

**Invitation for membership**

Ozark Chapter MSPS annual dues are as Follows:

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## ***OZARK CHAPTER - MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS***

The **December** meeting is the Christmas meeting and will be held the SECOND Tuesday, **December 11**, @ 6:00 P.M. at Hemingway's, located in the upper floor of Bass Pro Shop, Springfield, MO.

### **NOVEMBER MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

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| Stephen Nelson | Kevin Lambeth      | Andy Daniel | Susanne Daniel |
| Kevin Tyler    | Connie Todd        | Jack Dill   | Debrah Wolfe   |
| Mike Gray      | Christopher Strong |             |                |

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Correction: it was Susanne Daniel's father not her mother that passed away. Our sincere apologies for that mistake.

The Christmas Party will be held at Hemingway's Tuesday December 11 at 6:00. We will be on the patio same as last year. Swearing in of officers will be at 6:00, dinner at 6:30.

Call Jack Dill for Sun Villa information, e-mail address, data.

We would like to thank Peter Stevens for an excellent job on the Description writing seminar. Pete has always been a great asset to the chapter. Thanks also are in order for John Avers and Brian Veille.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The chapter needs more participation at the state MSPS meetings, a chapter representative should attend each meeting.

Stephen Nelson and Gaylon Smith will be doing Trig-Star along with anyone else interested. We would also like suggestions for more Career Day involvement.

The Annual Meeting committee members are:

Peter Stevens, Stephen Nelson, Jack Dill, Brian Viele, Kevin Lambeth, and Mike Gray

Suggestions for speakers and topics for the meeting would be appreciated.

With the new year around the corner we need to be thinking about committee memberships and 2008 membership dues.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER MSPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At its winter meeting December 1 in Jefferson City, the MSPS board of directors took a step toward changing the education requirements for becoming a Professional Land Surveyor. The sub-committee that has been reviewing educational requirements of various jurisdictions for the past several months recommended that MSPS ask the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineer, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects to pursue modifying Chapter 327.312 by deleting subparagraph (3). This change, if deemed appropriate by the registration board and passed by the legislature, would eliminate the 12 hours of college credit and result in the minimum education to be 60 hours of approved college credit, of which 20 hours must be approved surveying subjects.

For those who are acquainted with Dan Lashley, the cadastral section chief at the State Land Surveyor's Office, you might be interested to know that Dan is nearing completion of chemotherapy and will undergo directed radiation treatment in his efforts to battle cancer. He is reported as being in good spirits, but extremely tired from effects of the treatments. Mike Flowers said that Dan enjoys phone calls and cards of encouragement.

The legislative committee met prior to the board of directors and adopted 4 items as being significant enough to pursue simultaneously – revision of Chapter 445, the plat act – changing the lien law to increase the lienable acreage to 3 acres instead of the current 1 acre limit – statute revision to either Chapter 327 or 59 to require that anyone preparing boundary descriptions to include their identity in the description – developing survey standards for and placing the development of the PLSS layer used in GIS systems under the jurisdiction of Professional Land Surveyors.

Additional discussion related to statutes involved Chapter 523 which states that entities with power of eminent domain can no longer use blanket easements, but must have clearly defined boundaries. Along with this was a discussion that the present terminology of Practice of Land Surveying Defined in Chapter 327.272.1 relating to recordable interest in real property could be interpreted to mean that Professional Land Surveyors must prepare the description for a deed. An opinion from the Attorney General's office was suggested as a way to pursue this issue.

This meeting was the first board meeting attended by Mo McCullough, one of the society's professional lobbyists. His partner, Mark Wright, was not available, but you might recognize his name as a former southwest Missouri legislator. This firm has been retained to perform several legislative activities previously done by Sandy Boeckman and Rich Barr.

New DVDs and other literature are now available from the society office for use in presentations to schools and other groups to recruit new personnel into the land surveying profession.

Betty Sheill, Metro Chapter president, reported that National Geodetic Survey personnel are available for presentations at seminars with no cost for their services, but will require the host to cover travel expenses.

Joe Pulliam, Southeast Chapter president, reported that his chapter is working on a project to monument Mile 0 on the Missouri / Arkansas border.

President Don Martin noted that several MSPS committees have few members and suggested that it would good to see representation from all chapters in the various committees to maintain a balance of ideas and priorities. One good way to learn about what the society is and does is to be an active participant.

Ozark Chapter MSPS members:

I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President over the past year. I have enjoyed my term as President, and I hope I have lived up to everyone's expectations. It was an enjoyable year for me, but I could not have done it without the support of all of you. I would like to thank everyone for your support at the Farmfest booth this past year. I think we made some good communication efforts to the general public about what a surveyor can do for the public. Thank you again for the great opportunity to serve as your President, and I look forward to my term as Director.

Stephen L. Nelson

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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| Previous balance | Deposits | Disbursed | Current balance |
| \$4613.79        | \$890.00 | \$424.01  | \$5079.78       |