

Great Lakes Regional Council Report - North Dakota 2015 Happenings - February 29, 2016

Attendance: Annual meeting - 134 record for attendance, next Convention is in Dickinson, ND - February 8-10, 2017.

Membership: 332, close to record 339 in 2012, **Manual of Practice** updated first time since 2001.

Scholarships - Gave out over \$10000 in scholarships to 14 individuals attending three survey curriculums.

Endowment: Gave to ND State School of Science - \$25,000 State matching grants (second in last 4 years)

Donation: \$10,000 for survey museum at Jamestown, ND for new building to house survey equipment estate (48+ instruments, manuals, etc.) purchased in 2014.

Dues: Increased dues for Sustaining by \$100/year to \$200/yr for Sustaining, LSI and PLS by \$50/year, to \$165/PLS, And \$75/LSI, left associate \$20/yr and student \$5/yr as is.

Education: Voted to pay for any student to attend State Convention, motel, travel, meals, registration fees to get younger crowd to the event(had 17 attend the 2016 convention under these conditions, annual seminar held 173 people attended, Chuck Karayan presented "When a Fence is not a Fence".

Foundation: Approved Bylaws for a foundation to handle donations, education, and scholarships, working on establishing a 501C3 organization for this foundation.

Survey Days: Held a photo op with the **ND Governor** to proclaim survey week, and set a day at the Bismarck Mall which contacted over 300 people about survey data and equipment.

Industry Committee: Established a special committee to deal with utility easements and survey requirements for utilities in North Dakota, none exist now.

ND State Legislation: Passed a bill where the State Board of Registration is not liable for legal fees if decision is overturned in Court; Defeated a bill requiring the Register of Deeds (Recorder) to file any document presented to them; Working to establish a minimum of 24 credit hours of surveying before one can take the LSI exam this next legislative session (2016-17).

NDSU is the five time repeat **National Champion** in Division 1 FCS football, going back for a 6PACK in 2016.

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