

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED LAND SURVEYORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Holiday Inn, 400 10th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT

June 12, 2004 (10AM)

Determination of Quorum – Quorum present

Introduction of Guests: no guests

Roll Call: All Board of Directors present except Erland Gendreau (proxy Bryan Block)

Agenda Revisions: none

A. Park County Subdivision Review Policy (Agenda item CC1)

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Jim Burton

As of June 6th, 2004, Glacier Bank Checking Balance of \$3,156.13, AS of May 17, 2004 the Whitefish Credit Union Savings Account has \$58,233.91.

Whitefish Credit Union Accounts are: Legislation Account \$1,262.52, MARLS Reserve Account \$25,571.00 and Savings Account \$31,400.39.

Scholarship accounts as of 4/30/2004 DA Davidson Pimco Low Duration CL C \$23,738.10 and Pimco Total Return CL C \$24,647.61. The total DA Davidson Scholarship account as of 4/30/2004 is \$48,420.34. Whitefish Credit Union Scholarship Account as of May 17th is \$25,337.81. The total Scholarship Accounts are \$73,758.15.

Missoula Seminar and Conference Budget

Income	\$57,234.95
Expenses	-\$38,157.92
Net Revenue	-\$21,196.70
10% to WC	-\$ 2,119.67
MARLS NET REVENUE	\$ 9,077.03

CHAPTER REPORTS

Northwest Chapter – Joe Kauffman

The last MARLS Northwest Chapter meeting was held May 20, 2004 at FVCC. Eight members and one guest were present.

Jamie Reed gave a 2005 Conference Update. The conference will be held at the White Oak Lodge. Reservations have been made. Dan Brien has entertainment for the banquet; Jane Eby will be working on door prizes and notifying the other chapters to bring only a couple items for the auction to make it shorter. Tom Sands and Dick Smith are working on a speaker list. Linda Smith is willing to give a presentation. Other speakers mentioned were Tommy Butler, the attorney for the DNRC, Curt Sumner and Bill Weikel.

Joe Kaufman asked for input on the proposed Tri-State Conference that would be held in Idaho. The general feeling was positive, however the travel and cost may keep some surveyors from attending.

The annual Golf Scramble and Picnic will be held August 21. The location is yet to be determined.

Jane Eby spoke with Paula Robinson about having a surveying exhibit in the new courthouse. Paula was very excited about the idea and would like the chapter to submit a proposal that she can take to the engineers. Jane volunteered to write the proposal. She will take photos of the Logger Sports Exhibit at FVCC as well as the cabinet displays in the Kalispell Post Office as examples of displays we would like to see for the equipment.

Don Ebbutt is spreading the word about a missing piece of MARLS equipment. It is a Gurly Light Mountain Transit. If anyone may know of its location, contact Don.

The next Chapter meeting will be Wednesday July 28 at the Baseline in front of Half Moon Ranch Supply.

Roger Olson, the representative for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, talked about the MARLS insurance plan and gave information and applications to anyone interested. The more MARLS members enroll, the better the rates become. The June Treasure State Surveyor has more information on the program.

Western Chapter – Kurt Luebke

The Western Chapter completed the MARLS Conference on February 27. Judging by the attendance and feedback we consider it a success and relief to be done. Thanks go out to Kay for all her help with the years worth of planning, brochures, schedules, bills and everything else in which she was able to keep us on track doing. Thanks also go out to the conference committees, all who attended, the Holiday Inn Parkside and all speakers. Our goal was to offer new choices and keep the attendance costs as low as possible.

The Western Chapter held a meeting on March 11, 2004; there were discussions on the conference and long overdue (according to Toby) chapter elections were held. The last elections were held in September 2000. The results were as follows: President Kurt Luebke, Vice-President Tony Bachman, and Secretary-Treasurer Don Patterson.

Thanks to Toby for leading our Chapter for the past 3+ years.

On April 29, 2004 the chapter completed its highway cleanup with the help of 8 brave souls who faced the Bitterroot rush hour traffic.

The Western Chapter had 54 students and 3 high schools involved with the TrigStar program during May. The top score came from Frenchtown High School with a score of 90. Once again thanks go to Greg Lazerte for his help in proctoring the Sentinel High School test. I administered the tests at Frenchtown and Drummond High Schools as well as conducting surveying equipment demonstrations and practice problem solving with the equipment. Requests have already been made by all participating High Schools for demonstrations and tests next year.

South Central Chapter – Craig Brown

No meetings have been held and Tom Trzinski, the South Central Chapter President, has moved to Billings. Craig Brown is now the chapter President.

Central Chapter – Tom Stark – no meeting held

Southeast Chapter – Gunnar Getchell

The southeast chapter held a meeting in Billings May 25, with 9 members attending.

Roger Olson with BCBS drove down from Chester to meet with us and discuss the new BCBS insurance plan that became effective April 1, 2004. He has had several people sign up already and is very positive about the plan.

The May 7 draft copy of HJR 37 was discussed. Dan McGee shed some light as to who is behind the bill, their agenda, and some of the effects the changes may have. Dan recommended that MARLS not back this bill at this time. We discussed changes that could be made to clarify certain Sections, but Dan also suggested that we not submit the changes at this time, but wait until right before next session and then submit them. The changes we discussed were aimed at clarifying and better defining remainders, evasion criteria, the “complete application”, deadlines, review periods, and public hearings, so that these items are not subject to interpretation.

The Lewis & Clark signature event was discussed. Curt Smith with the NGS was contacted a few weeks ago, and the SE chapter has agreed to provide the labor, materials, and GPS equipment to set and survey the monument at Pompeys Pillar. NGS will provide the 12” brass discs. Additional sites, using 4” discs provided by the NGS, may also be set in the Billings area that would be useful to surveyors. The monuments need to be set before the event in July 2006. Jeff Dietz is the signature event coordinator and we will contact him this summer to get started.

The request for a donation from MARLS members by the Museum of Surveying was discussed. All members in attendance were in favor of donating \$1 per MARLS member, assuming it was a 1-time donation.

Members in attendance were in favor of a Tri-State conference in Spokane, as long as MARLS share of the cost was reasonable and proportionate to the number of members compared to Washington and Idaho.

The revisions currently being considered by the Board of Registration to better define “responsible charge”, “in residence”, and “branch office” was discussed. Nobody in attendance had a problem with a Montana company’s branch office offering surveying services without a licensed surveyor in the branch office, as long as any questions regarding surveying activities were referred to the licensed surveyor in the company that would perform those activities.

We also discussed the SE chapter making an effort to get the Bureau of Reclamation’s survey records for the Huntley Project archived with the BLM. The records are now kept in the Huntley Project Headquarters, but are not indexed or readily available. Randy Thomas will check with the BLM and find out what it will take to get the records into the BLM data base.

