

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1999

## **Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/99:**

Income: Dues Rebate = \$1400.00, Interest = \$376.84. Total Income = \$1776.84.

Expenses: Postage = \$50.55, Capital Purchases (mostly brass information and location plaques) = \$862.32. Total Expenses = \$912.87.

Checking = \$2634.64, Savings = \$8312.60. TOTAL=\$10,947.24.

## **Historical Society Activities for 1999:**

1. 1999 ACSM Convention in Portland Oregon: John Thalacker & Arnie Kegel once again put on an incredible display of historical surveying instruments. Thanks again to James Coan and students for all of their help.
2. City of Seattle Bench Mark: Ken Gregory found the 189? Seattle City Ordinance establishing a new bench mark for surveys in Seattle after the Seattle fire destroyed the old one. Ken and hopefully Rick Carroll are working a Commemoration of some kind to put a brass informational and location plaque at the site.
- 3 Lewis & Clarke Bi-Centennial: Pat Beehler and Ken Frazier participated (were responsible) for the recovery of Lewis & Clark "Station Camp" along the Columbia River in June. An article featuring this recovery was written by Washington State Historical Society VP David Nicandri and was published in the 1999 winter issue of the ESS.
4. Mailed "Certificate of Appreciation" to various individuals for all of their activities on behalf of our organization. See list published in the 1999 winter issue of the ESS.
5. Coast Guide Meridian: Dick Sterling and sons re-established the north meander corner on the north side of Grays Harbor. This is an ongoing project.
6. 100th Anniversary: 1873 Idaho/Washington Boundary Survey: a position for the rock cairn that marks the terminus of said boundary in the International Border was established with help from Dick & Betty Sterling. Also, the brass location plaque in the pile of stone at the base of the basalt pillar established in 1873 (near Lewiston, Idaho) was stamped.
7. Puget Sound Meridian/Thomas Frost Gravesite: Pat Beehler obtained permission from the Tumwater Historical Society for an informational and location plaque at the above gravesite. The gravesite was recovered (by Pat Beehler), the gravestone refurbished, research on the Puget Sound Meridian completed, an article written and published in the summer 1999 issue of the ESS, wording for the informational plaque finalized, the brass plaques forged and received from Anacortes Brass Works, mailed to Pat Beehler and the Southwest Chapter in October. From there the project evidently entered a black hole.

8. Professional Surveyor Magazine: Our 1998 commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the 1873 Idaho/Washington Boundary Survey (above) by U.S. deputy surveyor Rollin Reeves made the front cover and was the feature article in the June 1999 issue of this magazine. Editor Marc Cheves and his magazine did an outstanding job with the article and his efforts were much appreciated.

9. Evergreen State Surveyor: Various articles were written by our Historical Society and published in the ESS. Thanks to editor Dave Berg for finding room and his support.

10. Link Magazine (Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors quarterly): articles were submitted and published by editor David Morton. Hope we can continue to work together.

1999 will be my last year as chairman/president of our Historical Society. I have been chairman/president since 1986. In that year I took over for the man responsible for creating it, Jerry Olson. Jerry remains one of the people I admire most in this organization and I continue to be inspired by his many efforts to preserve our knowledge of past surveyors and our rich surveying history. Attached is a list of LSAW Historical Society accomplishments since 1985 (from the list published in the June issue of Professional Surveyor Magazine). Of course they could not have been completed without the help of many members. Foremost is my good friend, Bob Landon, past surveying technology instructor for Bellingham Technical College. An "Appreciation Dinner" for Bob (and his wife Darlene) was hosted by the Northwest Chapter and our Historical Society in October of 1999. Please take the time to read the attached tribute to the man (and his students). He and they deserve it. Also I cannot thank Dick Sterling enough for his help and enthusiasm. There were times when only Bob and/or Dick showed up to help with a project. Dick continues to think of interesting projects for us. His latest is to get the Society more involved in the Lewis & Clark Bi-Centennial. Dick's knowledge (and interest) of Washington State history and sources of information is incredible. Thanks also to Gordon Thomson, Robert Allen and others with the Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors. Their eagerness to participate any way they can in our joint projects is inspiring.

Finally I wish to thank the person really responsible for the success of many of our projects. Her name is Delores and she has been my wife for 28 years. Besides finding most of the things we were looking for, she has slept in the mountains on the ground in tents, packed our supplies and made sure we had food, most of the time cooking the food, packed concrete, equipment and supplies when no one else showed up to help, is always eager to go on one of my wild goose chases, been supportive of every harebrained commemoration idea I came up with, never complaining once. Not once. More than you can ever know, thank you Delores.

Hey! Thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve as chairman and the incredible memories.

Denny DeMeyer,

In the fall of 1999 I started writing a quarterly column on surveying history for POB Magazine's web page. It is called "History Corner" and can be found on their website at [www.pobonline.com](http://www.pobonline.com).