

**RIDGE CHAPTER OF THE  
FLORIDA SURVEYING AND MAPPING SOCIETY**

**TRI-CHAPTER MEETING  
Ridge – Tampa Bay – West Central**

**February 23, 2010**

*PRESIDENT  
Sherry Kopec*

*VICE PRESIDENT  
Craig Emrick*

*SECRETARY  
Sam Thomas*

*TREASURER  
Stephen Whitaker*

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT: 6:35 PM at Ling's Buffet in  
Lakeland, FL.**

**Anti-Trust Avoidance Statement was read.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report held until regular chapter meeting.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Report held until regular chapter meeting.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Sherry Kopec reported on the new chapter web site, the Toys for Tots drive, Boy Scout donations and other past chapter activities. She reported on our upcoming mini-golf tournament as a benefit for Deb Peavey. She also reported that Sam Thomas is working on getting the Polk County Surveyor's Week Proclamation on the BOCC agenda.**

**Boyd Allen (Tampa Bay Chapter) reported their chapter has been focused on helping Metropolitan Ministries with delivering over 1000 pounds of Thanksgiving turkeys. They recently had a Scholarship Fund cruise to Mexico, raising approximately \$1000. Upcoming events include Surveyor's Picnic (March 13) and Paint Your Heart Out in April.**

**David Puigdomenech spoke for the West Central Chapter, reporting that the 23 surveyors in that chapter have been hit especially hard. During their last meeting, 6 were in attendance and they spoke of cut-throat pricing among competitors.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT: David deferred to others in attendance.**

**BOARD REPORT: Dan Ferrans spoke on Amendment 4 and the need to spread the word.**

**GUEST SPEAKER: FSMS President Steve Stinson reported on the recent Declaratory Statement by the board, which provides the**

opinion that a **PSM** must be hired for orthometric photogrammetric work. This opinion will also help with **CCNA** and **GIS** issues.

Steve also spoke on the special assessment by **DOACS** that was removed from their agenda. Additional costs claimed by **DOACS** did not warrant the amount of the assessment, and may be caused by reducing the backlog left over from **DBPR**. Future meetings on the special assessment will take place.

Steve reported that equipment thefts in south **FL** were back up. One thief has been arrested.

**National Surveyors Week** is **March 21-27, 2010**.

Five (5) **PSM**'s have been trained for recruiting. These **PSM**'s will train other **PSM**'s. **Wragg** and **Casas** have been released.

**Education Conference** is at **Ocala Hilton** **March 11-13, 2010**.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** **Jack Breed** reported that **House Bill 701** and companion bill in **Senate** are making good progress so far.

**Dan Ferrans** raised the question of asset inventory for **GIS** systems being unlicensed activity. Consensus was this has been happening for **10+** years and is an opportunity missed. Further discussion was had on the disconnect between surveyors and **GIS** folks.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:20 pm**