

# Miami-Dade County Chapter *of the* Florida Surveying and Mapping Society

## Secretary's Report

July 22, 2010

Location: La Carreta Restaurant, Miami, Florida.

Attendance: 20 members & guests present.

President Ralph Cabrera called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and he did the invocation.

We did quote the anti-trust statement.

The Secretary's Report for the June chapter meeting was distributed. There was a motion to approve the Secretary's report and the same was approved.

Treasurer Tom Brownell distributed the Treasurer's Report. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the same was approved.

Ralph Cabrera introduced our guests, which included Dr. Dave Gibson and his wife Betty, and Dr. Henry Hochmair, University of Florida Visiting Professor and head of the FLREC.

### **Surveyors in Local Government**

#### ***Announcements:***

- DERM: Met today with consultant from Broward County regarding the survey for Oleta Park. Questions ensued...
- WASA: New CAD standards for water/sewer as-builts may be promulgated shortly. Discussion ensued...
- Special Taxing District: A few more plats are working their way through the system.
- Coral Gables: [Not attending].
- Public Works R/W: [Not attending].
- Public Works Survey: Mike Whitling reported the following:
  - His leveling crew once again has a first-order level.
  - There was much discussion about a 0.3' change in elevation for certain County benchmarks in the Golden Beach/Sunny Isles area. The benchmark book is outdated, and the GIS is updated but does not work. No one surprised. Mike's phone number is (305) 375-2655.
- FDOT: No report.

### **State Director's Report**

The Society's Annual Meeting is coming next month in Naples, come one, come all. Not much new out of Tallahassee.

### **Guest Speakers**

Dr. Dave Gibson spoke about how he got his start in education, and how FSMS was involved in education back in the day. He also gave his presentation on riparian rights, which lulled Rick Pryce to sleep as he had heard it the week before. Finally, Dave also spoke about the FLREC and the status of recruitment of students.

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Much concern was expressed over the upcoming slate of officers and the fact that outside current (and future) Treasurer Tom Brownell, who is always there, none of the other candidates showed up for this chapter meeting. Given the Chapter's history of approach-avoidance with chapter officership, all attending were concerned.
- There will be no chapter meeting in August, due to the Annual Meeting being that month.
- The importance of the golf tournament was expressed to the defacto golf tournament chair, Jose Sanfiel, who exhibited an intense case of short term memory loss in that he had informed us that the golf tournament would be held in September, and now disavows any knowledge of having done so.
- The chapter voted to donate \$2,500 to various uses (scholarship mostly) at the upcoming Annual Meeting. It was left up to the judgment of the current chapter officers as to the exact disposition of that money.

The habitual raffle was held and Rick Pryce won, though he did not pick the Joker.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Campanile, Jr.  
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Florida Surveying and Mapping Society