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President's Column:

As a new year begins, the dedication and interest of surveyors, both young encourage me and old, throughout the state who are active in promoting the surveying profession. I was privileged to attend the TSPS leadership orientation held recently in Hunt, TX. The enthusiasm of those in attendance was evident and certainly spilled over onto me. I was impressed most with two things I saw.

First, the mixture of young surveyors, who bring new energy and enthusiasm to TSPS, along with the experience and wisdom of the older surveyors. It makes for a solid foundation in the leadership of TSPS. It also gives the promise that TSPS will continue to grow and thrive in the years to come.

Secondly, the way TSPS is organized and conducts business. It is a professional organization that is sincerely dedicated to the surveying profession. There are many active committees dealing with a wide range of issues.

The Governmental Affairs committee has worked hard on legal issues that have an impact on all surveyors. We will continue to see positive results of their efforts in the near future.

The TSPS liaison to NSPS, Jerry Goodson, is active on the national level and is playing a major role in developing international agreements with surveyors in Mexico as a result of NAFTA.

It is my hope and desire that this local chapter will also grow and thrive in the future. That is why I, along with the other officers of the chapter, have made a commitment to see that there is positive activity in our chapter that will benefit all local surveyors. I encourage each of you to pause and reflect on what positive things you want to see happen in this chapter and what you might be willing to do to help.

It is my belief that both members and the chapter itself will benefit if members do nothing else than to make the effort to attend a chapter

meeting and provide input by way of comments or suggestions.

Minutes of Meeting:

The Chapter held its quarterly meeting September 16, 1996 at the Schooner Restaurant in Nederland. Guest was Hardy Seay, President of TSPS, who installed the new officers for the upcoming year. Installed were:

Richard Worthey - President
Charles Lawley - Vice President
Joe Breaux - Secretary/Treasurer
Steve Boucher - Director-at-Large
Gilbert Johnston - Director-at-Large

Members voted and approved to set chapter dues at:

Registered member	\$15.00
Associate/Affiliate member	\$10.00
Student	\$ 5.00

Members voted and approved to send \$100.00 to TSFI.

Hardy Seay also presented an update on the activities of TSPS this past year.

Ron Davis presented the chapter's annual fiscal report:

Financial Statement

January 1995	Bal. Forward	\$ 917.45
February 1995	TSPS Seminar	\$ 335.88
	Interest 3/95 - 6/96	<u> 41.16</u>
June 1996	Balance	\$1294.49

FEMA Workshop Scheduled for April:

The chapter will be hosting the FEMA Workshop in Beaumont on April 4th. This is on a Friday due to it being presented by government employees of FEMA. Unlike the NGS seminar

last year which had never been presented in Texas before, the FEMA seminar has been a favorite among attendees and has a good track record. It will be one of only two to be held in the state this year, which may be the last year in will be offered. The course will offer information on the following topics:

General information about NFIP/FIA

Map definitions

FHBM

FIRM

Floodways

Coastal Zones

Unnumbered A-zones

CRS - Brief description

LOMR (process in general)

Single-lot LOMA/R with some detail

Elevation certificates and other forms of certification

Extent of liability

Types of information available and how it may be obtained

GIS

GPS

Availability of NFIP data and maps on microfiche

The speakers will be Jim LeGrotte, Director of Mitigation at the Region VI Center, who is an architect and has an MA degree in Public Management Science. Jack Quarles is a Civil Engineer with the FEMA Region VI Federal Regional Center in Denton, Texas. Vicky Carter is a natural hazards specialist with knowledge in LOMA/R procedures in the Mitigation Division at the FEMA Region VI Federal Regional Center.

TSPS will be sending out notices with exact date, time and location and registration information. Attendees will earn 8 CEUs as approved by the TBPLS by attending this seminar in its entirety.

TSPS Membership:

Enclosed in this newsletter is a TSPS membership application. This mailing is going out to chapter members as well as all Registered Professional Land Surveyors located in our area. For those of you that are not current members of TSPS, I encourage you to consider becoming a member. TSPS has been working since 1951 to secure the future for surveyors by being an effective voice for Texas surveyors. Membership includes receiving two publications, The Texas Surveyor and Metes &

Bounds, detailing the activities of the association as well as timely articles on surveying and boundary law. TSPS also provides benefits including group insurance, safety programs, training courses, professional development seminars and many others.

1997 Chapter Schedule of Events:

Included in this newsletter is the Chapter 1997 Yearly Schedule of Events. Place this in a prominent place where you can easily be reminded of the activities scheduled for this year. Among the scheduled events are a chapter skeet shoot and picnic, with proceeds going to TSFI. A golf tournament is being planned as well. There has also been talk of a Christmas party this year if enough members are interested. Chapter meetings have been scheduled in each of the quarters with guest speakers.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at Patrizzi's Other Place in

Beaumont. Jefferson County Judge Carl Griffith will be the guest speaker. His wife will accompany him. All members and their spouses or companions are encouraged to attend.

For those of you who have not attended a chapter meeting, the meetings are usually held at a local restaurant. Social mixer begins at 6:30 PM with the dinner and meeting following at 7:00 PM. Chapter business is conducted after members have ordered from the menu (Please note that the Chapter does not pay for the meal. Each member is responsible for his or her meal ticket).

The selected speaker for the evening will make their presentation after the meal. This usually last approximately thirty minutes. Therefore, most meetings are over by 8:30 PM.

It is our goal to provide speakers who are not only interesting, but have information that will benefit the chapter members. If you have any suggestions or requests, please let us know.

Chapter Dues Announced:

Members should have received their dues notices by now. One-pay dues is now here as members have requested, allowing members to pay both TSPS and chapter dues with one

check. Members may also make a SurPac or TSFI contributions at the same time if desired. Chapter dues are:

Registered	\$15.00
Associate/Affiliate	\$10.00
Student	\$ 5.00

TSPS will return 100% of chapter dues collected to the local chapter. Your local dues are used to fund local projects that benefit all local members, reimburse cost of newsletter mailings, etc.

Announcing New Chapter Website:

For those members who are connected to the Internet, a new website has been established dedicated to serving the members of Deep East Texas Chapter No. 6. Make note of the URL address:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/rworthey>

At the present time, it is largely a text based site. Although a lot of sites are rich with graphics and fancy video frames, our site is based upon simplicity in order to disseminate information to members and keep page loading time down to a minimum. The pages you will find there include:

- [Chapter Calendar of Events](#) - (latest information on scheduled events)
- [Chapter Officers](#) - (who they are and where you can contact them)
- [TSPS Information Directory](#) - (important names and numbers)
- [Links to other sites](#) - (websites of interest to surveyors)

So the next time you are connected, log on to the site and see for yourself. Let us know what you think.

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