

IESWCS Fall Meeting
Priest River Experimental Forest
October 7, 2005

The fall chapter meeting opened with Jeff Steward, North Idaho Panhandle Director providing a welcome and introducing new members: Gary Parker and Alison Young. Brief introductions were made by all present.

Minutes from the 7-18-05 Executive Board meeting were read for information. The Spring Chapter meeting minutes were read and Patrice Beckwith moved to approve, Don McCool seconded and motion carried.

The financial report: as of 10-5-05 there is \$21,327.41 in the chapter's checking account. Of this balance \$10,723.70 are dedicated as The Roger Veseth Scholarship Funds. The Certificate of Deposit held at Zions Bank in Moscow, ID has a current balance of \$3,472.01 and is earning 2.7% interest. Georgie Leinweber suggested that some of the funds in checking be moved to an interest bearing account. The Executive Board will discuss this at their next meeting. Leonard Johnson moved and Mark Cottrell seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Ed Nurmi gave a memorial biography on Ray Barker, recently deceased member, who was a Soil Surveyor in Bonner County in 1949.

Old Business:

Shelly Lassiter reported on attending the 61st National Convention in Rochester NY last July. Other chapter members who attended were: Georgie Leinweber (our voting delegate), Gus Hughbanks, and Larry Cooke. Shelly is a member of the Professional Development Committee whose primary responsibility is to review the National Award applications. This committee has also developed a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) booklet, a copy of which will soon be sent to each chapter.

Chapter website: Shelly reported that the National SWCS website has offered chapter sites at \$600 per year. This expense is for maintenance alone and no funds go to the Society. She has investigated other options and reported that ECO 9 Design would charge \$15/ month and a website development fee of \$90 for the first year. Steve Durgin moved that we develop a website with ECO 9 Designs, Steve Rolph seconded. Motion carried. The Chapter will need to decide the address, IESWCS.org was suggested. Any additional suggestions are to be sent to Shelly Lassiter.

Youth Camp was discussed. The camp has struggled financially since the 1999 WACD reinterpretation of education funds that reduced the direct grants and the District sponsorship of campers. The camp board is made up of 10 members and there is a real need for active involved board members from all the representative groups and societies. The 2005 camp is the first to be cancelled in over 50 years. There is a concern that the N-Sid-Sen location will not always be available.

As there was no new business the motion to adjourn was made by Mark Schuller, seconded by Roberta Lewis and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11 am

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Swannack, Secretary