

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes for May 11, 2010 FSMS Florida Crown Chapter Meeting

The April meeting was held at O'Kanes Irish Pub & Eatery, Fernandina Beach, FL, with eighteen (18) members and guests present. The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Vice President Tom Smith, who was standing in for President Mitch Jarrells. The anti-trust statement was read and introductions followed for all attendees, including guest speaker Joni Barnes, and Jennifer Panke, both from Amelia Title Agency, Inc. A sign-in sheet was passed around to all in attendance.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report - The Secretary's report was published April 15, in the on-line version of The Northeaster newsletter. A motion was made by Keith Bouffard to accept the report as published, the motion was seconded by Darin Moore and accepted by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting by Darin Moore. The Treasurer reported that one deposit of \$1,695.00 was made this past month to the general checking account, and one deposit of \$150.00 was made to the Scholarship fund. The Treasurer's Report also stated two withdrawals- the first in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the FSMS PAC, and the second in the amount of \$40.59 for the guest dinners. A motion was made by Keith Bouffard to accept the report as published, the motion was seconded by Les Odom and accepted by voice vote.

Director's Report – A verbal Director's Report was presented at the meeting by Dale Bradshaw. Dale offered the following comments:

- The FSMS Board of Director's meeting will be held June 11, 2010. Please email or phone Dale with any comments on the changes to the constitution.
- The membership and the board need to discuss possible solutions to the decrease in FSMS membership (roughly 30%), mostly due to the economy. The current requirement to pay all missing back dues to establish membership again may defeat the spirit of recruitment, and may not be a good idea. The former members who are not renewing need a positive incentive to get them back into the Society.
- It is time to seek nominations for Director. Two members were put forward for consideration. Keith Bouffard and Joe Lek may be interested in serving the District, but both need additional time to think seriously about the personal commitment and time away from work involved in the duties of serving the District.
- Our chapter missed the filing date of our first quarterly report to the board, and it was not presented. The second quarterly report is due May 28, 2010.

Committee Reports/Old Business

Apprenticeship Program Committee –No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Civic Project Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Golf Tournament Committee – There was no discussion on the subject.

Scholarship Committee - No official Report was presented at the meeting. Joe Lek reported that the fall semester will be coming soon, and it was suggested a scholarship form be placed on the website for the on-line Northeaster newsletter.

Website Design Committee – No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

CST Coordinator - No official Report was presented at the meeting, and there was no discussion on the subject.

Other Old Business - No other old business was presented or discussed.

New Business

Changes to the Constitution - Director Dale Bradshaw and Vice President Tom Smith lead the discussion on the proposed changes to the constitution. Dale reported that the Board has a very real commitment to the Society and the membership, wants the best for all concerned, and will stay involved to promote our interests. Dale stated the general feeling is that better communication is needed between the Executive director and the Board. On some recent issues, the Board had little notice on very important items that needed to be addressed and voted upon. Joe Lek expressed concern about the "default" district being District 1 for those out of state members who do not choose a "home" district. He pointed out that a large percentage of out of state members are from Georgia, which geographically is much closer to District 2. Another suggestion for the assignment of districts to the out of state members could be to rotate the assignment to each district in the state.

Joni Barnes began her presentation "The Relationship Between the Surveyor and the Title Company" at 7:20 pm and concluded at 8:15 pm. Spirited comments arose from those in attendance on the subject of owner's affidavits being accepted by the title companies.

Generally, the comments revolved around the concern for the public in general, and specifically, most were concerned about the transfer of liability from the title insurance company to the owner signing the affidavit. The owners may be signing a document which is not fully understood, and which could come back to cause liability concerns in the future.

Next month's meeting location has not been secured. Once it is determined, the location will be communicated via email.

The monthly Scholarship 50-50 raffle was up to \$383, with no winner tonight.

A motion was made by Keith Bouffard to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, the motion was seconded by Tony Nettuno and accepted by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Moore, Secretary