

The National Association of County Surveyors

Minutes of Annual Meeting
March 19, 2001
Las Vegas, Nevada

President R. Charles Pearson, Chair

Voting Members Present:

R. Charles "Chuck" Pearson, President	Clackamas County, Oregon
George Van Til, Vice President	Lake County, Indiana
Gary H. Stevenson, Secretary/Treasurer	Dakota County, Minnesota
John Canas, President-Elect	Orange County, California
Larry Nybeck, Director	Washington County, Minnesota
Harold Baldwin, Director	Navajo County, Arizona
Don R. Gilchrist, Director	Van Buren County, Michigan
Brent Tidwell	Salt Lake County, Utah
Paul Smith	Los Angeles County, California
Ray Davis	Lapeer County, Michigan
Patrick Manship	Madison County, Indiana
Jack Irwin	Marion County, Indiana
Dann McKee	Orange County, Florida
Robert Hovden	Multnomah County, Oregon
Mark Bernas	Riverside County, California
Robert Ezell	Lane County, Oregon
Gary Caswell	Hennepin County, Minnesota
Bill Brown	Hennepin County, Minnesota
Allan Frisinger	Allen County, Indiana
Warren Ward	Grand County, Colorado
Jon Warren	Snohomish County, Washington
Brett Lane	Clark County, Nevada
Michael Emmons	Santa Barbara County, California

Guests:

Steve Keisel, Salt Lake County, Utah
Bob Dahl, BLM, Washington, DC.
Bud Campbell
John Lee, BLM, Wyoming
Ken Teich, Riverside County, CA.
John Priester, ADA, Idaho
David Couch, ADA, Idaho
Doug Joslin, Los Angeles County, California

President Pearson called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.

Approval of Minutes of 2000 meeting: Gary Caswell moved and Don Gilchrist seconded approval of the 2000 annual meeting minutes that had been sent out. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings from the lofty (?) office of your president. Since we last met at our annual meeting, I have attended meetings with the GCDB Committee, a County Surveyor's Forum held at the ACSM meeting in Providence, and two (2) NACo Board of Directors meetings held in Sun Valley, ID and the at the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

MEETING REPORT

GCDB Committee

This committee met November 29-30 in Raleigh, North Carolina and was attended by 38 people from across the country.

The stated purpose of the meeting was "to obtain better information about cadastral data and activities and identify potential strategies for supporting the National Cadastral Data Infrastructure."

The following presentations were made during the meeting:

Bob Ader – Cadastral GIS Collaboration to Support Decision Making
Steve Kopach - BLM current initiatives in the east GCDB and GLO Project
Val H Schultz GSTC ALP Project
Leslie Cone - NILS - GeoCommunicator
Paul Rogers – Is it Close Enough for Government Work?
Cindy Fowler – Marine Cadastral Issues
D. David Moyer – Monitoring the Status and Effectiveness of a Statewide Modernization Program
Terry Ellis - Johnston County North Carolina - Property Mapping
David Claypool – Minnesota Land Related Activities
Mark Tuttle – Parcel Mapping in Tennessee
Ed Maki – Cadastral Mapping in West Virginia
Gary Thompson – North Carolina Geodetic Activity
Hank Garie – Developing a Seamless Statewide Parcel layer for NJ
David Stage – Florida Geographic Information Board

Eastern States Activities Discussion

The group discussed some of the commonalities and the needs for eastern states cadastral activities. The discussion looked at the differences between western and eastern cadastral activities, the BLM budget initiatives for 2001 and 2002, and opportunities for partnership. The highlights from the discussions are listed below:

1. Combine Cadastral Initiatives with Large Scale Ortho Imagery in support of local governments, both rural and urban. . Geodetic control is presumed to be required. These detailed images are needed to help map and maintain cadastral ownership boundaries, primarily in non-PLSS areas. This follows the original Mapping Science Committee (MSC) framework ideas.

2. Digital Ortho Quarter Quad (DOQQ) accuracy does not support cadastral and related activities at the state and local levels. Cadastral needs better accuracy. The DOQQ program to be more flexible to accept larger scale ortho imagery.
3. Issues or Drivers for why we need to coordinate cadastral information across county and state boundaries
 - In the East, these issues tend to be related to economic development, emergency management, water quality, farmland preservation, and land use management.
 - Cadastral information is a strategic national asset. We need to be thinking ahead and planning strategically to meet all needs. In the East applications focus on solving current needs rather than looking at future planning, although the future planning (such as mineral planning and mineral estates) will be addressed.

