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ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE LSAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING DATE MARCH 6, 2010, HOTEL MURANO, TACOMA, WA.

COMMITTEE/SUBJECT **LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY &
National Museum of Surveying**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Denny DeMeyer, Chairperson

GENERAL ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

100TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ALBERTA LAND SURVEYORS, APRIL 23-24-25, 2009: Our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society was represented at the Centennial Annual Conference of the Alberta Land Surveyors at the Banff Springs Hotel in Banff, Alberta. Incredible time and great people. The conference was the Grand Opening of their historical display of 15 informational panels, a surveyor's tent, surveying instruments and display cases.

WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND, OREGON:

MAY 2, 2009: Our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at the "clean up" day at Willamette Stone State Heritage Site organized by the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon.

May 30, 2009: Our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at Oregon's Sesquicentennial celebration on the 150th day of 2009 to rededicate this park. Many folks attended. Key speakers were LSAW HS members Tim Kent who spoke on Al White and Denny DeMeyer (William Ives) together with Royce Hill (John Preston). John Thomas attended on behalf of the LSAW (?).

RESTORATION OF 1896 LATITUDE PIER, SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE: November 6, 2009: Our LSAW Historical Society was represented by Walt Dale at the dedication of this historic instrument pier. Representatives of the Montana, Idaho & Washington (LSAW) surveying societies also attended. A brass informational plaque, funded by our society and others will be placed in the base. Practically all of the credit for perpetuating this historic monument goes to Jim McLefresh, GPS Surveyor for Spokane County. Great work Jim (and Walt)!

JERRY OLSON MATERIALS ON GLO and MINERAL SURVEYORS: you really must see Jerry's huge amount of work on our LSAW Historical Society website to appreciate it. Jerry has started on another project titled "North of the River", a book on the history of GLO surveys and surveyors in the Territory/State of Washington. Jerry continues to update his vast amount of info on GLO and other Washington surveyors with pictures and gravesites. Please visit his website @:
http://www.olsonengr.com/hist_survey_first.php.

OREGON PUBLIC TELEVISION: a film was made and shown on GLO surveys and surveyors and featured interviews with LSAW HS member Tim Kent demonstrating the use of a solar compass at Willamette Stone State Park.

SURVEY MONUMENT QUEST (GEO-CACHING (sort of)): The LSAW Historical Society got the official go-ahead to inherit this worthwhile educational and public relations project from the LSAW. We are thinking more of locating historically

significant (aren't they all?) surveying monuments, i.e. old bench marks, triangulation stations, reference points, mineral monuments, lighthouse reserve monuments etc with pictures and information besides the latitude and longitude of the site. Am not thinking of leaving a cache for now but it will be up to the membership for a vote at our breakfast meeting on March 6.

LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE: the website is continuing to be updated. Please visit our expanded website.

DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES:

US DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

MAY 11, 2009: SAND POINT, ID: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this meeting.

JUNE 24-25-26, 2009: 2009 ANNUAL DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCE: HOPE & CLARK FORK, IDAHO: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this event with a member giving a class on Celestial Navigation and Thompson's surveying techniques. The state surveying organizations of Washington (and the LSAW HS), Idaho, Montana and Oregon together with the Surveyors Historical Society graciously helped sponsor this event and were prominently displayed with logos on all printed and promotional material.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009, SPOKANE, WA: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this meeting.

NOVEMBER 3, 2009: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at the premier screening of "**UNCHARTED TERRITORY: DAVID THOMPSON IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST**" in Spokane, WA. This is a documentary produced By PBS/KCPS Television, Spokane, WA and Calgary, Alberta. Segments included interviews with **surveyors**, canoe builders, native Americans, numerous authors, educators and historians. A portion of this film contained footage of a LSAW HS member (sorry, introduced as a member of the SHS) demonstrating DT surveying and celestial navigation techniques using period surveying and navigational instruments. Practically all pictures in the film of surveying instruments were donated by our society.

JANUARY 19, 2010, SPOKANE, WA: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this meeting.

