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NSPS GOVERNOR'S REPORT

April 14, 1997

The NSPS Board of Governors 1997 spring meeting was held April 5th and 6th in Seattle, in conjunction with the 1997 ACSM-ASPRS Annual Convention. In addition to the Board of Governors meetings on Saturday and Sunday, I was able to attend the NSPS Board of Directors meeting and several NSPS committee meetings, including Standards, Trig Star, NAFTA, and Membership. I also attended the General Membership meetings of NSPS, the NSPS Foundation, and ACSM. The following actions were passed by the Board of Governors.

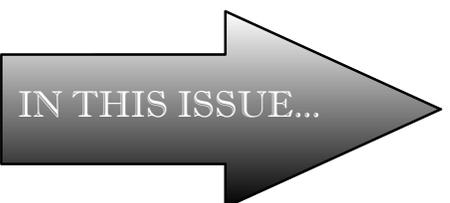
- ◆ New **ALTA/ACSM/NSPS Survey Standards** were approved. The old "angle, distance, closure" standards were left intact, with positional tolerance added as an alternative way to determine compliance. Both methods are now clearly described as applying to the parcel boundary control survey (not ties to topographic items), and it should be noted that the **positional tolerances are for use in determining the integrity of the boundary control survey measurements, not to determine the validity of boundary evidence.** Several housekeeping items were also included, most notably deleting the requirement to identify adjoining property owners, and adding negotiable items to Table A which were requested by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). (**Motion elevated to Board of Directors and Passed.**)
- ◆ Motions requesting the NSPS NAFTA Committee to exclude

boundary delimitation from agreements for general geomatic work were approved. This has actually become pretty much a non-issue in light of the discussions with Canada and Mexico held during this conference. (See the section on NAFTA later in this report.) (**Motions elevated to Board of Directors and Tabled.**)

- ◆ A request to the ACSM Publications committee to explore **combining the CAGIS and SALIS technical journals** into one publication was passed. This in light of the fact that fewer and fewer technical articles are being submitted for peer review and publication. (**Motion elevated to Board of Directors and Passed.**)
- ◆ Two motions establishing and setting the date for **National Professional Surveyor's Week** was approved. **President's Week** (the week containing President's Day) will be proclaimed annual National Professional Surveyor's Week. This week avoids conflict with National Engineer's Week, and seemed appropriate because of the three Surveyors/U.S. Presidents memorialized at Mt. Rushmore, the birthdays of two are celebrated during that week. (**Motions elevated to Board of Directors and Passed.**)
- ◆ A motion requesting the Board of Directors to **donate to the NSPS Foundation** the principal amount of the 1997 loan repayment from ACSM (\$21,307) was approved. (**Motion elevated to Board of Directors and Passed.**)

- ◆ A motion requesting the Board of Directors to add "**Donation to the Foundation**" as a budget line item for future years was also passed. (**Motion elevated to Board of Directors and Tabled.**)
- ◆ A motion was passed requesting the Certified Survey Technician Board to investigate waiving the **CST application fee** for surveying students who are members of ACSM/NSPS and to increase the application fee for non-members to offset the resulting increased cost of program administration. (**Motion elevated to Board of Directors and Passed.**)
- ◆ We also approved a motion requiring each of the Governors to submit a list of at least three people who will agree to make a 20-minute presentation or discussion at the 1998 **ACSM Conference in Baltimore next spring.** Seattle was the last joint conference with ASPRS, and we are committed to provide the same high-quality conference as has been done in the past, with or without ASPRS.

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CHAPTER REPORTS

ANCHORAGE CHAPTER

Quarterly Report
May 10, 1997

The Anchorage chapter has been having its monthly meeting at Peggy's restaurant on 5th Avenue across from Merrill field airport. The monthly meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month on the second floor at Peggy's. The next meeting is June 17, 1997, with an open invitation to anyone that wishes to attend.

The Anchorage Chapter again this year sponsored six schools for Trig-Star in the Anchorage area. The chairperson, Ron Schwind, RLS, who took over for Michael Schoder, RLS, reported there were 123 participants, and the winning time was 29 minutes.

