

The National Association of County Surveyors

Minutes of Annual Meeting
April 20, 2002
Washington, D.C.

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	Benton County, Minnesota
John Canas, President-Elect	Orange County, California
Don R. Gilchrist, Director	Van Buren County, Michigan
Steve Keisel	Salt Lake County, Utah
Ray Davis	Lapeer County, Michigan
Robert Hovden	Multnomah County, Oregon
Gary Caswell	Hennepin County, Minnesota
Bill Brown	Hennepin County, Minnesota
Warren Ward	Grand County, Colorado
Jon Warren	Snohomish County, Washington
Mark Ober	Noble County, Indiana
Scott Zeigler	Noble County, Indiana
John Schulte	Freeborn County, Minnesota
Tim Kent	Clark County, Washington
George Warnke	Monroe County, Michigan
Doug Joslin	Los Angeles County, California
Gail Oliver	St. Johns County, Florida
Bill Soderberg	McComb County, Michigan

Guests:

Pete Jenkins, Minnesota DOT
Bob Dahl, BLM
Nixon, BLM
Peter Blethen, Nicollet County, Minnesota

President Pearson called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

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 at the end of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes of 2001 meeting: John Warren moved and Robert Hovden seconded approval of the 2001 annual meeting minutes that had been sent out. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year has been a busy one attending meetings on behalf of NACS. I have attended the NACo Legislative Meeting in March, the Western Interstate Region/NACo meeting in May, the Annual Meeting of NACo in July, and the winter Board meeting. Additionally, I attended the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee meeting this past March.

GCDB Committee

This committee met March 11-13 in Grand Junction, Colorado and was attended by 37 people from across the country representing the Federal government, private industry, counties, cities, and organizations such as NACo.

The stated purpose of the committee is “to obtain better information about cadastral data and activities and identify potential strategies for supporting the National Cadastral Data Infrastructure.”

The committee agreed that the current core data definitions and standards are fine as a starting point for getting to nationally integrated data. These definitions and standards will be more fully defined through the cadastral core data pilot projects.

A related initiative deals with the Marine Boundary working group who made a presentation at this meeting. They have met several times and are developing a set of standards for addressing the multiple problems and issues with ambulatory boundaries.

A decision was made by the committee to develop a resolution relative to framework data and the level of standardization and integration of multiple data sources. Once this resolution is developed, I will take it to the NACo GIS subcommittee and ultimately to the NACo Board of Directors for adoption.

The next meeting of the GCDB Cadastral Subcommittee will be with the Marine Boundary working group in the fall of this year.

NACo Board of Directors

After a little over a year of attending NACo Board meetings, I am finally becoming comfortable with the group. There are some members that feel that affiliate members on the Board should not happen, but I am pleased with most members being truly interested in what County Surveyors do. As we all know, most commissioners don't have the foggiest idea of what surveying is, let alone how it impacts their specific county.

One of the continuing sagas on the Board is the issue of NACo Executive Committee travel. The issue was first raised in Sun Valley (12/01) and progressed through the next 3 meetings.

The end result of all of this discussion is that there will not be any substantive changes other than the Executive Committee being more fiscally conscious of their spending.

NACo Legislative Conference

This meeting, unlike the December Board meeting, is a full-fledged conference attended by about 2,000 registrants. During the conference, 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 of Directors.

The affiliates meeting is a continued effort of the NACo leadership to assure us that we are a vital part of NACo and that they wish our continued presence. However, one of the most disturbing pieces of information I gathered was that there is a probability that the standards for becoming an affiliate of NACo was that the affiliate be organized, collect dues, support NACo, and have a minimum of 100 members. At the time of the Legislative Conference, our membership had dropped to less than 50 members. I don't know yet how this will affect affiliates that had the minimum number of members when they joined and then dropped below.

It was reported that NACo has hired an affiliate liaison staff member. The meetings between the affiliates and the NACo leadership will continue at the annual meeting this July.

