

Tampa Bay Chapter – FSMS Meeting Minutes > May 27, 2010 submitted by Tom Eckert, CST

The May meeting was held at Tucson's Southwest Grill with 21 members and associate members in attendance. President Boyd Allen called the general meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the anti-trust speech.

The Chapter Secretary, Judith Garcia, is in Kuwait for a few months. Tom Eckert, CST volunteered to take the minutes. Justin Ferrans made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2010 meeting and Jim Acker seconded – passing unanimously.

The treasurers report was accepted unanimously with a motion by Dan Ferrans, and a second by Bill Newkirk.

Old Business> Lynn Gibson announced \$1,025 was raised for the scholarship fund from the spring cruise and donated 10% of the commission to the chapter. Check presentation and photo op brought smiles to everyone. The golf tournament was a success. New Officer positions were nominated and discussed. The idea of merging with the West Central Chapter was discussed by David Puigdomenech. Joel and Carl have been visiting with a few of the members and the idea of having a Christmas party in Spring Hill, as well as a couple of chapter meetings a year up there, was debated.

Comittees>

Advertising – David P. mentioned there was interest in an ad for the next newsletter.

Community / Civic – No Report

Education Comm. – No Report

Historian Comm. – No Report

Membership Comm. – No Report

Nominations Comm. – Nominations were taken from the floor with the following results:

President Elect – open

Vice-president – Dan Sullivan

Treasurer – Justin Ferrans

Secretary – Tom Eckert

The nominations will close in June, be mailed, and announced in July.

Recruitment Comm. – No Report

Scholarship Comm. – No Report

Dan Ferrans shared some encouraging words about taking the opportunity to take a role in the FSMS chapter, participate in new activities, stepping forward to show leadership, and get further plugged in to the activities of the surveying profession.

Director's Report –

Discussion was held about SB1964. Randy Ball, Mike H., and John Johnson met with Gov. Crist.

Rick Price in Miami has produced some bumper stickers and the chapter discussed ordering some.

Dan Ferrans asked some questions to the chapter in order to reflect and examine on the goals and direction of the members for the upcoming year. Some of the questions were:

-Why do we want to be a member of this organization?

-What is it that is missed out on by people who are not at the meetings?

-What do we want to do with our resources next year?

-Why is it they we come to these meetings?

-What are the legislative issues, suggestions, items that are bothering you?

He made it clear he would be an active President of FSMS who would be responsive to the needs of the members, the society, and the industry.

Dan discussed the percentages of Surveyors who do not join, as well as the ratio of members who do not attend meetings and events.

New Business

Tom Eckert discussed the Boy Scouts of America event for the surveying merit badge set tentatively for Saturday, August 7th, 2010. Tom passed around the Merit Badge book and talked about the requirements – which include discussing the career opportunities with a licensed surveyor.

Dan Sullivan mentioned that his company was looking for a qualified party chief who could fill a position that opened up recently.

Motion for adjournment was made by Catherine Bosco and seconded by Dan Sullivan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Respectfully submitted, Tom Eckert, CST – acting secretary