North Central Chapter – Dale Schaeffer

The North Central Chapter met at 6:30 PM at Perkins in Great Falls. President Dale Schaeffer called the meeting to order. The Secretary’s report for the February 2, 2004, meeting was read by Jim Hodges and approved. Jim Hodges gave the Treasurer’s report. The chapter has the following at balances in accounts at Community Federal Credit Union: Savings \$3,079.18 and Checking \$389.35.

Trig-Star: Mike Wolfe reported that Trig-Star will have bigger prizes this year supported by the state MARLS. Mike will coordinate Trig-Star at Great Falls High and C. M. Russell this year. Scott Koterba will coordinate Trig-Star at Lewistown and Winifred.

Health Insurance: Roger Olson, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Representative, gave a presentation on the MARLS Association Plan. Rates are dropping from the original plan because those signing up are healthier than those who responded to the initial survey. Roger expects the rates to drop more as the group grows. He encouraged participation by associate members such as title companies, realtors and anyone else who can join MARLS as an associate member. The larger the group, the better the rates will be.

Old Business:

Certified Corner Recordation Forms: There is no change in the status of the new forms.

Unlicensed Practice Update: The Board of Registration had contacted the two surveyors who were signing surveys for the firm the complaint was filed against. Both surveyors stated that they reviewed the work before they signed it.

Board of Land Surveyors: Debbie Anderson, MARLS president, and Mr. Anderson, president-elect, are pushing for a separate board for land surveyors.

Ron Lindseth made the following motion that was seconded by Tom Russett and approved by the membership: The NCC MARLS supports the current board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Rather than form a new board, we would like to see the MARLS board hire legal counsel to provide support for complaint actions.

New Business:

Tri-State Participation: The MARLS board is seeking input on MARLS participating in a tri-state conference with Idaho and Washington in 2007. The consensus of NCC members was to not participate in the tri-state.

Lewis & Clark Monuments and Observations: Kurt Smith of NGS asked if MARLS would support setting concrete monuments with Lewis and Clark commemorative disks and making GPS observations. The consensus of the NCC was that we would support the effort.

Continuing Education Videos: Debbie Anderson is buying video that can be used to obtain PDHs. The NCC members were in favor of having the videos as part of future meetings.

PDH Records: Kay McDonald is proposing to have the board require attending members pay a \$5 fee to her business to record every course taken so she can track PDHs.

MGIC: Ken Jenkins is asking that MARLS members join and participate in MGIC (Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals). The MARLS board is considering increasing dues so that membership in MGIC is included. Dale will send out more information later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Southwest Chapter – Erland Gendreau – no report

Northeast Chapter – Troy Jensen

Vice-President Dave Zimmerman, in the conference room of the Richland County Roads Department, called the meeting together at 6:00 PM.

Introductions and Roll Call: Members Present: Russ Huotari, Peter Olson, and David Bergstedt.

The January 12th minutes were read and approved. Motion by Russ Huotari seconded by Peter Olson.

Secretary's Report indicated that there was no incoming, outgoing or pending correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$200.00 in the account.

Lewis & Clark, Corps of Discovery, Survey Disk: The Northeast Chapter will place their monument at the Culbertson, MT museum. It was near this site that the Corps of Discovery sighted their first grizzly bear. The "fun" day has been rescheduled. The status of the project is: a hole, 18 in. diameter., 7 ft. deep, has been dug. The forming for the monument pedestal as been completed. A local contractor will provide the concrete and will place it on Monday afternoon, May 10th. What remains is the excavating of the encircling pad and the placement of the concrete for the pad and, of course the dedication.

A discussion of the MARLS group health insurance program was held. The membership present thought it was a good idea for the individual firms. Understand, though that the members present are covered under their respective corporate umbrella.

Tri-State in Spokane, WA: The unanimous decision was to support the Tri-State concept. It is estimated that at least 50% of the NE Chapter would attend a Tri-State conference.

Formation of a MARLS Past-President committee is endorsed in principle by the Chapter.

A Donation to the Museum of Surveying in Lansing, MI was tabled until the next meeting.

The NE Chapter is tentatively scheduled to host the 2007 MARLS Conference. Reviewing the logistics there is no town/city within our chapter area that could support a conference. We also speculated on the number of MARLS members would be willing to trek to Eastern Montana, and it wasn't many. That is why we'd support the Tri-State conference and work with Idaho and Washington.

Peter Olson was congratulated for accepting the Continuing Education position on the MARLS Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2005 Conference – Northwest Chapter – Joe Kauffman

The conference will be held at the White Oak Lodge February 23 – 26, 2005. The theme is "Riparian". Dan Brien has entertainment for the banquet. Tom Sands and Dick Smith are working on a speaker list. Linda Smith is willing to give a presentation. Other speakers mentioned were Tommy Butler, the attorney for the DNRC, Curt Sumner and Bill Weikel.

Board of Registration – Stewart Nash - BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS MEETING REPORT - MAY 20 & 21, 2004, HELENA, MT.

Election of officers has placed Paulete Ferguson, Public Member, Missoula Atty. as Presiding Officer, Denis Applebury, PLS, Victor, as Vice Presiding Officer, and Vic Cundy, MSU Bozeman, as Secretary. The remaining Board members are: Jake Neil, PE, Great Falls, David Gates, PE, Butte, James Hahn, PLS, Billings, Steve Wright, PE, Columbia Falls, Janet Markle, Public Member, Glasgow, and Daniel McCauley, PE, Helena.

The Board has directed Todd Boucher to evaluate their financial operating plan and determine if a reduction in license renewal fees is possible for the next cycle.

Continuing education review of a percentage of registrants will continue at the same number as the last renewal cycle, about 450 PE's & PLS'. Out of those reviewed since the inception of the review committee, only about 1% has been found to be in arrears on development hours. Mr. Boucher noted that the recent legislative audit suggest that the Continuing Education process be removed from the renewal process, and that the two become separate processes.

Todd Boucher is presently training an individual to take over some of his duties as he becomes more spread out in his functions with different boards.

The Board has proposed new language to be added to ARM 24.183.511, License Seal, which addresses the use of electronic seals, mandatory stamping of 'preliminary' on preliminary documents and stating that the document is not to be used for construction, bidding, recordation, conveyance, sales, or as the basis for the issuance of a permit, and addressing multi discipline designs seals, as well as drawings containing work by more than one person who is in responsible charge. These proposals were e-mailed to Kay prior to the Board of Directors meeting on 5-22-04.

The Board discussed the current and proposed procedures for reporting violations. Current regulations basically state that you need only report a violation. However, the Board requires a formal written complaint from which to consider, therein nothing is acted on by merely reporting a violation. The Board is looking at modeling the procedure after Washington State's, and will continue to work on drafting rules to address the matter.

