

BURT & MULLETT STUDENT CHAPTER
AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING
Minutes from March 13, 2007

- 11:02: Meeting called to order.
- Attendance passed around.
- Matt's introduction
 - This Saturday, March 17, is the Walk and Rol-a-Thon
 - A new sweatshirt sign-up will be passed around soon.
 - Keep in mind we are looking for participants in the golf outing date
 - Asking for sponsors to donate \$100 per hole, no minimum hole requirement
 - Teams will be 4 people, and \$40 per person
 - Our ACSM team took first place in St. Louis
 - Please check the Burt and Mullet website for new job postings
- Victor Lukasavits from Gould Engineering of Flint
 - Brief background information
 - The fundamental exam is now an international exam
 - Court Cases and Surveys of interest
 - Jones vs. VanNewkirk
 - Victor hired as a professional witness
 - Problems to deal with
 - Original deed error
 - Original monumentation recovery
 - Solved the problem/case by looking at original records
 - Must do RESEARCH!!!
 - Case dealing with location of drain easement
 - Victor was a 'subject matter expert' for an attorney
 - Hired to locate a drain within an easement using original evidence
 - Was able to locate drain using the evidence, which helped wrap up the case
 - Landowner utility Survey
 - Help utility company decide how much to pay for land by deciding if land is agricultural cost or within zoning cost
 - Created pre and post cost/benefit analysis for the utility company
 - Helps the company decide whether or not to develop an area
 - Certification of volumes of stock piles to help determine how much dirt the contractor can charge for
 - Riparian rights case
 - Dealt with a man-made lake
 - 1 person wanted to make it so others could not put boats/docks on the lake
 - Solution was to divide the lake in a way that was not consistent with the land corner/meander line boundary

- Some court cases can only be settled via insurance settlements
- Be aware of Act 115 (Trespass Act)
 - May be useful in completion of a job
- Be aware that front of lots are normally along the road, even if the lot has lake frontage
 - Do not believe what the realtor says
- Additional thoughts
 - Stand your ground (stand behind your survey)
 - Back up your attorney
 - Surveyors are 'Subject Matter Experts'
 - Do not be afraid of the opposing attorney
 - Try to anticipate his questions
 - In court, keep in mind that pictures can be detrimental
- 11:40: End of meeting.