The next meeting of the NACo Board will be in Billings, Montana this May and then the annual meeting in July in New Orleans. For any of you that have never attended a NACo meeting, I would encourage your participation. If you might possibly make one, please call me and let me know.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As you may know, we are in the midst of a membership drive. We had dropped to a low of 48 members this year and with the proposed affiliate criteria from NACo, this would likely mean that we would lose our affiliate status and seat on the Board of Directors.

Gary Stevenson and I have sent out many letters with information regarding NACS. Gail Oliver is, or has, been in the process of doing the same. Jon Warren (Washington) is approaching the Washington Council of County Surveyors. Vaughn Butler is doing the same with the Utah society. We all need your cooperation in this effort and that means providing me with names and addresses of County Surveyors, state association rosters, etc. and making individual contact with your peers.

As a result of our latest efforts, we have increased from 48 to 68 at the time of writing this report. However, out of an estimated 1,000 County Surveyors nationwide this is a poor representation.

As a challenge to you, I would like to invite you to try to surpass Oregon in membership. Out of 33 County Surveyors, we have a membership of 16 County Surveyors and 2 Associate Members – and I fully intend to increase that number.

End of President's Report

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

John Canas reported that he felt the organization needed a newsletter and he would try to have a quarterly newsletter sent out by email. The program chair for next year's meeting will be the Vice-President.

Business Meeting:

George Van Til reported as he serves on other legislative committees, that he encourages our members to write letters to their congressional representatives, as he believes they welcome input from our profession and want to be educated on the issues.

Jon Warren gave an update about the Survey Control Data Warehouse project developed by the Washington Council of County Surveyors (WCCS) and an article about the program in Professional Surveyor. Jon gave a demo of the recently developed WEB application. Like the Access database

developed several years ago by WCCS, this application is also free of charge and available on the WEB. All County Surveyor's are encouraged to check out the application on their WEB site at: <http://www.surveycontrol.state.wa.us>.

Membership Report: Currently, the 2002 NACS membership consists of 80 members and 2 state associations. This is up from 76 members in 2001. Of the 80 members in 2002, 43 are renewals from last year with 37 new members. A reminder notice had been sent to all previous members who have not paid 2002 dues. The roster will be updated as new dues are received. Again all members are encouraged to recruit one new member each.

<u>Breakdown by State:</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Alaska	1	0
Arizona	2	1
California	8	6
Colorado	2	3
Florida	6	10
Indiana	8	12
Michigan	3	4
Minnesota	11	8
Missouri	0	1
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	1	1
Nevada	0	1
Oregon	21	13
Texas	1	0
Utah	5	5
Washington	5	5
Wisconsin	5	5

Members are encouraged to continue to contact fellow County Surveyors and to encourage them to join our association. Discussed other sources for getting mailing lists and trying to mail out to all County Surveyors across the country. There are approximately 3500 counties who are members of NACo. Jon Warren reported that the Washington Council of County Surveyors was planning on adding the NACS dues to their own dues. He challenged other state associations to do the same. Discussed the possibility of County Surveyor's articles in professional publications to help promote membership.

It was the consensus of the members that it is important to stay affiliated with NACo and therefore we need to demonstrate that we are a viable organization with at least a 100 members.

Treasurer's Report and 2002 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.

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget
Balance Forward-Transfer-June 2000			
Balance 7/10/01		\$11,748.74	
Income Item			
Interest & Credits	\$100.00	\$27.65	
2000 Dues			

2001 Dues		\$350.00	
2002 Dues	\$3,000.00	\$3,925.00	
2003 Dues			\$5,000.00
Total Income	\$3,100.00	\$4,302.65	\$5,000.00
Expense Item			
Conference/Meeting Travel			\$5,000.00
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$0.60	
Butler Travel-NACO Leg. Conf.-Washington, DC-March 2000			
Pearson Travel-FGDC-Raleigh, NC-Nov. 2000 (Airline Ticket)	\$4,000.00		
Pearson Travel-NACo-Nov 01		\$382.25	
State of Utah Registration			
Postage	\$200.00	\$68.00	\$200.00
Printing	\$500.00		\$500.00
Van Til - Award Plaques			
Pearson Travel -NACo - May 2001		\$708.81	
Pearson Travel-GCDB-March 2002 (Air & Hotel)			
Total Expense	\$4,800.00	\$1,159.66	\$5,700.00
Balance 4/17/02		\$14,891.73	

Treasurer's Report shows a current balance of \$14,891.73 on April 17, 2002.