The winner of the Anchorage Chapter and the State was Matthew Lederhos of Bartlett. He was also the only participant to have the right answer for the Trig-star problem. He wins a Magellan GPS 3000 Satellite Navigator receiver donated by *THE SURVEYORS EXCHANGE*, and the opportunity to participate in the National Trig-Star competition in June. He also gets an REI gift certificate, \$250 U.S. Savings Bond donated by the Anchorage Chapter, and a Trig-Star plaque as school winner, and a Certificate of Participation. The ASPLS \$100 U.S. Savings Bond was donated by John Sroufe, PLS.

Second-Place State winner:

Roland Lopez / West Anchorage

Time- 0:46:30(close ans.)

Wins: HP48-GX Graphic Calculator donated by *LEWIS & LEWIS COMPUTER STORE*, REI gift certificate, U.S. Savings Bond donated by ASPLS, \$100 U.S.

Savings Bond donated by *Crazy Mountain Joint Venture*, Trig-Star plaque as school winner, a Certificate of Participation.

Third-Place State Winner:

John Heffner / Palmer HS

Time- 0:58:01

Wins: HP48-GX Graphic Calculator donated by *ARCTIC SURVEYORS INSTRUMENTS*, REI gift certificate, \$100 U.S. Savings Bond donated by the Valley Chapter ASPLS, Trig-Star plaque as school winner, a Certificate of Participation.

Four other \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds for Anchorage area schools were donated by the following organizations:

- ◆ Crazy Mountain Joint Venture
- ◆ F. Robert Bell and Associates
- ◆ Lounsbury and Associates
- ◆ Alaska Construction Surveyors, LLC

I would like to thank the those individuals who volunteered their time to proctor the Trig-star exam and Ron Schwind, RLS, who chaired at the last minute, and who made it such a successful event.

The student chapter hosted two SMSA seminars on the weekend of April 18th and 19th, 1997, presenting Walter G. Robillard and Robert C. Shelton, Jr. on **Ethics and the Professional, and Evidence as seen by the Judge and the Expert.**

I attended both days and it was well worth the money and time. It was a great opportunity for everyone in a variety of professions, especially ours, to attend at such a modest cost. The presenters have extensive background experience, and they covered a wealth of information. I

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was sorry to see such a low turnout when the surveying community across the U.S. is in the process of so many changes, and we had experts here from which to learn and hear of the issues facing us.

One of the main topics covered was Ethics, or our Code of Ethics. It was very interesting to learn that seven of the ten we have in the standards were not "Ethics", but fraternal. The ASPLS code of Ethics needs to be revised.

The Hats and Cups purchased for ASPLS by Ken Ayers, RLS, were turned over to me and are in my possession at this time. A list of people who have hats and cups on hand was turned over to Paul Whipple, RLS, along with a check from the Anchorage Chapter for the hats and cups they purchased. I would like to give the supply of hats and cups to whom ever is in charge of the state's portion and only keep the Anchorage Chapter's.

The Anchorage Chapter received information from Tom Knox, RLS, that the MOA does not consider surveying contracts under the same criteria as contracts done by Engineers and Architects. The MOA purchasing department is reviewing title 7.20.060 which deals with lowbid survey projects. I am in the process of writing a letter to the MOA to include Surveying contracts in and under the same guidelines as Engineers and Architects.

The Anchorage Chapter is also in the process of acquiring volunteers for the upkeep on the Seward Initial Monument required by the state for the use permit on it's location in Seward. I plan to make a trip in the near future for cleanup and weeding.

-submitted by,

W. Mike Olson, CET, RLS
Anchorage Chapter President

STUDENT CHAPTER

May 10, 1997

We finished up the Spring semester in a flurry of activity as SMSA members were involved in a number of volunteer and fundraising efforts since February.

Again this year we volunteered many hours at the Alaska Surveying & Mapping Conference, helping out with registration, short courses, technical sessions, and plat/map judging. We also benefit by gaining free admittance to

these events.

As the official Student Chapter of the ASPLS, we have also been involved in their activities. From our booth at the conference we sold ASPLS mugs & caps and distributed an assortment of informational material about ASPLS and ACSM. For the 2nd year we also helped with the Alaska **Trig-Star** Contest, sending Geomatics students to area high schools along with ASPLS members to administer the tests. The **Trig-Star** program is a great program designed to introduce students to surveying fundamentals and hopefully spark an interest in the profession.

