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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although no more than two years has passed since your Statewide Association was conceived, it has been stirring and moving around and behaving like a professional society should. After a normal, healthy birth and an infancy

marked by reasonable responses to the more or less hostile and/or indifferent world about it, your Land Surveyor's Association has gotten up on its feet with the idea in mind of walking around on the ground.

During 1967, the California Licensed Land Surveyors Association performed some noteworthy tasks. After a successful First Annual Meeting, the Association appointed a delegate, Mr. Fred Darby, and sent him to the National Council for Land Surveyors convening at the A.C.S.M. March Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

A delegation of four attended hearings held in Sacramento, by the Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, with respect to the operation of licensing agencies of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards. Later in the year, testimony was given in a hearing of the Senate Committee on Business and Professions relating to the final report of that Commission.

A petition has been sent to the Legislature asking their assistance in obtaining an Executive proclamation setting the week of March 3-9, 1968 as "Land Surveyors Week". A resolution has been submitted to the Governor's Appointments Committee recommending Mr. Curtis M. Brown as a choice for Land Surveyor Member on the

"PROFESSIONALISM"

Don Ward

A professional man by virtue of his knowledge, conduct, integrity, judgement and experience, commands an atmosphere of trust, solicitude, public faith and dependence in his work. His knowledge must demonstrate a wide field of interest dealing with social structure, laws relating to his work, tools of his profession, both technical and physical, political and business. His conduct must demonstrate moral and ethical influences of the highest caliber. His integrity must be flawless. His judgement must demonstrate practical applications and common horse sense, yet at the same time a keen awareness of changing times and advanced technology. His experience must be demonstrated in his manner and years of service.

Professional characteristics are common through most professions and when grouped together in one individual serve to identify that individual as a professional man. These characteristics are practical judgement, businesslike, learned, skilled, expert, thorough, prompt, systematic, solicitous, synthesis, integrity and courage.

Societies are the product of man.

Professional men hold exclusive power over the character of their society. A professional society creates a spirit of fraternity, scholarship and public service, recognizing duties to the cause of learning, to clients and the public, as well as to colleagues. It serves to promote and maintain the highest possible standards of professional ethics and practices to promote public faith and dependence in their work.

A professional code shapes the character of the society.

Board of Registration for Civil and Professional Engineers (and Land Surveyors).

The year 1967 was marked by many worthy efforts by Chapters. The Sacramento Chapter laid the groundwork for an Explorer Scout Post composed of high school age boys interested in Land Surveying, which has already been offered a job to do, by an already existing Explorer Post of boys interested in the establishment of Historical Monuments.

The Sonoma County Chapter participated in Career Guidance Counseling in the high schools of the county. The Lake-Mendocino Counties Chapter labored with the County Supervisors in ironing out some of the irregularities connected with the filing of maps and plats.

The Legislative Committee prepared and offered amendments to Senate Bill 1257 (Dolwig) and Assembly Bill 2203 (Johnson) identical bills (Chartered Engineers). The same amendments were offered to terminal committee McMillan (AB 2203) Government Efficiency and Economy, and Short (SB 1257) Business and Professions.

Many new members have come in prior to and during the Second Annual Meeting which was held at the Olympic Hotel in San Francisco, January 26 and 27. The membership on this date must be over 200. The first Board of Directors meeting was held this year in Bakersfield where a Chapter is waiting for its Charter to be validated. Chapters are forming in Santa Cruz and San Mateo. Plans are in the making for two joint meetings with A.C.S.M. during 1968, in Carmel and either Riverside or Long Beach.

This will be a great year for your Association!

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HEADQUARTERS

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A professional society is bound together by a professional code which becomes a common discipline to achieve the purposes and aims of the society. It is a systematic attempt by the consensus to translate the moral laws of the profession into standards of conduct and ethics enjoined upon all who agree to be governed by the code, and whose interests are designed to advance the profession.

Ethics shape the character of the individual professional.

The ethics of an individual member of a society are the disciplines he must exercise upon himself to perform within the framework of the purposes and aims and standards of conduct expressed by the professional code.

The results of the ethics of the individual are revealed in the virtues of the professional man in the form of knowledge, conduct, integrity, judgement, personal bearing, honesty and courage.

The reputation of a society is what the public believes it to be.

A professional man becomes professional through discipline, knowledge and experience. He is not born professional. He must learn this. Through a society the learning can be accelerated. The first step toward learning is to understand the character and substance of professionalism. The second step is to believe that the goals of professionalism are proper and accept them as his goals. The third step is to live it and believe that he is living it. When he believes in himself, then he will have made the grade. The public will then know that he is professional and his reputation, the reputation of his colleagues and the reputation of the society will be advanced because of it.

