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Purdue Chapter Attends 2003 ACSM Convention in Phoenix, AZ

In late March, the annual ACSM Convention was held at the Phoenix Civic Plaza in Phoenix, AZ. The convention began on Saturday, March 29 and concluded on Wednesday, April 2. The conference was jointly sponsored by ACSM and the Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Association.

With the support of several individuals and companies, the student chapter was able to send six students to the 2003 convention. The students included: Brad Eckerle, Amanda Askren, Adam Beery, Bryant Hottel, Heath Titzer and Brian Nelson. The students worked with ACSM by volunteering with seminar monitoring, registration desk and career fair booth. With the amount of volunteer hours compiled, ACSM donated exhibition space to the student chapter allowing Purdue to be represented in the exhibit hall.

Arriving in Phoenix late Friday, the students were able to visit downtown Phoenix. On Saturday, the students assembled the display case in the exhibit hall. With few seminars conducted this day, the students were able to take in a Cubs vs. Diamondbacks exhibition baseball game at Bank One Ballpark. The evening brought an ACSM volunteer pizza party for the students. The students were able to share some pizza with past

ACSM president, Gary Kent, ACSM executive director, Curt Sumner and current ACSM president, Eric Anderson.

Sunday brought a full day of seminars for the students to monitor and attend. The evening included a reception in the exhibit hall. Many Purdue alumni were present.

Monday continued another full day of workshops. It was also a full day of the exhibit hall allowing attendees to visit the Purdue booth. Due to an early afternoon return flight, the students attended the conference Tuesday morning and departed at noon.

A special thanks those that contributed to the student chapter! The six attendees thank you for the great experience and great memories!



Purdue students at the ACSM Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

2003-2004 Officers Elected

The student chapter met March 4 for a monthly chapter. The officer elections for next year's academic year were held. Congratulations to the new officers!

President: Luke Jahn (Jasper, IN)

Vice-president: Heath Titzer (Evansville, IN)

Treasurer: Matt Knoy (Bloomington, IN)

Secretary: Christi Hoy (Watertown, WI)

2003 Scholarship & Award Winners

- John G. McEntyre Scholarship
Luke Jahn & Matt Knoy
- Margaret Cunningham Scholarship
Luke Jahn & Matt Knoy
- Jud and Betty Rouch Scholarship
Devin Keeler
- Falk PLI Scholarship
Brian Nelson
- Faculty Recognition Award
Amanda Askren & Brad Eckerle
- Outstanding Senior Award
Alan Smaka

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<http://bridge.ecn.purdue.edu/~acsm>

2003 Graduates

- Paul Aikins (Batesville, IN)
- Amanda Askren (Fishers, IN)
- Dave Barich (Rockford, IL)
- Michelle Baumgartner (Lafayette, IN)
- Adam Beery (Lapaz, IN)
- Ed Bukovac (Lowell, IN)
- Jason Clearwaters (Greencastle, IN)
- Brad Eckerle (Jasper, IN)
- Jim Foster (Mooresville, IN)
- Travis Gaitner (Cannelburg, IN)
- Gregg Germann (Fort Wayne, IN)
- Adam Greulich (Gentryville, IN)
- Bryant Hottel (New Albany, IN)
- Julian Simela (Botswana, Africa)
- Alan Smaka (Bremen, IN)

2003 Recognition Banquet

The annual Land Surveying Engineering Recognition Banquet, sponsored by the student chapter, was held on April 5 at The Trails banquet hall in West Lafayette. The event brought nearly 50 attendees including students, faculty, family and alumni to recognize scholarship winners, graduating seniors and the Geomatics program.

Adam Beery, vice-president, initiated the banquet by welcoming and thanking those in attendance. Brad Eckerle, president, then discussed the activities and structure of the student chapter for the school year. Prof. Jim Bethel followed with an invocation.

Following a meal of prime rib, orange roughly and chicken, guest speakers Eric and Derek Fuller from Silver Spring, MD, spoke of their experiences and business since graduating from the LSE program in 1995. Fuller introduced a taste of surveying in Maryland. Prof. Boudewijn H.W. van Gelder followed by introducing the graduating class in an interesting fashion- in regards to Chinese astrology. Eckerle again addressed the attendees by introducing the 2003-

2004 officers. Newly-elected president (Luke Jahn) then spoke on behalf of the new officers.

The presentation of scholarships started with Dan Pusey (Lafayette, IN) awarding two ISPLS scholarships: John G. McEntyre and Margaret Cunningham-Tecumseh Chapter scholarships. Prof. Steve Johnson then introduced Jud and Betty Rouch (Culver, IN) for their scholarship. Mike Falk was next for the presentation of the Falk PLI scholarship. Prof. Edward Mikhail presented two awards: the Outstanding Senior Award & the Faculty Recognition Award.

Mikhail then had closing remarks to the banquet. He commented on the successful undergraduate and graduate programs in the Geomatics department. Prof. Fred Manner, head of School of Civil Engineering, spoke briefly on the growing university and the \$1.3 billion fund-raising effort. He explained Purdue's success during these economic times.

Dale Weaver, the first Purdue BSLSE graduate, attended the banquet. Weaver was honored at the chapter's first banquet in 1973.

Seniors: Where are they going now?



The graduates of 2003 during LS 400 Summer Course.

The year of 2003 will see 15 graduates from the Geomatics program. Here is a quick summary of the graduating class:

- 12 students graduating with BSLSE, BSCE
- Three students graduating with BSCE
- 12 graduating in May
- Two graduating in August
- One graduating in December
- 9 will be working in Indiana
- Two will be working in Illinois
- One will be working in Seattle, WA
- One will be working in Michigan
- One will be working in Botswana, Africa
- One will attend graduate school at Purdue