This spring we also undertook the ambitious project of conducting a seminar with two internationally known and respected guest speakers. We were very fortunate to welcome Walter G. Robillard, RLS, Esq. and the Honorable Robert Shelton, Jr., Esq. back to the UAA campus for the event. You may recall that they visited in September as well.

Scheduling and details were worked out with Mr. Robillard and Mr. Shelton over the course of several months, beginning in November, through an ongoing email correspondence, faxes, and priority mail. We first announced the seminar during the conference at our booth, after first settling on a date and then securing the funds to handle expenses. Our choices for the dates were somewhat limited. We did not want to conflict with the Alaska Surveying & Mapping Conference and it needed to be late enough in the spring to provide us adequate planning time.

Next, we made arrangements for our guests and then advertised the event by creating and mailing a brochure to over 500 individuals and firms in our target audience. Response to the mailout was rather sluggish, so we got on the phone for a last minute blitz. Well, it didn't really work. Attendance was very low, in fact I would say embarrassingly low. There are several contributing factors for the low attendance. First, we made mistakes. Ideally, the seminar would have been held earlier in the year, and we should have had more lead time for advertising. Secondly, I feel that overall, the professional community and the students failed to support the seminars.

With that being said, let me add

that the SMSA volunteers that made this event possible did an outstanding job. More than half a dozen people put in long hours of retyping seminar handouts, preparing the brochure for mailing, videotaping the seminar, making copies, handling refreshments, and more. I think we all learned that we have to work together to pull off something like this.

Mr. Robillard & Mr. Shelton presented "Ethics & the professional" on Friday April 18th, and "Evidence As Seen By the Judge and the Expert" on Saturday April 19th. Their presentation was thought provoking, informative, and entertaining. Having a smaller group in attendance did enhance the intimacy of the event.

SMSA Officer elections were held the first week of April. We had good participation this year by both the candidates and the voting membership. Officers for the 97/98 school year are:

President	Steve Buchanan
Vice President	T.J. Howland
Treasurer	Michelle Vlah
Secretary	Matt Burkholder

Mr. John Koltun of Geographic Resource Solutions (GRS, Anchorage, AK) secured a substantial GIS software donation from Intergraph Corporation for the Department of Geomatics.

The Software donation provides the department with 15 seats of MGE Office. The software will be available to all Geomatic students in Fall 1997. Through industry's support, the Department now has a full suite of GIS software available to students:

- MGE Office Intergraph Corporation
- ArcInfo ESRI
- ArcView ESRI
- InFoCAD DMS
- IDRISI Clark University

Our special thanks to Mr. Koltun, Intergraph Corporation and all who have supported us!

And finally, our web site is operational. The unofficial UAA Department of Geomatics web site can be found at: www.micronet.net/~chena/geomatic/ The official SMSA site can be found at: www.micronet.net/~chena/smsa/

-submitted by,

Steve Buchanan, LSIT
Student Chapter President

WEST FED REPORT

1996/1997 Raffle Committee Report

May 10, 1997

I would like to thank everyone who participated this year, making the 1996 ASPLS raffle very successful.

The prize this year was a Gateway P6-200 Desktop Computer won by Sam Best. This year's raffle brought in \$7,840, topping last year's gross by \$2,715.00. After the price of the computer (\$2,683.00) and the cost of printing tickets (covered by our account balance) the profit was \$4,900.00. The funds were distributed in the following manner: NSPS Foundation (\$1,000.00), the Maurice P. Oswald Scholarship Fund (\$1,950.00), and the Sidney Henderson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund (\$1,950.00). Last year's donation went to the Al Talcott Memorial Fund. A small balance of \$314 will maintain the ASPLS Raffle account at Key Bank of Alaska. The decision to raffle a top-of-the-line desktop computer proved to be a good idea.

Other action taken by the raffle committee included completing the annual financial report for the State Dept. of Revenue, Charitable Gaming Division in March.

Thanks again for your help, If you have any questions, please call (907) 272-5451.

-submitted by,
Barbara J. Hosier, PLS
ASPLS Raffle Chair

WFPS Board of Directors met 9 A.M. Sunday March 9, 1997, in Las Vegas at the Luxor Hotel. Following the board meeting was the WFPS/CLSA/NALS 97 Conference (California and Nevada societies) that ran through Thursday March 13. All West Fed member states were represented.