The geomatics advisory committee of the Montana Geographical Information Council, (MGIC) was put on hold due to an impasse at the last scheduled meeting. The crux of the impasse revolves around spatial accuracy and contracting of GPS services Committee Chair, Dan McCauley will be trying for another meeting In June, but with selected attendees. The committee is considering a professional (non-binding) facilitator. The board granted Mr. McCauley up to \$1,500.00 to obtain a facilitator, with the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) contributing a like amount.

The corner recordation form changes as submitted by MARLS has been reviewed by a state rules review attorney in light of making the document conform to normal legislative language. Consequently all of the headings of the different categories of instructions have been deleted and wording added to make the section understandable. I spoke by phone with President, Gerald Pavlick about these changes during the Board meeting and we came to an agreement of edits necessary to eliminate confusion or words that were not necessary. These edits now go back to the attorney and then the membership will be informed of a public hearing, wherein written comments will be reviewed also.

The Board is looking into the costs and practicality of using ELSESES, a branch of NCEES, who conducts state exams. They collect the fees, proctor the exams as submitted by the state, and grade the exams.

The Board approved nine PE applications and three LS applications.

A. Denis Applebury has put a great deal of time and effort into listing specific exam items for future testing. The Board would like to see if MARLS is interested in putting together a booklet, or LS test review manual, that a new applicant can purchase or obtain for study materials. These references could be obtained from Denis, (for a nominal fee, he says) and either published in a small three-ring binder form, or as an electronic copy, or both. The Board would be willing to assist with monetary costs.

This item should be seriously discussed by the MARLS Board and after my recent personal studies for obtaining a reinstatement of license in Colorado and new licensure in Wyoming, I highly recommend MARLS involvement. Colorado does have a three-ring binder with complete pertinent statutes in it, basically everything pertaining to the required information to take a state specific exam. Wyoming on the other hand has nothing available to study and one has to obtain the state statutes on a disc or go on-line and go through every statute for relevance, an extremely time consuming task. As a professional organization, I believe we should make it somewhat easier for LSIT's in Montana to obtain this information.

The Boards next meeting will be August 19 and 20, followed by a November 3 and 4 meeting.

GIS/GPS Negotiated Rule Making Committee report – Warren Latvala & Dick Smith

Gerald attended the GIS Conference in Billings and went to the presentation to their membership on the crux of the difference of the land surveyors and the GIS people and again it comes down to the same one item that we are dealing with. The presentation was the same type of presentation that we have all had an opportunity to see before. They are really trying to get this resolved and the Board has directed Dan McCully to get this resolved. Dick Smith would represent NSPS and try to negotiate with Bryce Larsen on some of these things that are in different opinion between the GIS group and the surveying group. He will bring back to MARLS his suggestions. Stu would really like to keep Warren part of this group. Dick Smith is attending the June 16th GAC micro committee meeting and will report back to President Pavlick.

Continuing Education – Peter Olson – no activity

CPC Evaluation – Rick Goacher

The CPC Committee has reviewed no new Continuing Education courses since the Conference. Debi Anderson and I have corresponded a couple of times concerning the videos she has acquired for chapter meeting/discussions for additional PDH's.

Other than that not much has crossed my desk.

I would be happy to attempt to convince my committee of giving PDH credit for General Membership meetings at Conference. These meetings are of utmost importance to ALL members and not enough time is allotted them in the relentless pursuit of PDH seminars. IMHO the Board should discuss the feasibility of allotting (a lot) more time to these General Membership meetings, less time devoted to handing out Certificates of Appreciation to the BOD folks, etc, etc and more time to discuss, in-depth, the issues. I believe this to be time well-spent and I would argue vigorously for its approval within my Committee, or anywhere for that matter.

Historical - Don Ebbutt

To complete the inventory of the artifacts in my care I need help locating the following MARLS items, along with a paper trail of the following missing items that were transferred from me to Kay in April 1998.

1910, W. & L. E. Gurley Mountain transit Serial # 9869.

If this instrument was part of the Kalispell Museum display and not returned by them then I think we should file a claim against their insurance company.

The tripod for this instrument was returned to me with the Kalispell Museum artifacts Nov. 23, 2003.

Additionally the following items need to be located.

- **Two videos, New Hampshire L.S Assoc ,Survey Research Seminar, part 1 & 2.**
- **8 volumes, Cyclopedia of Civil Engineering, copyright, 1908.**
- **Solar Ephemeris, 1929 through 1945, 1921, 1947, 1948.**
- **Four Centennial Acre Plats mounted on foam board.**
- **Lambert & Marcator grid, Manuals of Traverse, (one each)**
- **Manual of 1st order triangulation.**
- The following personal items were loaned to the Kalispell Museum display and have not been returned as of this date.
- **MT Initial Point map in display case, ID # E-5008**
- **County boundary change map, ID # E-5012**
- **Wyatt Earp mining claim survey ID # E-5013**
- **Foam board mounted MT-Idaho border story printed by "Phillipsburg Mail".**

I would appreciate help in locating the MARLS artifacts listed, so they can be inventoried and the return of my listed personal items.

Legislation - Rick Gustine

I think I've adequately addressed the justification for the legislative budget increase in previous postings which Kay forwarded to the BOD, but I'll re-iterate. The 2003 session was MARLS first go at hiring our own lobbyist, following the decision to opt out of Montana Tech Council. The arrangement to hire Jim Kembel occurred rather quickly in preparation for the session, and in retrospect we probably didn't consider all that's involved.

The legislative session takes up only 4 months of a 24 month biennium, while it's obvious that those four months are the most crucial, I can assure you that there are things going on daily among government agencies and numerous special interest groups during the interim that could affect MARLS and our profession. The interim committee to discuss subdivision laws is just one example.

When MARLS belonged to Tech Council, we relied on the full time Executive Director to keep us abreast of ongoing discussions and developments. In nearly all cases, by having a full time presence in Helena, we are well aware in advance of what legislation is being proposed so that we can prepare for it. If we were to go into a session having had blinders on for the previous 20 months, we wouldn't have a clue what was coming and wouldn't be very effective in our efforts.

It is essential that MARLS have a full time presence in Helena to keep a thumb on things. I was born and raised 3 blocks north of the capitol building and can assure you that government and politics is the mainstay of Helena on a daily basis. Government and special interest groups don't take a break during the 20 month interim and MARLS can't either.

It is a well known fact that western Montana has become the "nesting ground" for any number of special interest groups whose primary goal is to impede or control development, affecting our profession and livelihood.

I want to stress again, as I did in previous postings, that the proposal to compensate Jim for his efforts during the interim was my idea, not Jim's (he never even mentioned it). Jim was working on MARLS behalf since the end of the

2003 session. He has attended every meeting of the interim committee along with numerous working group meetings, besides keeping abreast of any other developments affecting MARLS. I was feeling guilty and feel is unjust that he was not being compensated for his efforts on MARLS behalf. I asked Jim to come up with some numbers, which he did, and I personally feel that \$250/ mo. for the interim is a nominal cost for MARLS to have a full time presence in legislation matters.

