

The National Association of County Surveyors

Minutes of Annual Meeting
March 20, 2000
Little Rock, Arkansas

President - Elect
R. Charles Pearson, Chair

Voting Members Present:

R. Charles "Chuck" Pearson, Clakamas County Surveyor, Oregon, President - Elect, Chair
(President Vaughn E. Butler was arranged as absent)
George Van Til, Lake County Surveyor, Indiana, Vice President
Warren D. Ward, Grand County Surveyor, Colorado, Secretary - Treasurer
Dan Linscheid, Yamhill County Surveyor, Oregon
Robert Hovden, Multnomah County Surveyor, Oregon
Don R. Gilchrist, Van Buren County Surveyor, Michigan
Jon Warren, Snohomish County Surveyor, Washington
Doug Joslin, Los Angeles County Surveyor, California
Sam Orr, Dade County Surveyor, Missouri
Ray Davis, Lapeer County Surveyor, Michigan
Gary H. Stevenson, Dakota County Surveyor, Minnesota
John Canas, Orange County Surveyor, California
Gary Caswell, Hennepin County Surveyor, Minnesota
Larry Nybeck, Washington County Surveyor, Minnesota

Guests:

James W. Saul, Laurel, Mississippi
Bob Dahl, BLM, Washington, DC.
Viiram McKenney, Madison County Surveyor, Arkansas

Note: James W. Saul and Viiram McKenney each introduced themselves and were welcomed by NACS. They did not vote, but indicated interest in joining NACS. Sam Orr also introduced himself, presented an application and dues payment, and was considered a voting member at that time.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pearson at 10:03 AM.

There was no President's report.

Warren Ward presented a letter from the Thurston County, Washington Commissioners concerning use of dues for ballot issue lobbying (The letter was copied to all attending). After brief discussion, Bob Hovden moved that NACS not use dues to support or oppose ballot initiatives. The motion was seconded by Gary Caswell, and passed unanimously. Secretary Ward was directed to notify the

Thurston County Commissioners of the vote.

Sam Orr, Dade County Surveyor, Missouri, discussed efforts to restore state boundary corners, and was given several names of others with experience of restoring their respective state boundary corners. It was also suggested he contact the BLM, as they might be able to assist.

Jon Warren announced that the control database created by the Washington County Surveyors Association had reached "Phase 2", and presented a handout for details. The program was developed in Microsoft Access and is available through their web site.

Warren Ward announced that a ballot initiative had passed in Colorado, where the citizens will vote whether or not to modify the constitution to say that each county shall appoint a county surveyor. The current wording allows that each county "may elect or appoint" a county surveyor, which is widely misused. The bill was introduced by the Jefferson County Commissioners, and was amended to be acceptable to the Colorado Association of County Surveyors.

George Van Til announced that a recent study to "fold" the county surveyor into the commissioners' duties failed and the office of County Surveyor is still elected. Also, that Indiana was addressing several issues involving whom is in charge of GIS. Discussion disclosed that several states have statutes setting out the requirement for having land surveyors in charge of some parts of a GIS. California is one.

John Canas asked for possible replacements after his next County Surveyor Forum coordination of the 2001 ACSM meeting. This is considered an important PR role for promoting NACS and County Surveyors. **Members were encouraged to participate in this important function.**

Viirum McKenney announced that ideas are being discussed by the Arkansas County Surveyors to secure funding for the creation of a control network. He was given several names to contact for possibilities. Discussion disclosed that several states have statutes that provide funding for PLS re-monumentation and control networks: California, Oregon, Michigan, and Indiana were mentioned.

President-Elect Chuck Pearson announced little to report from the recent NACO Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, and that he intended to attend the next NACO meeting in July, 2000, in Charlotte, North Carolina. He also announced that he will instigate a membership drive, with the goal of securing 100 to 200 more members.

Minutes of 1999 meeting: Gary Caswell moved and Jon Warren seconded approval with corrections of the 1999 minutes, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report showed a current balance of \$10,469.47.

Board of Directors Budget Authorization: Jon Warren moved and Gary Caswell seconded a motion to authorize the NACS Board of Directors to develop and approve an operating budget. A major part of the association expense is related to expenses for the President to attend NACO meetings.

Gary Caswell announced that a NACS web page can be found through www.naco.org/affils/nacs, and encouraged the addition of links to expand Internet information. NACS is an affiliate member of NACO. NACS members were asked to give technical support and advice in improving the web page.

Gary Caswell summarized the proceedings of 1999 NACO meetings pertaining to the Federal Geographic Control Committee. Gary has been very active being a NACO affiliate representative of NACS to the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee. Again this is a very important professional opportunity for NACS to be influential at the national level and to promote the County Surveyor's Office. Updated information concerning the Cadastral Standards can be viewed at Nancy Von Meyer's web page: www.fairview-industries.com. A recent ACSM Bulletin contained information about the NSDI Report. NACS has been asked to write a training manual for surveyors in the use of the Cadastral Standards. The Recorders affiliate has completed their manual and the Assessor's affiliate has theirs' in draft form. **Volunteers are needed!** The BLM has a contract writer to help with the process.

At the recent NACO Legislative Conference held in Washington, DC, Gary represented NACS as a member of the Geographic Information Subcommittee to the Information Technology Committee. The subcommittee passed several resolutions recognizing the importance of GIS. Gary was also involved with workshops at the conference involving GIS and IT strategic planning.

Gary stressed the importance of other members of NACS becoming involved in NACO committees and activities of the FGDC. Gary asked the new president to find a replacement as he thinks he is going to retire in a couple of years! The membership acknowledged his efforts on behalf of NACS and offered their appreciation.

Election of Officers for two-year terms, 2000 - 2001:

Gary Caswell presented nominations as Chair of the Nomination Committee as follows:

President-Elect:	John Canas
Vice President:	George Van Til
Secretary-Treasurer:	Gary H. Stevenson
Director:	Larry Nybeck
Director:	Harold Baldwin
Director:	Dan Linscheid
Director:	Don Gilchrist

Jon Warren moved to vote on the entire nomination in one ballot. Robert Hovden seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Outgoing President Vaughn E. Butler and outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Warren Ward were presented with plaques in recognition for their service to NACS. Upon the installation of Officers began the two-year term of R. Charles Pearson as President.

President Pearson announced that the next NACS Board of Directors Meeting will be in Providence, Rhode Island, during the ACSM meeting in December, 2000, the exact date to be announced.

Having no further business, President Pearson adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Minutes submitted by Warren D. Ward.

In the afternoon, NACS hosted the following program

THE NSPS COUNTY SURVEYORS FORUM

1. GIS AND THE SURVEYOR'S ROLE IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Wendy Lathrop, an Instructor at Penn State University at Wilkes-Barre, the ACSM representative to FEMA's Technical Mapping Advisory Council, and a Contributing Editor for the "Professional Surveyor" Magazine

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

2. LAND INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Pierre le Roux, Technical Consultant, Land Information Management, Intergraph Corporation, Huntsville, Alabama

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

3. COMMUNITY FEDERAL INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Bob Dahle, Cadastral Surveyor, Department Of The Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Washington D.C.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

4. USE AND PRACTICALITY OF EARTH CENTERED COORDINATES BY SURVEYORS IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

David R. Doyle, Senior Geodesist, Spatial Reference System Div., NGS; Joseph Evjen, Geodesist, Project Development Branch, NGS

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The program contained a wealth of information for the County Surveyor. Thanks to John Canas for putting the program together!

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