Ron Whitehead, West Fed Chairman, said in his message that there are no major fires. "That it seems that the level of enthusiasm of our volunteers is directly proportionate to the size of the fire on the hill. When the fire grows bigger and closet to home the volunteers are more interested in filling the buckets with water and getting them up the hill to put the fire out. During the low fire times we need to keep up the work in our organizations making sure everything is functioning to peak capability. These are good times to change things or add new equipment (legislation, rules, benefits for members to help our organizations."

West Fed is doing OK financially and has \$20,807.75 in a fund for scholarships. The income from this fund was used for scholarships. At the Board meeting there was an auction of a British WWII brass Brunton compass that raised another \$400 that was added to the scholarship award for this year.

Colorado non-LS's were obtaining most contracts for setting corners for GIS mapping, because the PLS's were required to file plats and follow the standards of practice thus raising their prices. Colo. House Bill 97-1261 would exempt PLS's from the platting requirements when setting corners for GIS control, with the requirement that the corners set could not be called aliquot corners and could not be used for land title transfer.

Washington held the NGS courses for base line calibration that trained 24 surveyors and got one line calibrated.

California recently passed legislation requiring monuments in roads be reset after road reconstruction.

There is some concern again about the management of ACSM (which is the main reason West Fed was started). ACSM has a balloon payment of

\$800,000 coming up on its building. There seem to be more directors but they have less work as the staff is taking over more duties. When dues are paid most is kept by ACSM and only about 25% is being passed onto NSPS. West Fed is preparing a motion to request ACSM to review its use of funds and efficiency of the headquarters staff.

Classes were given on Boundary Retracement Case Studies, Legal Aspects of Research, Subsidence Monitoring, Time Management, How to Hire and Fire, Customer Service and Goal Setting, High Accuracy GPS surveys, Title Problems caused by Past Legal Description, Company in Mid-Life Crises, and a mock trial. The business classes were well presented and attended. This may be a good idea for our future conference, to have the UAA business teachers present short courses. I have the various states reports for those interested.

-submitted by,
George Strother, PE, PLS
Alaska Delegate, Seat B

**ASPLS MESSAGE
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907-566-2622**

ASPLS has its own "office" phone now. The voice mail messages will be checked regularly, with messages routed to the appropriate individual. The number is currently listed with Directory Information but is not yet listed in phone books. ASPLS members should feel free to use this number to voice concerns or request information.

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Allen Minish started his surveying career in 1976 while still in high school. He moved to Ketchikan, Alaska in 1981 and in 1985 moved to Anchorage. Allen became licensed in 1991. Allen presently works for the U. S. Public Health Service (PHS) and is the owner of ADM Land Surveys. Allen's work with the PHS take him throughout southwestern, south central and southeast Alaska conducting boundary, construction and topographic surveys for the ongoing water and wastewater projects within villages. Allen's business of ADM Land Surveys is a part time enterprise providing residential boundary, as-builts, plot plans, small subdivisions and topographic surveying within south central Alaska. Allen's philosophy is every survey is different, prepare for the field through research, and do it right the first time because the second time costs more.

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Base Line Calibration Class Update

by George C. Strother, PE, PLS

NOAA-Coast and Geodetic Survey will not be able to provide Base Line Calibration Training in Alaska this year. Their budget is being cut and they are having to cancel a class in South Dakota as they are not able to fund travel. They said that after their new fiscal year starts on October 1, they maybe able to schedule a class in November, but I told them we'd have to wait until next June or July. The class is free and because of the size of our state they would be willing to give two classes, one in Wasilla, and one in Fairbanks. Each class is three days: The first day is class and theories. The second day is running the base line forward, then the third day is running the base line in reverse with different climatic adjustments.

But, they want some agency or group to sign a Cooperative Agreement, to rent the equipment for calibration of future base lines, and to take responsibility for \$81,000 of equipment. I've made phone calls to Anchorage and Fairbanks ADOT&PF and to BLM to see if some agency with statewide interest would be willing to sign. To date I have not gotten hold of the "right person" who has the interest and authority to sign. Would ASPLS be willing and able to fund the \$500 rental fee. And who is interested in setting up additional base lines around the state? Any local support (rooms, meals, etc.) will assist in obtaining approval for their trip. I offered to transport their two man crew and equipment from Wasilla to Fairbanks.