We members who volunteer our time as a BOD member or committee assignment do so willingly for the benefit of MARLS and our profession. It is only fair that those with expertise working on MARLS behalf outside of the profession be adequately compensated for their efforts.

In my 31 years as a MARLS member, I think 2 of the smartest decisions MARLS has made is to hire a full time administrative secretary and to hire a lobbyist.

When I look at MARLS budget, I see few items that are more justified, for the benefit of the MARLS membership and our profession, than an active presence in Montana legislative matters.

MARLS is a very pro-active and viable organization with an all time high in membership numbers, but if we need more income to achieve our goals I'll be the first in line to make a motion to change the dues structure (it was I, some 15-20 years ago, that made the motion to raise MARLS dues to the current structure).

Membership - Kay McDonald– Dues renewal notices were sent to membership in May for the July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 fiscal year.

MGIC & ITWG – Ken Jenkins

At the MGIC quarterly meeting earlier this month, a couple of issues were presented that may be worthy of discussion by MARLS. As noted in my MGIC report, a new association is being formed: “Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals”. This association will be structured similar to MARLS and will bring together the many GPS, GIS groups and associations that now exist in Montana. The initial formation of this group and the charter BOD will take place at the GIS Conference in Billings, April 19-23, 2004. At the MGIC meeting, it was discussed that surveyors are an integral part of the process and should be represented within the new association.

Personally, I could not agree more. I see the new GIS Association as a group that will soon be similar to MARLS relative to legislation and influence of state policy. **That's right, they are getting organized!** I also see this as a critical opportunity to get back on the GIS horse, and give the surveying community an opportunity to be involved in the direction and policy making of the GIS community. Whether we like it or not, the merging of our profession and GIS is under way and will continue until I suppose someday, it will all be under the same roof as GEOMATICS or some such thing. If as a group we want to influence this process, we will need to be a part of the process. It is my feeling that membership of the surveying community is so critical, that I would suggest MARLS discuss a dues increase that would cover automatic membership in the GIS Association for all MARLS membership.

I am also requesting that MARLS be represented at the GIS conference in Billings. Historically, we have sent our president to the survey conferences at other states, but this year, I believe some official representation at the Billings GIS conference would be equally valuable to us. We need to know about how the new GIS Association will work and how we can be a part of the process. Also we need to be involved in the discussion regarding GAC. In my notes from the MGIC meeting, I noted that it might be important for Jim Hahn to attend the GAC portion of the GIS conference.

At this time I am not sure if I can attend any of the Billings events, but hope that we can somehow have representation there. Additionally, it appears that there are some very interesting presentations at the conference.

Detailed information and conference schedules are available at the GIS conference web page:

<http://mtgeo.org/conference/conference2004/index.html>.

Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

MGIC Committee Report, June 2004

I attended the June 3, 2004 quarterly MGIC meeting in Helena. A report was given on the April GIS Conference in Billings. I would like to thank MARLS President Gerald Pavlick for attending the GIS conference and representing MARLS at the GAC meeting. As I have previously indicated, it is important for our organization to participate and be represented within the GIS community.

At the GIS conference, the Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals was formed. An interim board of directors is in place as well as an interim Constitution for the organization. The directors are in the process of forming a membership application, dues structure etc. I will provide additional membership information when it is available, and encourage MARLS membership to join and participate.

Reports were given on MGIC GIS funding initiatives. The Montana Land Information Act is proposed legislation that would add a document recording fee statewide that would generate an estimated \$1,000,000 annually for continued construction of and maintenance of critical data layers such as Cadastral, Transportation and Geodetic Control. Much progress has been made on these layers, and more data is continually being made available to the public. To date, tens of millions of dollars have been spent gathering data and building layers, but until somewhat recently, little consideration was given to coordination of efforts, elimination of redundancy, and maintenance / updating the layers.

The proposed new funding would be a valuable asset in addressing these needs, and would allow for a more coordinated effort between the many government entities (local, state and federal) that are creating data. MARLS has been asked to support the proposed legislation, and to that end, several copies of the draft bill and a promotional brochure are attached for review. I would request that the board review the documents and make a formal decision as to the question of support; and that that decision be expressed as soon as possible to Tony Herbert, Chair of MGIC or me. Tony and others have been working across the state to gather support for the bill, and have been mostly successful. Amongst others, the Montana Association of Realtors have indicated support for the bill.

A brief report was given on activities of the GAC (GPS/GIS) committee. It was noted that a letter was sent to MARLS President asking that the negotiated rules process be continued, but no response has been received. I indicated that MARLS has not met since the letter was written, and that it would likely be discussed at the June 12 meeting. Presumably, an official response to the letter could result from such a discussion.

Detailed minutes of the MGIC meeting are available at <http://state.mt.us/itsd/policy/councils/mgic/mgic.asp>
Useful GIS data and links to more maps and data are available at <http://nris.state.mt.us>.

NSPS - Dick Smith

NSPS Governor's Report to MARLS, NSPS meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, April, 2004

The following is a report of the highlights of the Nashville Spring 2004 NSPS meeting. I have attached the official minutes of the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors for those of you who would like to read a more detailed report of the proceedings.

You should be aware, first and foremost, that 20% of the surveyors in this country (NSPS members) are speaking nationally for the other 80%, who remain silent. This is patently unfair. The perception of NSPS by non-members is becoming more positive. Dues income was sharply up in 2003, and the trend continues in 2004. Montana surveyors should view these statistics with a renewed resolve to become more active nationally. Join NSPS and let your needs and desires be known. We can no longer afford to sit back and let others set the standards for the next generation of surveyors.

NCEES plans to sponsor a "speaker's kit" to aid surveyors with a presentation package for middle school level efforts.

The Library of Congress has offered to allow the surveying profession to have a map/plat exhibit for two years. ACSM is asking for monetary support from the MO's to make this happen. This is a great opportunity for the surveying profession to get public recognition.

"Recollections", a book about the history of ACSM from 1941 to 1991, is now available for purchase. The book is a great summary of what ACSM has done for surveyors during that time.

Standard Form 330 (SF330) will be required by Federal agencies starting in June of 2004. This form will replace the old SF254 and SF255. The COFPAS website has a primer available on how to fill out this new form properly.

There is a move on to expand the Brooks Act to cover more types of mapping.

The Michigan Museum of Surveying is requesting \$1 per member in each state society for help in its expansion plans. They are also requesting \$100 per chapter for each year of the next two years.

