

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

## *Minutes for July 13, 2010 Florida Crown Chapter Meeting*

The July meeting was held at Gene's Seafood & Blue Marlin Bar on Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL, with twenty one (21) members and guests present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Mitch Jarrells. The antitrust statement was read to all present, followed by the introduction of all attendees. A sign-in sheet was passed around to all in attendance.

## **Officer Reports**

Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report was published July 11, 2010 in the on-line version of the Northeaster newsletter. A motion was made by Keith Bouffard to accept the report as published, the motion was seconded by Tony Nettuno and accepted by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – No Treasurer's Report was presented at the meeting due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Director's Report – No Director's Report was presented at the meeting. Liaison Art Mastronicola reminded us that the DoACS is in the process of transferring the records from DPBR. A few glitches have been discovered, and it was suggested that all of us need to check our own information, such as address, contact information, etc., and be sure to make any changes as necessary. Art also encouraged us to continue to pay our dues throughout this economic downturn, and if you are asking yourself “Why pay dues?”, please give him a call or email and he will be happy to explain. In addition, Art offered some advice to all of us if we ever find ourselves in front of the Board- know the law and the MTS as it relates to our daily work. He has seen too many surveyors, when facing disciplinary actions at board meetings, confess things like “I didn't know about that law” or “I didn't get paid to do that”, or similar utterances that do not sit very well with the board members.

## **Committee Reports/Old Business**

Apprenticeship Program Committee –No official Report was presented at the meeting. Mitch Jarrells reminded us that the on-line classes were again scheduled for this fall, and those wanting to attend will need to sign up shortly. The on-line classes are free- the students only have to pay for books. Mitch also informed us that we will need to find another instructor to take over this fall, due to his moving to Orlando, and we will need to secure a facility to meet for the lab class (meeting room and a parking lot big enough to practice some field work). It would also be nice if someone could donate the use of some equipment (level, chain, total station, etc.) for the students to use during the lab class. The lab will be the only class where an instructor is needed.

Mitch asked Harold Moore to report on the June 10, 2010 Apprenticeship Board Meeting. The meeting was held via conference call, with Harold Moore (board member), John Marsh (chairman), Jeff McGinley (Florida Training Services) and Cindy Johnson (Florida Training Services) in attendance. Harold stated that not much activity had taken place since the end of the term. The board asked Florida Training Services to keep us better informed on what is happening in the Jacksonville area during the upcoming months and into the fall term. Jeff McGinley agreed to send us monthly updates. We do have several apprentices from the local area that attended the on-line classes. The names of the apprentices that we are aware of are: Jonathon Hunte, Michael Norman, and George Thick. Jeff asked us to spread the word about the upcoming fall term, and recruit as many new apprentices as possible in

order to continue the program.

Civic Project Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Golf Tournament Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Scholarship Committee - No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Website Design Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

CST Coordinator - No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

#### Other Old Business

Mike Manzie indicated we, as surveyors, have a need for a committee to monitor the use of the “owner's affidavit”. Discussion on the subject followed, with the suggestion that maybe we need to monitor this subject on an individual basis by reporting to the board the unlicensed activity found as a result of the owner's affidavit. It was reported by Art that he was not aware of any current results or reports on unlicensed activity being addressed by the DoACS.

Ray Niles stated that DoACS has had to educate and train its existing investigators on the surveying statutes, which has taken some time.

Ballots for the election of Chapter officers were passed around at the meeting by the Secretary, who encouraged all to vote. The Secretary received back several executed ballots, which will be combined with the email and faxed ballots already received. The deadline for all ballots is Friday, July 23, and they will be counted and certified with the results reported soon after.

It was reported that the ballots for District Two Director had been mailed by FSMS staff, and some had already been received by our membership. The executed ballots need to be returned to the FSMS office as soon as possible.

#### **New Business**

Upcoming Meeting - Next month's August 10 meeting location had not been secured as of meeting time. Vice President Tom Smith and President-Elect Kathy Wade will look into reserving the traditional August meeting at Caddy Shack at the World Golf Village. The Secretary was instructed to notify all members via email as soon as practical when the Caddy Shack is confirmed.

Kathy Wade will also invite Marilyn Evers to officiate our swearing in of the new Chapter officers at our August meeting.

Rob Gardner reported that George Snyder, a fellow surveyor and Southeastern Surveying employee was killed Sunday in an automobile accident in Gadsen County.

Guest Speaker – There was no guest speaker for tonight's meeting.

The monthly Scholarship 50-50 raffle was not held this month due to the absence of the Treasurer. The carry over jackpot from last month will be worth \$410.00.

A motion was made by Tony Nettuno to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, the motion was seconded by Tim Schram, and accepted by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harold Moore