I have the base line standards for anyone interested in setting up additional base line.

Membership Report

As of April 26, 1997 ASPLS has 181 members. including six Sustaining members. Thanks to new sustaining member, Bruce Brown, for supporting the society. All sustaining members are from Anchorage, will there be any response from the other chapters? Or, will sustaining membership remain an exclusive Anchorage club?

The new 1997 membership list has been sent to Alaska Professional Design Council for their newsletter. If you have paid your 1997 dues and are not receiving the newsletter, let me know at 376-3865 evenings or mail (P.O. Box 871870, Wasilla, AK 99687) and I'll pass your name along on the next update.

Second invoices were sent out on April 13th to 1996 paid members whom had not yet renewed. There has been a fair response, but still the society is losing LS's who are still active in the state. If you have not renewed please renew. Or, if you know any past member who has not renewed, please ask them to renew. Of course you can recruit new members who are LS's or associated with surveying. With more members, our Society is stronger both financially and with the numbers of members when we talk with legislators, congressmen, in West. Fed. and NSPS.

-submitted by,
George C. Strother, PE, PLS
Membership Chair

Trig-Star 1997 Facts

School Participants:
6 Anchorage Schools
4 Mat-Su Schools

Student Participants:
123 Anchorage Students
40 Mat-Su Students

Correct Answers:

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UAA Aerial GPS Calibration Baseline

Students in the Geopositioning class completed a survey of 50 GPS stations on and near the UAA Campus this Spring semester. This project is in cooperation with the following firms in Anchorage:

AeroMap USA, Inc.
Arctic Surveyors Instruments
LCMF, Inc.
R & M Consultants, Inc.
UAA Grounds Department
USFS, Chugach National Forest

The primary goal of the project is to provide a calibration baseline for aerial survey cameras that utilize GPS for providing focal point control.

A secondary goal of this project is to provide an accurate test facility for the Surveying and Mapping community to calibrate their conventional and/or GPS equipment. We plan to publish in a forthcoming SMSA newsletter, a campus map with station locations and an NAD83 coordinate list.

-submitted by,
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AELS Board Appointment Recommendations

ASPLS President Tony Hoffman has written to Governor Knowles, informing him of the Board of Directors recommended candidates for the recently added position of a second Land Surveyor to the Board of Registration of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

The following candidates have been selected from our current membership and were approved at the May 10, 1997 board meeting. The candidates are Karen Tilton, Scott McLane, Malcolm Menzies, and George Strother.

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- ◆ **Thomas W. Brooks** from Alabama and **Jon Warren** from Washington State were re-elected as Chair and Secretary respectively of the Board of Governors, for one-year terms.

Committee meetings

- ◆ **Membership** is up slightly from the same time last year, with both new members and renewals on the plus side, totaling 6,389. Various strategies were discussed to add members. Two which will be implemented are free first-year memberships to registrants at the national conferences and eligibility of graduates of ABET accredited schools for membership before licensure. The committee will investigate assembling a database of all registrants in the U.S. to be obtained from state registration boards.
- ◆ **Standards** met after the Board of Governors approved the new ALTA/ACSM/NSPS Survey standards, so discussion revolved around publication schedule for the ALTA, GPS, and GIS standards now approved. Schedule will depend on ALTA as they share in responsibility for publication. There was also discussion of need for boundary survey standards. It was agreed that the NCEES Standards might be the best starting point. Note: these are the standards already adopted by Alaska.
- ◆ **Trig Star** was tremendously successful this year. In all, 39 states participated, which is up from 13 last year. The major difficulty this year has been that the questions were too complex for most of the high school students. Next year, rather than have surveyors make up the questions, we will solicit trigonometry problems from teachers, choose the problem then hang a surveying scenario on it for the competition. The idea after all, is to interest young people in the profession, not discourage them.