DAVID THOMPSON TRAVELING EXHIBIT: JUNE 6 – DECEMBER 31, 2009: "THE MAPMAKER'S EYE, David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau" moved to the Bonner County Museum in Sandpoint, Idaho for a 6 month run. Our LSAW Historical Society continues to donate instruments and educational text to supplement this display.

PAMPHLET/BROCHURE TO ACCOMPANY DAVID THOMPSON EXHIBIT: contact had been made with Michael Dixon of Rastrographics in Spokane, WA and work begun on this brochure.

2011 DAVID THOMPSON COLUMBIA BRIGADE

On June 1, 2011, 20 voyageur canoes will leave Invermere, British Columbia and travel down the Kootenai, Clark Fork, Pend Oreille and Columbia Rivers and arrive in Astoria, OR on July 15, 2011, exactly 200 years after David Thompson arrival. Thompson was the first person to completely travel the Columbia Rive from its source in Canal Flat, BC to the ocean.

APRIL 25, 2009: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at a meeting of the executive committee of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade in Innisfail, Alberta. Delores and Denny DeMeyer are in charge of ground truthing the Columbia River from Northport, WA to Astoria, OR.

APRIL 25, 2009: purchased and picked up the fiber glass replica of a 25' Voyageur Canoe used by the Alberta Land Surveyors canoe from the Rocky Canoe Club in Rocky Mtn. House, Alberta.

JUNE 25, 2009: our LSAW Historical Society & the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at this meeting in Clark Fork, Idaho.

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2009: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at a meeting of the executive committee of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade in Edmonton, Alberta.

JANUARY 30, 2010: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society were represented at a meeting of the executive committee of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade in Edmonton, Alberta.

MARCH 7 & 8, 2010: our LSAW Historical Society and the Surveyors Historical Society will be represented at a meeting of the executive committee of the 2011 David Thompson Columbia Brigade in Astoria, OR. with David Nicandri, director of the Washington State Historical Society, the director of the Astoria Bicentennial (1811-2011) Committee, and representatives from the Columbia River Maritime Museum, Fort Vancouver Historical Site, Center for Columbia River History and others to discuss the planned arrival of our 20 voyageur canoes with 300 voyageurs on July 15, 2011.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURVEYING ACTIVITIES:

“SEE OUR PROGRESS” OPENING; SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: FEBRUARY 12, 2009: The preview opening of the National Museum of Surveying on February 12 titled “See Our Progress”, from stage-one to present, was a grand success. We had over 400 people through the museum and raised much needed capitol, including important potential corporate sponsors and an enthusiastic new membership following. The Science on a Sphere <http://sos.noaa.gov/index.html> was a real hit, filling the room to capacity for two separate showings. Report by Trustee Dale Beeks.

FEBRUARY 19, 2010 UPDATE: The NMofS has not yet opened and continues to struggle from lack of funds and support. While benefiting from a \$75,000 donation from NCEE we still are falling short of the funds necessary to pay off the amount owed in order to open. The biggest problem as I see it is the continued unanticipated lack of meaningful support from most surveying societies and the large surveying equipment manufacturers and distributors. This is somewhat of a “Catch 22”. We cannot open because of lack of support and folks do not wish to donate because we are not open. Last year our NMoS secretary/treasurer Bob Church sent an e-mail update to all of the State Executive Directors asking them to put the NMoS on the agenda and donate \$2,000. He told them that if each State assoc/society would donate \$2,000 we could open the doors. I do not know why, but did not see this as an agenda item for any LSAW BOT meeting. Our LSAW was not alone, the word I received that the response was ‘pathetic’. Please consider our National Museum of Surveying worthy of your/our support. A reminder that or LSAW has agreed to a pledge of \$1000.00 per year **to be reviewed annually.**

I am requesting that we honor our pledge for 2010 with the understanding that if the NMofS does NOT open its doors in 2010 then the pledge is not to be renewed until such time that it does open. Also, any pledge would continue to be reviewed annually by the LSAW BOT.

PLEASE VISIT THE LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR ACTIVITIES.

Respectfully submitted, *Denny DeMeyer*
