

# DEEP EAST TEXAS CHAPTER No. 6 NEWS

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## **President's Column:**

This is my last column as President of Deep East Texas Chapter No. 6. September 21, 1998 will mark the beginning of another page in the Chapter's history as a new slate of officers take charge.

Elected to new terms are:

President	Lequin Hildebrandt
Vice President	Mitch Brackin
Secretary Treasurer	W. Joe Breaux

Directors (2 year terms)	Steve Butz Nedra Foster
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Directors (1 year terms)	Gilbert Johnston Steve Boucher
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I want to thank all of those members who have contributed their time and efforts to further the goals of this Chapter. The results speak for themselves.

I hope that all of you will be able to attend the annual Chapter meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> at Don's Steak and Seafood in Beaumont. Mark Hanna, legal counsel for TSPS, will be the guest speaker. New officers will be installed by guest Roger McDonald, TSPS Area Chapter Representative from Houston. Special recognition will be given to several well deserving members. It promises to be a very special time.

## **The Internet:**

In the last newsletter, we touched on the subject of the *Internet*. In this issue we explain in greater detail the benefits that members can achieve on the web.

Anyone who watches television or reads magazines and newspapers has heard of the *World Wide Web*. Began in the '60's by the U.S. Department of Defense, it was designed as a means for military and research scientists to communicate via computers while being impervious to enemy attacks on the U.S. It was initially called the *Arpanet* and continued on in obscurity from the rest of the citizens for over a decade.

As technology increased making home computers with modems commonplace, the *Arpanet* evolved into the *Internet*. The development of the *NCSA Mosaic* browser software opened the door to the public-at-large along with the introduction of the more intuitive and user friendly *World Wide Web*.

Today, individuals and businesses throughout the world use the *Internet* as a major source of commerce and communications. Government uses the Internet as a way to distribute information and make federal resources more readily available to the public. Educational institutions use it as a research tool.

What does this mean to you? The wealth of information available to every computer user today is mind boggling. Approximately 10,000 new web sites are being added every week. As a surveyor, the Internet offers access to public documents such as records, maps, NGS data resources and so on. You can download the current FEMA Flood Elevation Certificate form. Need to do legal research or check on existing statutes? Log on to any of the many legal

on-line law libraries. You can search Vernon's Annotated Statutes on-line as well as the Natural Resource Code.

You can also access software and hardware vendor's customer support services to download software updates. Up to date weather forecasts, satellite photos and nexrad radar is available as well. There are also many web sites dedicated to surveyors.

In particular, TSPS has member information on their web site at <http://www.tsp.org> including an exhibitor locator map for the annual convention in October. The Chapter has moved its web site to the more appropriate address <http://www.tsp-6.org>. You can download a membership application or the current newsletter, as well as previous issues. The TBPLS rules and regulations can be found there. In the very near future, you will be able to find the current ALTA/ACSM standards along with a wealth of other important information. It also has a page of web links that will get the user to a number of interesting sites for surveyors.

Any member or member company wishing to have a presence on the Internet should log on to the website and leave email to the webmaster. The Chapter is actively requesting member's email addresses and fax numbers so that future newsletters and announcements can be broadcast more rapidly and effectively to its members. Member's email addresses will be published free of charge. Any company wishing to become a Chapter sponsor and have their own web page published, can do so for \$100.00 per year. If the company already has a web page, the Chapter will provide a hyperlink free of charge.

If you do not have access via an Internet Service Provider to the web, call Richard Worthey at 866-9769 for further information on how you can connect to the fastest growing technology in the world.

## **TSPS Board Meeting Held August 14, 1998 Austin, Texas:**

There is not much to report for this quarter as is typical for this time of year. TSPS is preparing for the annual convention. There is a decrease in the revenues generated from seminars. This seems to be due to the number of competing seminars being offered by many different sources. TSPS expects to see a substantial increase with in these revenues from the convention registrants.

## **Web Sites of the Quarter:**

This month we feature various legal resources online.

The Texas Statutes  
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/statutes.html>

Texas Law Librarian's Home Page  
<http://ccwf.cc.utexas.edu/~suefaw/>

Lone Star Law Library  
<http://www.lonestarlaw.com>

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sep.21 Chapter Annual Meeting**  
(Monday Night)  
Location: Don's Seafood & Steak Restaurant  
Beaumont, Texas  
Social Mixer: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Meeting: 8:00 PM  
Agenda: Quarterly Reports  
Old/New Business  
Installation of Officers  
Topic: Legal Issues Affecting Surveyors  
Speaker: Mark Hanna, Legal Counsel TSPS
- Oct.14-18 TSPS Annual Convention**  
San Antonio, Texas
- Oct. 24 Annual Chapter Skeet Shoot**  
101 Gun Club  
Kountze, Texas
- Nov.9 Chapter Quarterly Meeting**  
Location To Be Announced

**With Sadness**

Condolences to Charles and Cynthia Lawley on the recent loss of their son Peter. Our prayers and thoughts are with them and their family.

It is also with sadness that we learned that Charles and Cynthia are closing Transit and Level Clinic to move to North Carolina. Charles has been a true friend and supporter of the Chapter and surveyors for many years. We will miss them both tremendously and wish them well.

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*1998 Officers and Board of Directors:*

<i>President</i>	<i>Richard L. Worthey</i>
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