NGS will be celebrating its bicentennial in 2005. If you haven't checked out the OPUS program on the NGS website, you should do so now. It is an incredible tool for establishing GPS control points.

MARLS should consider setting up a fund to send FVCC surveying students to participate in the NSPS student competition next year in Las Vegas. This would provide great exposure for the students to the surveying profession and would surely show off the great program we have in Montana.

The new BLM Manual is now available for review at the following website:
www.blm.gov/cadastral/manual/nextedition.htm NSPS will be asking for comment on this new edition to forward on to BLM.

I participated in the national forum for State GIS/Land Surveying activity, and presented the progress and frustrations which we have experienced in Montana. The following is a summary of what other states are doing in this critical field of endeavor:

New Jersey has produced a series of Power Point presentations, including one on positional accuracy standards.

Texas has produced documents and definitions, but is concerned that most of its surveyors are not getting involved.

Massachusetts has nothing formal to report.

Idaho regulates only boundary, so has nothing to report except that it is looking into regulating portions of Geomatics practice.

Kentucky has nothing formal to report.

Minnesota has no GIS committee in its surveying society. There is a lot of interest in GIS workshops. They have produced a positional accuracy handbook, which can be accessed at: www.gis.state.mn.us

Arkansas has just gotten started. They regulate strictly boundary at this time.

Hawaii has no committee at this time.

Georgia recently passed a four year degree requirement for land surveying. They have not been very active in GIS because they regulate boundary only.

GLIS, who sponsored this forum on GIS, are composed of a combination of land surveyors and GIS practitioners. MARLS as a society and individual members should consider joining this organization to keep abreast of the rapidly developing science of GIS.

ACSM/GLIS will post the state society reports that were presented at this forum on their website. The proceedings should be available prior to the ESRI "Bridging the Gap" conference to be held August 7-10.

(Surveyors admission fee \$295).

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their confidence and trust in supporting my extra stay in Nashville so that I could participate in the State GIS Forum. It was quite apparent that Montana is a leading player in getting surveyors involved in GIS. This technology will be a major portion of the billable receipts for future surveyors, but only if we stake our claim to the technology.

I have also attached a copy of my NAFTA report which I submitted to West Fed. A decision on this issue needs to be made by the Board of Directors before the next West Fed meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for September 25th, 2004 in San Francisco, California.

Professional License Oversight - Dick Smith

Scholarship - Bill Weikel

Standards of Practice – Craig Brown

Treasure State Surveyor - Ron Milam – no report

Trig Star - Randy Thomas

Seven of the eight Montana Chapters teamed up to present the 2004 Trig-Star program at twenty five High Schools across Montana. Six hundred and twenty five students took the 2004 Trig-Star test, with two students scoring 100%.

Scott Bruschwein, a junior at Billings Central High School is the 2004 Montana Trig Star, scoring 100%, solving the problem in 53 minutes, 02.66 seconds. The following are the top four school winners:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Scott Bruschwein	Billings Central	100	53:02.66
Alex Urbanski	Billings West	100	57:47.27
Erwin Dunbar	Billings Skyview	94	54:56.56
Lauren Richardson	French Town High	90	42:30

The seven chapter winners and second place participants, respectively, are Dan Amack and Max Hansen, South Central, Lauren Richardson and Jennifer Luebke, Western, Brandie Bates and Justin Hausauer, North Central, Wes Hilton and Hunter Cole Roehl, Northwest, Samuel Jensen and Matthew Kanagy, North East, Micah Everson and Robb Gersbach, Central and Scott Bruschwein and Alex Urbanski, Southeast. All seven-chapter winners received a Hewlett Packard 48GII calculator, donated by Jeff Butcher at Selby's Essco and the MARLS \$150 cash prize, except Scott Bruschwein, our state winner, who received the \$500 state winner prize. All seven second place participants received the MARLS \$100 cash prize. Each school winner received a plaque, which Kay McDonald had prepared in Kalispell. And all participants received a certificate prepared by Kay McDonald or the BLM.

Scott was presented the \$500 cash prize and \$1250 scholarship certificate, along with a plaque and calculator, by President Pavlick, on June 1st. Scott will also represent Montana in the National competition, taking the national test before July 1st.

The second and third place scholarships for \$1000 and \$750, respectively, were awarded to Alex Urbanski, a junior at Billings West High School, and Erwin (Dan) Dunbar, a senior at Billings Skyview High School.

MARLS raised the bar with the addition of the three trig-star scholarships and additional cash prizes, which were met with extremely high acceptance and praise. These scholarships and cash prizes will surely peak more interest throughout Montana schools, and hopefully MARLS members.

I would like to thank Sean McFarland Mike Wolfe, Kurt Luebke and Ron Milam, Tom Stark and Ryan Mitchell, Peter Olson, and Dawn Marquardt, for taking the lead in their respective chapters. And to all those folks who pitched in and made the Montana 2004 Trig-Star program a success, thank you all.

Also, a special thanks to Kay McDonald, for all of her time and effort, preparing certificates, having plaques prepared, mailing, and the list goes on and on. Thank you Kay!

I am scheduled to speak again on the Trig-Star program at the MEA/MFT Teachers Convention on October 21st and 22nd, 2004. This could spark new interest in the program as it did after addressing the group last year.

West Fed - Dick Smith & Denis Applebury

On the 28th day of February 2004 WestFed made history. For the first time, since the beginning of the organization, we held a Board meeting in Montana. Dick and I did everything we could to welcome all of the delegates to include decent weather for our southern members. For those who came and attended our conference, they told us that they had a good time and enjoyed the conference.

The meeting began at 8:00 AM with the normal stuff that boards do like, roll call, determine a quorum, approve previous minutes and etc. we then moved to state reports. Those reports totaled 28 pages so I will attempt to give you the highlights.

Alaska report: Their Board has not had an opportunity to address the approved NCEES model law or the FIG definition of surveying. They are very close to getting required continuing education passed by their legislature. They are also looking at survey standards and building safety codes.

Arizona report: They held their annual conference in January. They are also dealing with NCEES and GIS vs. land surveying.

California Report: They are still trying to get legislation passed that would allow signed and sealed maps to be recorded even though the surveyor had passed away. They are also trying to do away with temporary licensure to practice surveying in the state.

Colorado report: Their state is still going through the sunset review process. It appears that they will retain their Board of Registration but the details have not been approved by the legislature.

Idaho Report: They have been very active with legislation. One bill will define the term "basis of bearing" and the other is to require an exam to have 15 semester credit hours of surveying courses before taking an exam. They also have had their conference and Idaho voted not to accept the NCEES model law or the NAFTA proposal.

Montana Report: Dick and I told the board about the utter disappointment we had with the outcome of the negotiated rule making process concerning the definition of surveying and GIS mapping. I also told the board that our hole subdivision bill was being reviewed by a legislative subcommittee and that we had to act if we wanted to have any input in the process. I also reported on the concept of build-design construction projects in Montana. Other states told us it was going on in their state as well. I also told the board that the State Board of Registration was wrestling with the term "in residence."