Mr. Ward is a member of the firm of Rickett, Reaves & Ward located in Bakersfield, Calif. Together with Mr. Lafferty he presented material pertaining to the Chartered Engineers at our recent Second Annual Meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A Board of Directors meeting was held in Bakersfield on February 17th. An extract of the minutes of that meeting follows:

Committee Reports of the Education and Membership Committee's were presented by Bob Curtis. Bob also presented the Sonoma County Chapter Report.

Don Ward of the unofficial Bakersfield Chapter reported on ethics, school counseling and apprenticeship program in conjunction with the Operating Engineers Union.

Gene Foster reported for the Sacramento Chapter that an Explorers Scout Troop is being organized for high school boys interested in surveying and/or historical monuments.

It was agreed that the Sacramento will coordinate the duties of the Legislative Committee

A question arose as to the duties of all committees. Bob Curtis was called upon to outline duties and responsibilities of all committees.

A joint meeting with the A.C.S.M. is to be arranged with a tentative date of sometime in June. Bob Curtis was requested to address the group on membership, aims, history and activities of the C.L.L.S.A.

George Colson reported on the Second Annual Meeting that was held in January. A discussion was held as to the time and location of the next Annual Meeting. It was approved that Anaheim be the location and that the local Chapter act as host. Fred Henstridge was appointed Chairman of the Convention with Al Boysen to act as Co-Chairman. It was also agreed that the meeting be held in the middle of January, 1969.

After lengthy discussion it was moved and passed that the Sacramento Chapter would organize the Legislative Committee, employing resources and interested personnel from across the state.

The offer of the Marin County Chapter to handle the Publications Committee was withdrawn due to other heavy obligations. Richard Coughlan was appointed Chairman of the Publications Committee and Editor of the "California Surveyor".

It was moved that the By-Laws be amended to read that the President shall appoint the Chairman of the various committees. The Chairman, in turn, shall select their committee members subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This motion was passed.

George Darling, John Beaver, Kurt Haeseler and Gene Lockton were appointed as committeemen for the joint meeting with A.C.S.M to be held with A.C.S.M. in Carmel during September 1968.

Past President Fred Darby was appointed delegate to the National meeting of A.C.S.M. to be held in Washington, D.C.

Gene Foster requested that the Secretary investigate the cost of purchasing rubber stamps of the Association emblem. It was proposed that these would be resold to members for use on their stationary.

It was approved that secretarial services be paid at a rate not to exceed \$25.00 per month.

It was approved that a finance committee be formed.

Tom Caporaël was appointed by President Foster to be Sargeant at Arms. This was approved by the Board.

It was approved that the Bakersfield group be accepted as a Chapter, subject to a review of their Constitution and By-Laws.

It was reported that the Mendocino group lacked sufficient members to be approved as a Chapter.

Liason with the County Engineers Association was discussed. No final decision was reached at this time.

Bob Curtis announced that membership cards are now ready for mailing to members.

Directors Meeting (cont. from Page 3)

Blue-line copies of the Association are to be sent to Chapter Secretaries for their use.

More forceful action was discussed for obtaining Association recognition from the State Board of Registration.

There was a general discussion regarding the Chartered Engineers Act. It was determined that the entire Act be referred to the Legislative Committee for intensive study.

It was decided that the next Board meeting would be held in Santa Cruz during the month of April.

APRIL DIRECTORS MEETING

The April meeting of the Board of Directors will be held April 20, 1968 at the Dream Inn in Santa Cruz.

It should be noted that Directors meeting are open to all members. The April meeting will begin at 9 AM and after a lunch break it will adjourn at about 3PM

If you are in the area plan to attend and participate in your Association.

Subsequent issues of the California Surveyor will be published during the odd numbered months. This will result in the publication of six issues per year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On April 1, 1968 the total membership in the C.L.L.S.A. stood at 197. Of this number 130 were in Northern California and 67 in Southern California.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The following is a list of Committee Chairman for 1968:

Nominations: William O. Gentry
Fresno

Membership: George W. Bridges
El Monte

Fiscal and Administration: Herb J. Schumacher
Sebastopol

Legislation: Ray G. Irving
Roseville

Education: Not confirmed

Constitution and By-Laws: E.R. Jacobson
Sebastopol

Publications: Richard J. Coughlan
Santa Rosa

Ethics: Maurice E. Lafferty
Bakersfield

Public Relations: Eugene Lockton
San Rafael

Interprofessional Relations: Donald E. Ward
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Fact Finding: Eugene Foster
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