

**BURT & MULLETT STUDENT CHAPTER
AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
Minutes from April 10, 2007**

- 11:04: Meeting called to order.
- Attendance passed around.
- Matt's introduction
 - Please return golf outing sign-up sheets ASAP; more sponsors are wanted.
 - Kebs, Inc. will be here next Tuesday evening recruiting. Pizza and pop provided.
- Steve F. of West Shore Consulting
 - Owns a multi-disciplinary firm based in Muskegon.
 - He is also a county surveyor
 - Became interested in surveying when he found 7.5' quadrangle maps
 - Led to applying for surveying jobs
 - First crew chief made the best impressions on him
 - Very picky on instrument care and methods
 - Made it hard to learn the profession at first
 - Recovering corners
 - Check and determine accuracy before setting more irons
 - 1' off may not necessarily be bad
 - Spoke on previous experience with instruments
 - Mostly evolution of the 'dip-stick'
 - Previous work history and decision to move to Muskegon
 - "War Stories"
 - Cemetery Surveys
 - Interesting situation while marking grave lots
 - Has had to probe old grave sites
 - Most challenging survey was laying out USCG lighthouses 20 miles from land
 - Hard to find EDM that measure that far
 - Used microwave instruments
 - Problems with storms and waves
 - Steve's current favorite job types
 - Designing developments
 - Hard job to present plans to municipalities
 - Usually involves controversy and urban sprawl issues
 - Advice
 - People who only want to do boundary surveys need to realize that times are changing
 - Future burden will be larger as more and more irons are set
 - Keep a balance in your life
 - Do not let any one thing consume your life
- 11:50: End of meeting.