Nevada Report: They are going through the process of getting a school in Nevada to have a four-year degree program in surveying. Their State Board of Registration is determining if an engineer should be allowed to do construction staking. Their board has not formed an official view on NCEES model law of NAFTA.

New Mexico Report: New Mexico now has a new State Board of Registration however the feeling is that land surveyors don't have much say on the board nor does the board have much respect for the surveying profession.

Oregon Report: They report that their membership for 2003 was 764 members and it appears that number will go up in 2004. The states four year degree program is still struggling for funding but for now it still exists. Their legislative efforts have been to get a surveyor's lien law passed. They are also considering adopting the NCEES model law. They are working to update their brochure of "The Guide to Selecting an Oregon Land Surveyor."

Utah Report: They now have an administrative assistant who works four hours a day to take calls and answer questions. They are working on getting a right of entry law passed and defining the difference between a subdivision and a retracement survey.

Washington Report: They are very close to getting continuing education legislation passed into law.

Wyoming Report: Their membership voted to increase their scholarship fund to \$2000 per year. Their legislature is dealing with several bills of interest to surveyors but nothing earth-shattering to the profession.

NSPS Report: Curt Sumner reported to the board that the Fed's have done away with the standard 254 form and the 255 form. They have replaced them with a new form called the SS330 form. He also told us that he is preparing a brochure that explains the difference between a mortgage survey and a boundary survey. His goal is to make them available at Real Estate offices and Title offices all across the nation.

Other points of interest that were discussed are. Nationally, 70% of complaint against land surveyors concerns their business practices, not their surveying skills or mistakes. Oregon's Board of Registration has legislative power to levy fines against unlicensed people who practice land surveying. We have completed our speaker's list and it is posted on the NSPS web site.

We discussed, at great length, the NCEES model law and the Canadian written NAFTA mutual recognition document (ARD). The board voted to oppose both documents.

It was also agreed that we would hold our 2005 conference in Las Vegas at the Rivera Motel and convention center, March 18th to the 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MARLS Group Health Insurance – Roger Olson, BCBS Representative

Discussion: A affiliate and Sustaining Membership qualifications to obtain insurance through the MARLS BCBS program – The BOD discussed the feasibility of accepting membership of other organizations and which MARLS membership category they would qualify for. These two membership categories in question to qualify for insurance through MARLS were affiliate and sustaining. After a BOD discussion, falling within the MARLS Bylaws, this type of membership would fall under MARLS Sustaining Membership for that organization.

MOTION: Dale Schaeffer moved to adopt the following policy: To be eligible for coverage you must be a member in good standing of MARLS and a resident of Montana. Your dependants can be added to the plan and the plan will cover your dependant children up to the age of 25 years old. If the MARLS member has employees, (no size limit), the business can cover all employees and their dependants as long as the employee works at least 20 hours per week. MARLS currently allows ALL levels of MARLS membership to join in the group health plan. The MARLS board has invited all Sustaining Members and their employees to take advantage of the group health plan. Sustaining Members are eligible, however, MARLS will allow “like” or “associated” businesses and professionals into the group health plan limited to architects, engineers, title companies, real estate appraisers, real estate sales, and product vendors. Gunner Getchell seconded; discussion; amended motion to read (after product vendors) AS APPROVED BY THE MARLS BOD; QCMC.

B. Unlicensed Surveyor Update – Troy Jensen – The person is no longer employed.

C. Establishing Charitable Subsidiary of MARLS to comply with tax law requirements for charitable contributions – Bill Weikel - tabled

D. MARLS Scholarship Awards & HS Scholarship to a Surveyor’s son/daughter – Bryan Block –

Bryan suggested that the Scholarship Committee consider a scholarship for a Surveyor’s son/daughter and the committee will consider this for next year’s scholarship disbursements.

Dick Smith’s NSPS report: MARLS should consider setting up a fund to send FVCC surveying students to participate in the NSPS student competition next year in Las Vegas. This would provide great exposure for the students to the surveying profession and would surely show off the great program we have in Montana. Discussion by the BOD: Fund support for participation, Bill Weikel will contact Dave Dorsett at FVCC, Steve Anderson will contact Doug Smith at MSU if they are interested in having the students participate, and possible MARLS fund raiser at conference to help defer expenses if there is interest.

E. Travel Expense submittals:

Ken Jenkins – MGIC meetings \$175.20

Dick Smith – West Fed June 12, 2004 Reno meeting est. \$630

Denis Applebury - West Fed June 12, 2004 Reno meeting est. \$533

Gerald Pavlick – 2/26-28/04 mileage \$247.47

Randy Thomas – 6-12-04 mileage for BOD meeting \$160.60

Peter Olson – 6-12-04 travel expenses for BOD meeting submitted after meeting \$106.11

Bryan Block moved to accept the above travel expenses submitted; Troy Jensen seconded; QCMC.

F. Dick Smith NSPS Conference & GIS Forum attendance = \$361.39 over NSPS Budget to Professional Legal Fund Disbursement – BOD approved disbursements

G. Life membership requests submitted to BOD for approval – none submitted

H. Certified Corner Recordation update – Sub Chapter 10 – Steve Anderson

Unfortunately the new corner record form and associated rules have not been approved by the BPELS. A public hearing needs to be held before they can approve either one. Todd Boucher, the Board Administrator, told me 2 months ago that we could expect the public hearing in April. I recently requested that the Land Surveyor board members help push this along. Apparently one or more attorneys are holding up the process. A call to Todd may help convey to him and the rest of the board the need to get this thing done soon.

President Pavlick said anything that stated “should” is now changed to “must”. Anything that had a description with a colon are now taken out and rewritten with “must”.

MOTION: Steve Anderson moved: RE: Certified Corner Recordation Form – That MARLS fill in the date that the approved version was adopted by the BPELS and make the form available on the MARLS website, the date of approval to be confirmed by Steward Nash; Debi Anderson seconded; QCMC.

I. The BPELS discussed the changes that will be required in the ARM to comply with the corner record in lieu of a certificate of survey resulting from SB406. The Board requested that MARLS provide suggestions and recommendations. (See ARM 24.183.1001) - included and addressed with Item H above.

J. Surveying and the Public newspaper articles update – Debi Anderson - Still getting newspaper names from the chapter presidents.

K. Recommendation that MARLS submit a brief to the Montana Supreme Court in regard to Appeal of Montana Eighth Judicial District Court, Cascade County: - Warren Latvala– President Gerald talked with Warren and that by the time MARLS got the brief together this would be adjudicated and would be a dead issue.

