### SCSPLS Chapter

- (a) Nomination letter must have signature of Chapter President and another Chapter elected officer.
- (b) Only one nomination per Chapter.
- (c) Chapters may nominate same individual as other Chapters.
- (d) Chapter members may submit letters of recommendation.

### Surveyors at Large

- (a) A nomination letter with the signature of two sponsors.
- (b) Sponsors must be resident licensed S.C. Land Surveyors.
- (c) Recommendation letters from 4 individuals other than the sponsors.
- (d) A minimum of two letters of recommendation must be from SCSPLS members who have been members for at least the two preceding years.

### Data Required Regarding the Nominee in Nomination Letters

- (a) Biographic information.
- (b) Specific contributions to the surveying profession.
- (c) How the Chapters and/or the sponsors recognized the nominee's contributions to the profession.

### Data Required Regarding the Nominee in Recommendation Letters

- (a) Specific contributions to the surveying profession.
- (b) How the nominee's contributions to the surveying profession were recognized.

All nominations and letters of recommendation must be submitted by April 15, 2010.

## C. Selection of Surveyor of the Year

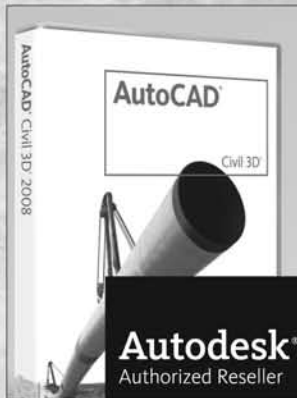
The Vice-President will receive the nominations, review and investigate the nominations. A report and ballot of all eligible nominees shall be mailed to each Board Member and Past President thirty days prior to the SCSPLS Annual Convention. Ballots must be returned ten days prior to convention to be counted. The Vice President, the Immediate Past Surveyor of the Year and the Executive Secretary shall serve as the tellers committee. In the event anyone of these is a nominee for Surveyor of the Year or cannot serve, a replacement shall be appointed by the President. The Surveyor of the Year Award shall be presented at the Annual Convention by the Immediate Past Surveyor of the Year if available.

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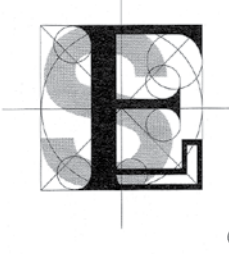
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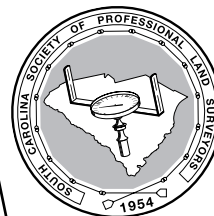
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7:30am – 1:30pm Friday (2/26), with the exhibitor's  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010**  
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**1:00 PM UNTIL – SOCIAL AND  
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