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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 4:** Monthly meeting at 7 pm. Speaker yet to be determined. Officer elections for 2003-2004.
- **March 8:** ISPLS Board of Directors meeting.
- **March 13-15:** Purdue Surveying School
- **March 29-April 2:** 2003 ACSM Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.
- **April 5:** Senior and Recognition Banquet
- **April 12:** SIT/EIT Exam
- **April 19:** ISPLS Board of Directors meeting.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

- Sept. 3: Pat Cunningham
Vester & Associates
- Oct. 9: Pat Garrot
Purdue CCO
- Nov. 5: Kevin O'Conner
Atwell-Hicks, Inc.
- Dec. 3: Aaron Blank
Abonmarche
- Feb. 4: David Withaar
Manhard Consulting.

Purdue ACSM/ISPLS Attends 2003 ISPLS Convention

In late January, the 51st Annual ISPLS Convention was held at the downtown Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. The convention brought many licensed professionals to one common area for hours of educational seminars and activities. The convention began on Wednesday, January 15 and concluded on Friday, January 17.

With the support of several individuals and companies, the student chapter was able to send 17 students to the 2003 convention. The students worked with ISPLS in assisting them with the seminars, the registration desk, and ticket collection. This opportunity allowed these students to sit in on many seminars, see the current exhibits, and meet many of the people in the surveying profession.

On Wednesday, the students began arriving at the convention hotel. A display case was set up in the exhibit hall representing the student chapter and the Purdue program. A few seminars were held this day. The students were able to win big at the "Casino Night" held by ISPLS in the evening, as the students were able to win 2 George Foreman grills and a tool belt.



Ed Bukovac and Dave Barich sit by the display case at the 2003 ISPLS Convention in Indianapolis.

Thursday brought a full day of seminars for the students to monitor. The seminars went from 8 am until 4 pm. The evening brought the ISPLS Banquet for the students to attend.

On Friday, the morning kept students busy at the registration desk and seminars. Seminars concluded the convention in late afternoon.

A special thanks to the students who attended the convention! Thanks for helping out and hopefully you will be able to enjoy many more conventions in the future!

February Meeting- 2/4/2003

The February chapter meeting will be Tuesday evening, the 4th at 7:00 pm, in CIVL 1115. Mr. Dave Withaar will be our guest speaker. Dave is Director of Surveying for Manhard Consulting, Ltd in Downers Grove, Illinois. Manhard offers many services including surveying, civil engineering, environmental, con-

struction, and land planning. They have offices in Vernon Hills and Downers Grove, Illinois and Littleton, Colorado. The company started in the Chicago area in 1972.

Thanks to Manhard Consulting for visiting Purdue!

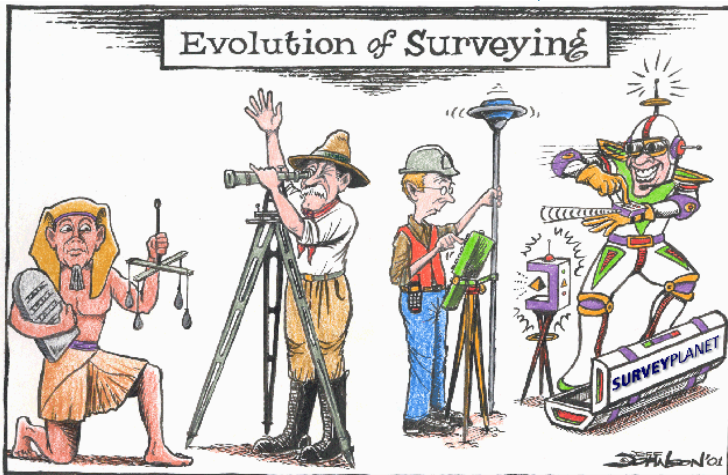


2003 ACSM Convention
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The 2003 ACSM Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona on March 29-April 2. The student chapter has collected donations over the past few months and is interested in sending as many students as possible to the convention at a minor cost. The student chapter has been able to represent the Purdue program at the recent ACSM Conventions in Las Vegas and Washington, D.C.

Information and details will be available to the student members at the February meeting. Contact Brad Eckerle for further information if interested in attending. Also, you can look online at www.acsm.net for details on the convention.



Looking Back: The First Dinner

A written request from Professor John G. McEntyre, Professor Kenneth Curtis, and student Lowell Hamilton on September 26, 1972 established the founding of the Purdue Student Chapter of ACSM. It is from the founding that we today continue to perform the activities that were done in the beginnings, such as the Blunder and the Recognition Dinner.

On April 23, 1973, the chapter held its first Annual Recognition Dinner. The dinner was held to honor Dale V. Weaver and Robert W. Marks II.

Dale Weaver of Greenwood received the first Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying degree granted by Purdue University. The four-year baccalaureate degree in Land Surveying was officially inaugurated by Purdue University in the fall of 1971 and was the first school in the United States to offer the degree. Weaver was the first student to receive a Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying in the United States.

Robert Marks of Frankfurt was awarded the first annual \$500 scholarship sponsored by ISPLS. The scholarship was awarded to the junior student in which it is felt will contribute most to the profession of Land Surveying in his chosen career.

Student Dean Hamilton presided over the meeting. Speakers included Carl Kelly from NGS, Prof. McEntyre, Wesley Day from ISPLS, Prof. Curtis, and Dean Robert Fox, Assistant Dean of Engineering for Instruction.

The dinner cost was \$4.50 per person. Sixty-six students, staff, and wives attended the dinner at "The Oaks".

1st ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER
Student Chapter
AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING & MAPPING
Monday, April 23, 1973
7:00 p.m.
"THE OAKS" - Smorgasbord
U. S. 52 Northwest

The program from the 1st Recognition Dinner.