The NSPS NAFTA Committee meeting was an extremely interesting, and eye-opening experience. The committee had finally succeeded in locating the appropriate person to open discussions on behalf of the Mexican survey-

ors, and had invited him to attend the committee meeting. The meeting consisted of an interview with Norberto Quinteroflores, the President of the Colegio de Generos Topograficas de Mexico. The interview was conducted by Hector Sanabria, the NSPS Governor from Puerto Rico, who speaks both the Spanish and English languages fluently, since Mr. Quinteroflores does not speak English, and few of the listeners understood Spanish. An initial list of twelve questions was prepared by the committee, with approximately twelve more from the audience.

The Mexican surveyor's license covers all types of surveying, including topographic, hydrographic, cadastral, geodetic, mining, boundary, and legal descriptions, and the licensed surveyor may practice anywhere in the country. The National Colegio de Generos Topograficas de Mexico issues the license through one of fifteen Universities. Both the curriculum and examinations are regulated nationally through the Colegio, and membership in the Colegio is mandatory.

Students must complete a four-year degree, (a five-year degree which includes another year of liberal arts is required at some universities) then must serve an internship of two to three years of field surveying under a licensed professional. After the internship, the candidate writes a thesis, which is submitted to the university for review, and an oral exam is given to the candidate on the subjects covered in the thesis. A license is issued by the University if the thesis and exam results are approved.

Some work is done, as it is here, by unlicensed persons, but it has no legal standing. A person can lose the license only after a trial for malpractice. There are no "grandfathered" licensees, as the current system for licensure has been in place for just over 50 years. There is no malpractice insurance in Mexico.

Land title is vested by deed or by platted legal description as it is in Canada and the United States. Farms and large tracts are placed in private hands through the National Institute of State Geographic Information and the National Land Registry. The national plane coordinate system is the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) System.

All three countries are in agreement on the issue of boundary delimitation: it

should require licensure within the jurisdiction in which the survey occurs, and no changes in licensing qualifications should be made to facilitate licensure. The committee, with Mexico now represented, will continue to work toward a mutually satisfactory set of regulations to implement international surveying under NAFTA.

-submitted by
Craig Savage, P.L.S.
NSPS Governor

NewsClips

- **ASPLS Logo Items:** Coffee mugs & caps with the ASPLS logo are still available for purchase. We have 11oz. dark blue ceramic mugs with the gold logo on opposite sides, at \$7 each, and black twill baseball caps with leather bills and a yellow logo, at \$15 each.
- The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities was awarded Third Place in the NSPS Map/Plat Design Competition. The successful entry was a plat submitted by Karen Tilton of DOT/PF Northern Region in the Boundary/Cadastral Maps Section of the contest. This national competition was held in conjunction with the ACSM/ASPRS Conference held this April in Seattle. Congratulations!
- Standards Of Practice Manuals are available through Tom Knox in Anchorage and John Bennett in Fairbanks. Packed with valuable information, manuals cost \$50 each.
- The **ASPLS Web page** is open for business. Point your browser to "<http://www.imagi.net/~aspls/>". The homepage contains a wealth of ASPLS information, including draft minutes of Board Meetings, an online edition of The Alaskan Surveyor newsletter, as well as links to Surveying related pages.
- The Fairbanks Chapter is proposing to hold a 2 day GPS Seminar in Fairbanks during the first or second week of August 1997. The course will be instructed by Dave Zenk of the Dunwoody Institute. Mr. Zenk instructed a well received course at the 1997 Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference. Additional information regarding location, dates, price etc. will be posted on the ASPLS web site as the course planning develops.

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- The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on August 23, 1997, 9:00 A.M. at the offices of LCMF, Inc., located at 139 E. 51st Ave in Anchorage.
- The 1998 Alaska Surveying & Mapping Conference has been scheduled for February 2nd to the 6th at the Egan Convention Center.
- The Kenai Chapter is planning a Section Line Easement/Record of Survey Workshop for the Fall.
- There was some discussion at the last Board Meeting regarding a Surveyors Insurance program. If you are interested in the program and would like more information, please leave a message on the ASPLS voice mail phone at 907-566-2622 or contact an ASPLS officer.
- If you missed the June APDC newsletter, ADOT&PF now provides design and construction RFP's valued less than \$100,000 through the Internet and fax-back service. Go to: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/>, click "Design & Construction" then on the next page "Notice of Request for Proposals."