How do we get organized to support NSDI in the east? The result of a plan should be to develop a regional multi-state structure for the NSDI for cadastral information that will identify a multi-state role and framework. These roles include federal, state and local participation. Overall the NSDI in the east should look at providing incentives for local and state governments to do their work in a way that can be integrated.

2001-2002 Budget Goals

Work with the BLM and other federal agencies and other stakeholders to identify what budget initiatives are needed to keep the eastern states efforts moving forward. Define the need for this with target groups and individuals.

- Build a coalition of federal agencies for the East
- Identify specific 2001-2002 activities and their budget levels. Some of these include:
- Conduct regional forums related to cadastral information to build and define the regional goals
- Hold a summary forum of the regional meetings to build and summarize an eastern strategy

Conclusion

The Subcommittee should take a lead as best they can to help coordinate the cadastral components of these plans. One of the first action items is to contact the NSGIC representatives of this activity. These plans will continue to be coordinated with western efforts.

NACo Board of Directors

My first NACo Board meeting was held during December 2000 in Sun Valley, ID. Being a new member on the Board I felt like the proverbial “fish out of water.” The primary activities held during this meeting were a discussion of Executive Committee travel spending, the adoption of a budget, and a new Board member orientation.

Due to a snowstorm, I was forced to leave the meeting early to bus to Twin Falls to catch my flight.

NACo Legislative Conference

This meeting, unlike the December Board meeting, is a full-fledged conference attended by about 2,000 registrants. During the meeting, I attended a meeting of affiliate representatives held jointly with the NACo Executive Committee, a meeting of the GIS subcommittee, a meeting of the Technology & Telecommunications Committee, and the NACo Board.

The affiliates meeting was the result of a preliminary meeting held at Sun River. During the meeting, the affiliates expressed that they felt that the NACo leadership has not, in the past, fully recognized them for the contributions they make to the organization.

A report, prepared by an ad hoc committee on NACo and its affiliates was distributed and discussed. In that report, the committee reached the following conclusions:

- Affiliates are important to the life of NACo and should be retained.
- Membership in NACo includes a buy-in to all functions of NACo.
- Affiliate membership should be limited to NACo members.
- A minimum level of services will be provided to affiliates to include staff time, publicity, meeting facilities, etc.

It was decided to continue the meeting between the affiliates and the NACo Executive Committee and the Western Interstate Region meeting being held this next May.

The GIS Committee passed six resolutions to the Technology & Telecommunications Committee and subsequently to the NACo Board for adoption. One of the resolutions is very important to surveying being a "Resolution of Public Lands Survey System." This resolution came out of the Western Governor's Meeting Policy Resolution 00-005.

Also continued from the December Board meeting was the subject of Executive Committee Travel expenses.

As a new show of the NACo organizations support of the affiliate organizations, all of the affiliates and their presidents were announced at the main delegate luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As you may know, we are in the midst of a membership drive. Gary Stevenson has sent out a letter from me, the latest minutes of NACS, and membership applications to as many surveyors as he has addresses for. If any of you have state associations, personal addresses, etc. of county surveyors across the nation that are not members, please forward that information to Gary. Making a direct contact to individuals that you know is one of the best ways to increase membership. I will send a copy of this letter out to the NACS membership just to keep them abreast of information that I have gathered.

End of President's Report

Business Meeting: The President's Report generated discussion on the importance of NACS members being involved with federal issues, especially NACo meetings pertaining to the Federal Geographic Control Committee and its' 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. Discussion centered on the Western Governors' Association's Policy Resolution 00-005 supporting the importance of federal support for the Cadastral layer of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) based on the enhancement of the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). The resolution supports the BLM developed funding proposal to expand data development and integration efforts in the 18 western states.

Gary Caswell stressed the importance of other members of NACS becoming involved in NACO committees and activities of the FGDC. Gary suggested the need for a NACS meeting to be held in conjunction with a NACo meeting. President Pearson again thanked Gary Caswell for all of his work and effort in representing NACS over the years at the federal level. Gary again stated the need to find someone else to represent NACS on committees as he thinks he is going to retire next year. The membership acknowledged his efforts on behalf of NACS and offered their appreciation. George Van Til stated that he serves on an environmental committee of NACo.

Jon Warren talked about getting ACSM and NSPS support for the BLM funding proposal and challenged everyone to send a letter supporting the Western Governors' Association's Policy Resolution 00-005.

Other Business: Warren Ward brought up the topic of private practice surveyors also being County Surveyors in Colorado. It has become somewhat of an issue in Colorado and he asked for information from other states concerning this practice.

President Pearson was commended as the Conference Chair on the success of the ACSM Conference.