L. MT Board of PE & LS – Rules for Branch Offices – Denis Applebury

President Pavlick said there will be a public hearing is June 28th in Helena. He stated for a Professional Engineer it is written as follows: “In residence” A professional engineer in residence means a person holding a valid professional engineering license in Montana and who is in responsible charge of engineering work performed in the branch office. Another words you hold a license in Montana, you are in responsible charge of work done in a branch office. BOD discussion of the wording for a Professional Licensed Surveyor for a branch office clarification.

MOTION: Steve Anderson moved Gerald Pavlick submit the following to Denis Applebury: To change Item C in Branch Office to read “ Professional Land Surveyor in residence” means a person holding a valid land surveying license in Montana, and is in responsible charge of land survey work performed in the branch office. Which would read exactly the same as Branch Offices for Professional Engineers. This deletes “and who maintains a branch office as the land surveyor’s normal place of business”. Item (4) A professional land surveyor may serve as the professional land surveyor in residence at only one place of business is deleted; Jim Burton seconded; QCMC.

M. MDT Design & Build Engineering Process Progress Report – Denis Applebury- tabled

N. Michigan Museum request for monetary support – Bryan Block – Address after budget item.

O. PDH Record Keeping – President Pavlick

President Pavlick presented the following to the Board of Directors readdressing the PDH Record Keeping for MARLS sponsored continuing education courses:

President Pavlick emailed Todd Boucher for clarification from the MT Board of PE & LS for the following:

(1) Kay's concern is that at the annual meeting, conference, convention MARLS is responsible for providing each individual with a certificate of completion of PDH's.

(2) She also feels she must maintain their individual records for the two year period between license renewal.

I interpret your answer as it is not MARLS responsibility.

When I read the Montana BPELS CPC-CE Guidelines item **6.0 record-keeping** it seems very clear that the individual registrant is the responsible party for keeping records.

MARLS provides a continuing education committee that reviews and accepts continuing education programs.

The annual meeting provides a prospectus that describes the course material, presenter and approved PDH's.

Therefore all the elements are present to allow the individual to meet the requirements of record keeping, without further intervention by MARLS.

This is my interpretation of the guidelines. Is my interpretation correct?

From Todd Boucher to Gerald:

There is no requirement for the society, group or individual to keep records, but there is for the individual. I know that FVCC previously was keeping a record for MARLS Conferences which is fine, but the main issue is they should keep records for up to three years. ARM 24.183.2105 6(c) describes what is needed as follows:

(6) The responsibility of maintaining records to be used to support credits claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. Records required include, but are not limited to:

(a) a log showing the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, instructors or speaker's name and PDH credits earned;

(b) attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents supporting evidence of attendance; or

(c) records as maintained by the professional development registry for engineers and surveyors (PDRES) or other similar repositories. These records must be maintained for a period of three years and copies may be requested by the board for audit verification purposes.

I would interpret that the repository for this information such as FVCC, should be able to give the information up to 3 years later. Again it appears that the licensee is ultimately responsible for maintaining the record.

BOD Discussion:

MARLS provides to individuals proof of paid registration for MARLS Seminar and Conference speakers.

MARLS provides to the individual a PDH form (for the individuals use to record PDH's in his/her own file) such as

a schedule/prospectus (listing course(s), speaker(s), PDH(s)) for all MARLS sponsored seminar and conferences. Speakers at seminars could be asked to provide a certificate of completion to hand out.

MOTION: Joe Kauffman moved MARLS or Kay McDonald will no longer be keeping track of PDH's starting July 1, 2004 as Professional Licensed Land Surveyors are responsible for keeping track of their own PDH's. Debi Anderson seconded; QCMC.

P. 2007 or 2008 Tri-State Participation – President Pavlick

Correspondence in the past month for Tri-State participation: *The Administrative Secretary, Loyce Smith, of ISPLS emailed Kay that Idaho, Washington and Montana might have another Tri State conference in 2007 or 2008. Larry Glahe of Idaho PLS said 2008 is the preferred year and that participation by West Fed would be encouraged. From PLSW, Ben Peterson stated that Washington would be most interested in a Tri-State conference. 2008 would be the most likely year. Our State Board of Trustees voted last year to revamp out annual conference policy. Beginning in 2007 it will shift from a chapter responsibility to a State responsibility under the direction of the State Meetings Coordinator (currently myself) and will alternate from year to year between Eastern and Western Washington. The first State-run conference is scheduled for 2007 in Western Washington - unless the LSAW BOT votes otherwise. That however leaves us open for an Eastern Washington or Tri-State Conference in 2008. I, at least, would be interested in discussing the possibility, feasibility and venue options for a Tri-State conference in 2008.*

Idaho and Washington asked that MARLS meet with them in early June and Kay wrote back that MARLS would not be able to attend this meeting before their scheduled BOD meeting June 12th and the following meeting was held without MARLS representation between Washington and Idaho and reported by Ben Peterson of LSAW: Thanks for meeting with me in Spokane. I thought are meeting, although brief, was quite productive. I presented the concept of a Tri-State Conference to the LSAW at our Board of Trustees meeting later that day and there was no opposition. The only area of concern was from our WFPS representative and his suggestion to move the conference to 2008 vs 2007. WFPS conferences are during odd numbered years and usually within a few weeks of our respective state conferences. In 2007 they would have the potential of diverting attendees and exhibitors. If this is agreeable, we need to get Montana aboard. Otherwise it will be a Bi-State conference. To summarize our meeting, we agreed in principle to the following:

An early March 2007 or 2008 date. LSAW favors 2008.

A Spokane venue. Coeur d'Alene is too small.

Plan for approximate attendance of 1,000 (to be refined).

Preliminary estimate of attendance by state was 250-300 Idaho, 350-400 Washington and 350-400 Montana, if participating.

Washington's numbers could be considerably more if continuing education passes.

Preliminary estimate of 35,000 square feet of meeting / exhibit space needed. (To be defined)

Agreement that \$275 - \$300 is not an unreasonable registration fee.

Budget the conference to insure adequate proceeds to each participating state association.

Equal distribution of planning assignments / tasks among participating associations.

Make good use of professional services (vs volunteers) to take on some conference tasks such as mailings and registration.

Lock in venue early.

I would ask you to forward this on to Montana and see if we can get a commitment on their part. If so we'll want to form a core committee (at least 2 members from each state) and plan a meeting date.

President Pavlick's concern now is making a commitment for the MARLS members for a conference in 2008. The other concern is would there be enough members attend. They stated 350 – 400 attending from Montana above. This would not happen as we only have about 220 at the most participate from Montana at our conferences at the present. The BOD discussed the pros and cons of participation. This includes travel, committees attending pre-conference meetings which would be in Spokane, and the overall cost vs. income of a Tri-State for MARLS and its members. Kay felt MARLS participating in a Tri-State would not draw the members that they draw attending a Montana Conference. There would not be the income that a MARLS budgets for conferences. Registration and conference planning for this would be contracted out professionally raising the cost of this Tri-State compared to the volunteerism that ran the previous Tri-State (that only about 125 members of MARLS attended).