Discussion on the 2002 budget centered on the need to increase the amount proposed for postage from \$200 to \$2,000 with the proposal for additional mailings to promote membership. Don Gilchrist moved and Warren Ward seconded approval of the Treasurer's report and proposed budget. Motion passed.

BY-LAW CHANGE:

The following underlined by-law change was proposed to the members present concerning membership:

Article III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Voting membership in this organization shall be open to all duly elected or appointed County Surveyors who are also members in good standing with this organization.

Section 2. Associate membership shall be available to any person or organization interested in the programs and problems relating to or of interest to the National Association of County Surveyors. Associate members shall enjoy all rights and privileges extended through the association except the right to vote.

Section 3. Affiliate organizations of state associations of counties may be a voting member, represented by a person of that organization with full rights and privileges, limiting each affiliate to one voting member upon completion of application and payment of dues.

Section 4. Life membership shall be available to those active voting or associate members who have retired from active practice as County Surveyors as approved by the Board of Directors.

Bill Soderberg moved and Gail Oliver seconded approval of the proposed by-law change. Motion passed.

Other Business:

Chuck Pearson handed out new membership certificates to those present. The rest will be mailed out. He also showed the new letterhead that had been created.

Warren Ward informed the group that Colorado had passed a new law that requires every County in Colorado to appoint a County Surveyor if one is not elected.

Election: Election of Officers for two-year terms, 2002 – 2003. President Pearson presented the following slate of candidates:

John Canas, President	Orange County, California
Gail Oliver, President-Elect	St. Johns County, Florida
R. Charles “Chuck” Pearson, Past-President	Clackamas County, Oregon
Scott Zeigler, Vice President	Noble County, Indiana
Gary H. Stevenson, Secretary/Treasurer	Benton County, Minnesota
Don R. Gilchrist, Director	Van Buren County, Michigan
Larry Nybeck, Director	Washington County, Minnesota
Robert Hovden, Director	Multnomah County, Oregon
Vaughn Butler, Director	Salt Lake County, Utah

Chuck Pearson moved and Gary Caswell seconded recommended that a unanimous ballot be cast for the presented slate. Motion passed.

Newly elected President, John Canas, presented Chuck Pearson with a plaque in recognition of his term as President and commended him for his dedicated work.

2003 Annual Meeting: The next annual meeting of NACS will be held in conjunction with the ACSM meeting to be held in Phoenix.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Canas adjourned the meeting at 5:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by Gary H. Stevenson.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2002
NSPS COUNTY SURVEYORS FORUM
ANNUAL MEETING – AGENDA
JOHN CANAS, PROGRAM CHAIRMAN/MODERATOR
COUNTY SURVEYOR, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** ***“GEOMATICS: WHAT IS IT AND HOW HAS IT IMPACTED SURVEYING?” – JOSEPH W. BETIT***
MR. JOSEPH BETIT IS CURRENTLY A PROFESSOR ENGAGED IN TEACHING SURVEYING AND GEOMATICS AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY IN VIRGINIA.
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM** ***“HIERARCHICAL PARCEL LANDBASE CADASTRAL ADJUSTMENT (FOR NETWORK ADJUSTMENTS AND/OR SEISMIC EVENTS)”***
TONY PALICKI, PROJECT MANAGER, INTERGRAPH MAPPING AND GIS SOLUTIONS (IMGS) HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM** ***“COMMUNITY FEDERAL BLM INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP”***
DON BUHLER, CHIEF CADASTRAL SURVEYOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM** ***“MICHIGAN STATE SURVEY MONUMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM (INCLUDING GROUND PENETRATING RADAR SEARCHES)”***
DON GILCHRIST, VAN BUREN COUNTY SURVEYOR, MICHIGAN