WEB Page: With change of staff at NACo, it has been difficult to get updates to our NACS affiliate page. We will try to improve our link with NACo this coming year. Many of the members have trouble accessing the NACo site. The WEB page address is:
www.naco.org/affils/nacs

Membership Report: Currently, the 2001 NACS membership consists of 62 members and 3 state associations. This is up from 55 members in 2000. Of the 62 members in 2001, 39 are renewals from last year with 23 new members. A reminder notice will be sent to 2000 members who have not paid 2001 dues. The roster will be updated as new dues are received. Again all members are encouraged to recruit one new member each.

Breakdown by State:	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Arizona	2	1
California	5	6
Colorado	2	3
Florida	7	1
Indiana	9	10
Michigan	5	3
Minnesota	7	8
Missouri	1	1
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	2	1
Nevada	1	1
Oregon	8	11
Texas	1	0
Utah	2	1
Washington	4	4
Wisconsin	4	4

Treasurer's Report and 2001 Budget: The following Treasurer's Report and proposed Budget were discussed. The major part of the association expense is related to expenses for the President to attend NACo meetings. The members feel strongly that it is extremely important to have a NACS presence at the NACo meetings and support the expense for travel reimbursement. The association has been fortunate to have Presidents that have been able to absorb some of the travel costs. However, the association cannot continue to rely on this happening. Jon Warren led discussion on having a delegate to attend the meetings when the President cannot. This may need a by-law change and President Pearson challenged Jon to find out something by April 15. **If everyone recruited one new member, it would greatly improve our ability to pay for the President's expenses.**

Balance Forward-Transfer-June 2000		\$ 10,465.61	2001 Budget
Income Item			
Interest & Credits	\$ 66.20		\$100.00
2000 Dues	\$ 500.00		
2001 Dues	\$ 3,200.00		\$3,000.00
2002 Dues	\$ 50.00		
Total Income		\$3,816.20	\$3,100.00
Expense Item			
Bank Charges	\$ 121.15		\$100.00
Butler Travel-NACO Leg. Conf.-Washington, DC-March 2000	\$ 1,698.55		
Pearson Travel-FGDC-Raleigh, NC-Nov. 2000 (Airline Ticket)	\$ 457.00		\$4,000.00
State of Utah Registration	\$ 20.00		
Postage			\$200.00
Printing			\$500.00
Total Expense		\$ 2,296.70	\$4,800.00
Balance 3/15/2001		\$ 11,985.11	

Treasurer's Report shows a current balance of \$11,985.11 on March 15, 2001. Gary Caswell moved and Robert Hovden seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Patrick Manship moved and Robert Ezell seconded a motion to approve the 2001 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Election: Election of Officers for two-year terms, 2002 – 2003, will be held at next year's annual meeting.

Next NACS Board Meeting: No final decision was made for the next NACS Board of Directors' Meeting. It could be held in Philadelphia in conjunction with the NACO meeting in July. Gary Caswell is to look into the setting up of a meeting. President Pearson will notify the

board of his decision. It was noted that a former County Surveyor signed the Declaration of Independent in Philadelphia!

County Surveyor's Forum: President Pearson thanked John Canas for the excellent County Surveyor Forum that preceded the annual meeting. The agenda of the forum is listed below. President Pearson asked John Canas to again coordinate getting space for the County Surveyor's Forum at the 2002 ACSM meeting in April 2002 for Monday. George Van Til will be helping to set up the program. One suggestion for part of the program was the Michigan re-monumentation program. The County Surveyor's Forum is considered an important PR role for promoting NACS and County Surveyors. **Members were encouraged to participate in this important function.**

2002 Annual Meeting: Since the next ACSM meeting will be held in Washington, DC, it was suggested that it would be good time for County Surveyors to visit their congressional delegation. Discussion continued on lobbying efforts of NACS with George Van Til to organize a Legislative Committee.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Pearson adjourned the meeting at 4:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Gary H. Stevenson.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SURVEYORS (NACS)
ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ACSM/CLSA/WESTFED/NSPS ANNUAL MEETING
RIVIERA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

AGENDA

John Canas, NACS President-Elect, Chairman & Moderator
County Surveyor, Orange County, California

10:00 am - 11:00 am

"Clark County Nevada's Explosive Growth, Impacts of the County Surveyor"
Brett Lane, County Surveyor, Clark County, Nevada

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

"Community Federal Information Partnership for the New Millennium"
Don Buehler, Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Department of the Interior, Bureau of
Land Management

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

"LIDAR for the Land Surveyor"
Jay Satalich, PLS, Director of Surveying, Airborne 1

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

"Orange County, California's Land Information System"
Robert Jelinek, Deputy County Surveyor, Orange County, California