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**Date: March 17, 2010 at the O'Boys Barbeque in Winter Park, Florida, with 37 members and guests in attendance.**

**General Meeting Call to Order: 6:33 pm**

**Treasurer's Report – Jennings Griffin: As published in the Benchmark**

**Secretary's Report – Tim Mosby: As published in the Benchmark**

**District Director's Report – Jim Shannon:**

- UF/IFAS Plant City is accepting students and offering scholarships.
- 61G-17 is now 5J-17, Florida Administrative Code.
- FSMS Education Conference held in Ocala, March 11-13<sup>th</sup>, was a success.
- FSMS Board of Directors' Meeting will be in Tallahassee on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- DoACS will make a one-time surcharge of \$100 for each PSM license. It will appear on the 2011 renewal.

**Legislation Liaison/UF – Jim Petersen:**

- Seventy-five letters were sent to local surveying and mapping firms urging support for the UF/IFAS Apopka Geomatics program. One firm has pledged financial support.
- As surveyors are subject to the common fate of mankind, please help insure the training of your replacement. Even a nominal pledge will be counted by the University as a show of support. Individuals can pledge, too.

**The Benchmark – Dolly Carwile: As published.**

**Associate Directors Report – Ronnie Figueroa:**

- An Associate level GPS seminar will be held in the first week of April at UF/IFAS Apopka.
- CST Spring Exam will be held on May 8. This will be a "paper only" test – no computer test this time.

**Webmasters Report – Ronnie Figueroa:**

- The website has been updated.

**FSMS Recruiter Report – Jose Morales: Bill Rowe will be a certified Recruiter as of March 19.**

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Scholarship/Recruiting Report – Mike Cavallere: No activity to report this month.

Dinner Break.

Guest Speaker:

- Mr. Al Hill, Volusia County GIS Program Manager, outlined the U.S. National Grid. Based on the Military Grid Reference, it will put all government agencies into the same geospatial reference frame in order to improve interoperability in emergency or disaster situations. See the website at <http://www.fgdc.gov/usng>.

Old Business:

- Support Our Troops Campaign – Danny Williams: Please make your donations before the April meeting.
- TrigStar 2010 wound up the year on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Bowyer Singleton's office. Three students, representing Seminole and Orange Counties, vied for the awards.
- Amendment No. 4 –
  - See the new video at Florida2010.org detailing the problems encountered when the City of St. Pete Beach enacted a similar ordinance.
- Interest lists were circulated for these Volunteer Opportunities –
  - Seminole County WAV will hold the Lake Howell Restoration Project on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 2 – contact Mike Garcia to volunteer.
  - Simpson Cemetery Clean Up effort for the Mount Dora Historical Society. Date pending – sometime in April. This will be a big media/political event and an opportunity to get your logo seen on the local news.
  - Outreach Opportunity with Society of Women Engineers at the University of Central Florida on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 3:30, at UCF (SWEet College Day with high school girls). FSMS recruiter will have a booth. Volunteers are needed to run the booth. Lunch provided.
- Surveyor's Week Activities (March 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010)
  - Orange County, Brevard County & Volusia County will issue proclamations.
  - As five weeks notice was required, we missed the boat on Chili's Give Back Night.

Upcoming Events and New Business:

- Vendors' Night 2010 – April 21<sup>st</sup> at Dubsdread. Please encourage vendors to contact Bill Rowe.
- Golf Tournament – June. Trying to partner with the Florida Engineering Society. Contact Don Bishman.
- BBQ – October 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Don Bishman. Tom Snow has requested volunteers to serve on the cooking team and learn the art of barbeque from award-winning masters.
- Perry Leavell will be teaching "Legal Aspects of Surveying" (SUR 2400) at Valencia Community College, West Campus, this summer. The class will work through *Brown's Boundary Control and Legal Principles, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.*, on Tuesday evenings from May 10 to August 3. Among the benefits of this class: Improve your professional decisions. Learn to communicate with lawyers. Get your CEU's. Stay out of court. Look good when you are in court.
- Space Coast/Indian River Joint Chapter Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Vero Beach will feature Dr. Dave Gibson speaking on Riparian Rights. There is general support for repeating the program at a Central Florida/Volusia County Joint Chapter Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Sanford.





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**Monthly “Most Valuable Surveyor” award:**

- **March 2010:** The hardworking Dolly Carwile for her efforts to encourage high school math students through the TrigStar contest and her elegant editing of *The Benchmark*.

Jim Mazurak won both chances to draw in the 50/50 raffle, but failed to bring home the bacon either time. The prize is now up to \$228. Maria Velicu won the free dinner for the second month in a row.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Godwin and seconded by Perry Leavell. Passed by general acclamation at 8:30 pm.