MOTION: Debi Anderson moved to not participate in the 2007 or 2008 Tri-State that ISPLS and LSAW proposed; Dale Schaeffer seconded; QCMC.

Q. Separate Board of PLS – Debi Anderson - tabled

R. Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery II Surveyor's Commemorative in Montana 2005 (Great Falls) & 2006 (Pompey's Pillar) – President Pavlick

Gunner Getchell reported that he talked to Curt Smith discussing Signature Event Coordinators names, contacting them, figure out where the monuments are going to be placed, who is going to represent MARLS at the event. NGS will provide the 12" disk. Southeast Chapter of MARLS will provide the labor, materials and equipment to set the disk.

Dale Schaeffer said Curt Smith is attending their next meeting to coordinate the setting of the disk at the 2005 Great Falls location.

Culbertson has one set already. Anyone is invited to participate in these ceremonies. The chapters will keep MARLS informed of the date and time of these. If any chapters doing these would send their information to Ron Milam for the TSS it would be greatly appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Correspondence – A thank you for the flowers for Wade Woith’s services was read from the family of Wade Woith, PLS

T. KM Business Services Contract for Services 2004 – 2006

MOTION: James Burton moved to accept the KM Business Services Contract for Administrative Secretary Services as submitted to the MARLS BOD for July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2006; Seconded by Bryan Block; QCMC.

U. James Kembel Contract for Legislative Services 2004 – 2005

MOTION: Debi Anderson moved to accept Jim Kembel’s contract for MARLS Lobbyist Services as submitted to the MARLS BOD for July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. (Corrected contract figures to be sent to Kay after the meeting from Jim Kembel for President Pavlick’s signature); Joe Kauffman seconded; QCMC.

V. NAFTA Report from NSPS Conference – Dick Smith

The NAFTA report was copied and disbursed to all BOD. The BOD discussed this, and will take the report back to review with their chapters and get their comments to Dick before the September 25th meeting in San Diego.

W. MARLS Liability Insurance – Kay McDonald– Gave information to Debi to review.

X. Professional Land Surveyors Information Brochure & Protecting the Integrity of Ones Property Corners (Curt Sumner’s brochure) and A Degree In Surveying Brochure – Kay McDonald– Kay will give Linda Smith all of the different surveyor’s brochures as she volunteered to come up with a new brochure for MARLS to use.

Y. Surveying/Geomatics Disk Availability – Kay McDonald (gave disk to Debi to review)

Z. Library of Congress Project – Kay McDonald

AA. HJR 37 Progress Report – Rick Gustine

Jim Kembel spoke to the BOD regarding HJR 37 progress and the need for input from the MARLS membership regarding their opinions. He asked that the chapters take this up at their chapter meetings and get each member’s comments to Rick Gustine so they can present the surveyors input at least by the end of July.

BB. Smart Growth Coalition Draft Legislation – Rick Gustine

This also was discussed with HJR 37 and Jim asked that the members get their comments to Rick as soon as possible. This has been sent to the general membership via email.

CC. License Seal Proposal (Comments back to Todd Boucher by August 1, 2004)

The proposed 24.183.511 License Seal was passed out to the BOD, the BOD discussed this and suggested that all individuals send their comments to Todd Boucher at toboucher@state.mt.us by August 1, 2004.

CC1. Park County Subdivision Review Policy – Craig Brown

Craig informed the board regarding the problem of Park County reviewing only one subdivision a month, the problems arising from this for the surveyors and the ramifications effecting the surveyor and client. He will get a copy to Jim Kembel and Jim said he would see what he can do about this with the help of MACO and keep MARLS informed.

CC2. Support of the MT Land Info Act – Ken Jenkins requested the BOD to discuss this and the BOD asked that this be sent to the BOD and Committee Chairs and tabled a decision until the September meeting giving the BOD a chance to review the MT Land Information Act “draft” submitted by Ken.

DD. 2004 – 2005 Budget

The following MARLS Budget for July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 was submitted to the BOD by the Budget Committee:

	2004 - 2005 Budget Income	2004 - 2005 Budget Expense
INCOME		
Conference	59,000.00	(36,000.00)
Interest Income	1,300.00	
Marketplace Sales	3,000.00	(2,000.00)
Membership Dues Income	38,500.00	
Misc. Income	100.00	
Seminars/metnets	5,500.00	(5,500.00)

Treasure State Surveyor Income	7,000.00	(10,000.00)
MARLS WCU Savings Account	2,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		
EXPENSES		
Board of Directors		(1,500.00)
Board of Registration		(250.00)
Committees		(400.00)
Historical		(100.00)
Legislation/Tech Council		(8,250.00)
Bank Charges		(950.00)
Postage & Shipping		(1,000.00)
Telephone		(1,900.00)
MARLS Adm. Sec Cont. Services		(35,000.00)
MGIC/ITWG		(300.00)
Misc. Unforeseen Expenses		(1,350.00)
NSPS		(3,400.00)
President		(2,000.00)
Prof. Oversight Legal Fund		(3,000.00)
Professional Tax Preparation		(400.00)
Western Federation		(3,100.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		
TOTALS	116,400.00	(116,400.00)

MOTION: Troy Jensen moved to approve the above July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 MARLS Budget as amended as read above; Bryan Blocks seconded; QCMC.

Michigan Museum support – tabled to September meeting for decision on amount to be sent from the Misc. Unforeseen Expenses in the budget.

Library of Congress Surveyors Exhibit support – Tabled.

MARLS Members Active Duty - Jim Burton suggested that MARLS find out if any surveyors have been activated to serve in the Armed Forces and their membership dues waived during activation. Mark Roedel, PLS and MARLS member, was activated in December and is currently deployed to Iraq. He has sent correspondence to share with the membership that Kay has emailed to the MARLS BOD and Committee Chairs to get out to their chapters. Please let Kay know if there are anymore members that have been deployed.

MOTION: Bryan Block moved to waive Mark Roedel’s 2004 – 2005 Active Membership dues; seconded by Jim Burton; QCMC.

Good of the Order

September 11, 2004 BOD meeting - Billings
 Discussed Item A of Stewart Nash’s Board report – LS Test Review Manual – tabled.

MARLS BOD meeting adjourned.
 Respectively submitted,

Kay McDonald

Administrative Secretary
 Sent to BOD and Committee Chairs for corrections June 26, 2004.
 Corrections notified to Kay by July 3, 2004.

APPROVED BY:

 James Burton
 MARLS SECRETARY/TREASURER
 DATE: _____