

Wisconsin Spring meeting 2016

Wisconsin and the surveying profession lost a great man and pioneer in monuments with the passing of Phillip R. Peterson 1924-2015. In honor of the 25th year that Berntsen International has given scholarships to Wisconsin students the Education Committee put together Wonderful presentation that was shown at our banquet. The video featured all the wonderful things Berntsen has done for the surveying profession over the years.

Inventory is now completed on the artifacts obtained from the Abraham Lincoln National Surveying museum. The foundation now needs to consider what items to keep and what items in our vast collection would need to be purged. We have too many EDM's and large calculators to store. (Anyone need an Olivetti P652 with peripherals).

Our minimum standards for a property survey are currently on their way through the adoption process.

We once again held a photo contest along with our map and plat contest at our annual conference held in January at Wisconsin Dells. Our annual convention was once again well attended with 997 registered for the event. Awards were given for "Surveyor of the year" James Baker, "Young Surveyor of the Year", Nathan Vaughn, and "Lifetime Achievement award" Les Van Horn.

A seminar was held with Treasurer John Matonich presenting on Ethics and the surveyor's role. As usual John did a wonderful job and all attendees seemed pleased.

One of our long time members and Oconto County Surveyor Mark Teuteberg has been stricken with the West Nile Virus, which had him in a coma and near death. After months and a million and half dollars in medical expenses he is just beginning to start his recovery process. He has finally been transferred back to a hospital in his area. He is one of the few people struck with this extreme severity of the illness and to survive. He has a very long recovery road ahead of him and all thoughts and prayers are welcome. There is some talk of starting a GOFUNDME site for him, but nothing has been set up to date.

Wisconsin help fund 6 young professionals to attend their meeting in conjunction with the Minnesota convention in February.

Changes in a law are being made, Act 200 that contains a simple provision that allow a landowner, with a survey, to file an affidavit of interruption to prevent adverse possession claims from ripening. This is a brand new concept and we should make sure all members are aware of this new tool.

The Governor wants all users of the GPS CORS network to pay a fee of \$450 per log in for the service that has been free until this time. Most are not against the fee if earmark for the network, but all funds would go directly into the general fund.

And the most exciting news of all from Wisconsin. Our Central Chapter has begun work on a project to monument and set a marker for the 90/45 degree mark in the state. It is one of what is considered the 4 corners of the earth. The corner is located in a farm field in central Wisconsin and the land owner is 100% on board with the use of the land for the monument and parking along with an easement for a path to get to the mark.

Two of these corners fall into oceans and are at this time unable to be monumented and the 3rd one is in China and not well marked. The Central Chapter is looking for ideas on what they can do to obtain more press and help in raising the money for this endeavor.