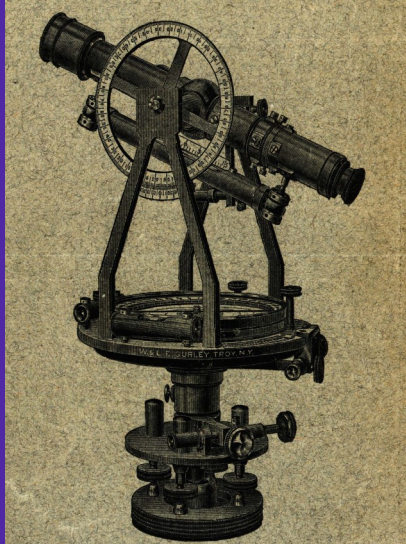


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## CHAPTER MEETING

Thursday  
April 18, 2024, 5:45PM  
Gatherings 43  
623 Depere Road  
Denmark, WI

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Ryan Duckart - Brown County Real Property Lister will be speaking about the Trigstar Program

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**2024 MEETINGS, SCHEDULE & LOCATION**

Winter General Meeting

Rock Garden in Green Bay

January 18, 2024 5:15 pm Social 5:45 pm Dinner/Mtg

Winter Board Meeting

De Pere Area

February 21, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner/Mtg

Spring General Meeting

Gatherings 43 in Denmark

April 18, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:15 pm Dinner/Mtg

Spring Board Meeting

Out O’Town Club in Kaukauna

May 22, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner/Mtg

Summer Golf/Trap Outing

Wander Springs in Greenleaf & Triple J in Brillion

Area golf course/trap shoot

July 18, 2024

4:45 pm Social 5:30 pm Dinner/Mtg

Summer Board Meeting

Lakeshore Area

August 21, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner/Mtg

Fall General Meeting

Lakeshore Area

October 12, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner/Mtg

Fall Board Meeting

Green Bay / De Pere Area

November 20, 2024

5:30 pm Social 6:00 pm Dinner/Mtg

Winter General Meeting

Green Bay / De Pere Area

January 16, 2025 5:15 pm Social 5:45 pm Dinner/Mtg

## 2024 Chapter Representatives

President - James Cappelart jamesc@jt-engineering

President Elect - Conner Christopherson cchristopherson@coleman-engineering.com

Director - Mark Kamin mark.kamin@nwtc.edu

Past President - Brian Frisque brianfrisquesurveysinc@gmail.com

Secretary\Treasurer - Tom Leslie tom.leslie@browncountywi.gov

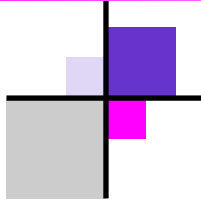
NE Chapter Representative - Jake Jensen jensenj@ayresassociates.com

Assist. Secretary\Treasurer— Brad Nelson bdnelson77@hotmail.com



### 2024 OFFICERS:

- Jim Sehloff  
WSLS President
- Richard (Dick) Kleinmann  
NSPS Director



April 2024 President's Message

Good Day NEC Members:

Hoping this message finds your family and yourself in good health and spirits following our brief April weather reminder that most of us do still reside in Wisconsin. As your newest Northeast Chapter President, I would like to thank you for putting your faith and confidence in my ability to further the high standard our chapter is known for. As the Director of Surveying for JT Engineering I find myself interacting with many of our members and hope to meet even more at our upcoming Chapter Meetings, seminar, and volunteer opportunities.

The Chapter has a lot going on and is always looking for participation in our chapter and community events. A couple of the upcoming opportunities are:

April 18 – General Chapter Meeting

April 19 – NEC seminar committee is putting on our annual seminar at the Rock Garden.

April 30 to May 3 – A Day in the Life at the National RR Museum in Green Bay.

This year's event is four days long instead of three, volunteers are needed.

Various Tri-Star and Career Fairs.

Our professions labor pipeline is dwindling. As a participant in the above activities, you can share your passion with the next generation and inspire young minds to join our beloved profession. Seminars and Chapter meeting are also excellent opportunities to network with peers and share industry updates with our younger/newer surveyors.

*On the personal side...*

My path to surveying began with enjoyment of the outdoors in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and beyond. As a high school senior, I had some friends attending Ferris State University and saw this "Surveying Engineering" program that seemed to fit my interests. With a great professional mentor/internship throughout my college years and some luck, I graduated with a bachelor's degree and found employment in Wisconsin. After working for consulting firms in Wausau and Madison over several years we moved to the Green Bay area almost a decade ago. As a professional, I hold licenses in several states in addition to Wisconsin and enjoy the challenge of a large, complex, or innovative project. Our family, including my wife(Jessica), daughter(Kylie), and son(Andrew) resides in Suamico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Cappelletti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Cappelletti, PLS President – Northeast Chapter of WSLs

~ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~

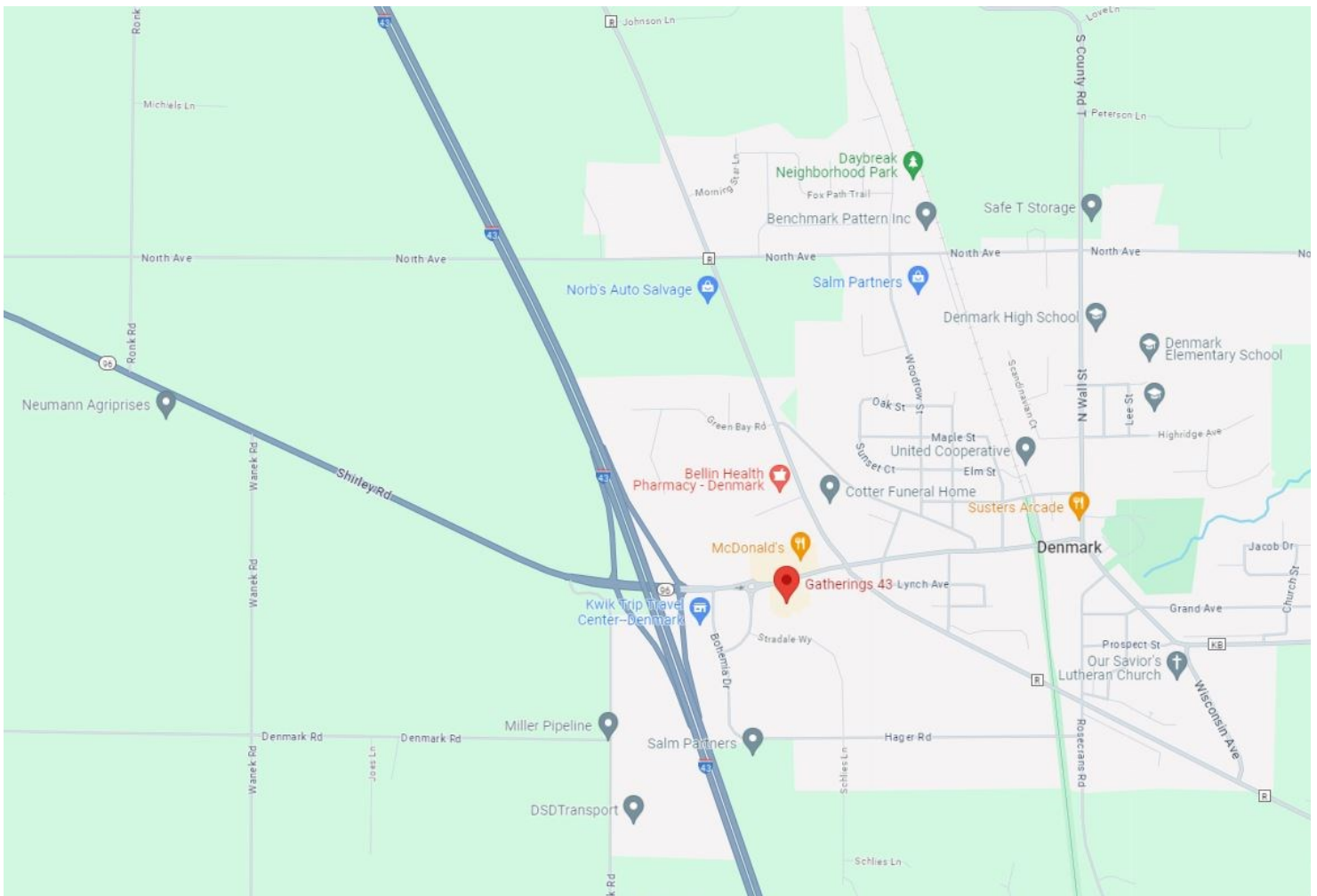
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Attitude adjustment is at 5:30 pm and Dinner is at 6:15 pm. Dinner will cost \$25.00.

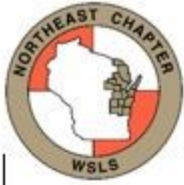
If you plan on attending the meeting please RSVP so we can get an accurate count for the meal.

Tom Leslie Secretary/Treasurer (920) 448-4495 [tom.leslie@browncountywi.gov](mailto:tom.leslie@browncountywi.gov)

James Cappert (920) 764-0202 [jamesc@jt-engineering.com](mailto:jamesc@jt-engineering.com)



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General Meeting Agenda

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04/18/2024	6:15pm	Meeting Location: Gatherings 43 - 623 <del>DePere</del> Road, Denmark, WI,
President		James Cappeart
President Elect		Conner Christopherson
Past President		Brian Frisque
Director		Mark Kamin
Secretary/Treasurer		Tom Leslie / Brad <u>Nelson</u> (Asst)
NE Chapter Rep		Jake Jensen

**AGENDA TOPICS**

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CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER	
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	
APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE WINTER 2024 GENERAL MEETING	
APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT	Tom Leslie
NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT	Jill – If any
WSLS REPORT	Jake Jensen
YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK	Connor Christopherson

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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<b>Auditing Committee</b>	Terry Van Hout
Business:	
<b>CST Committee</b>	Howard Herrild
Business:	
<b>Ethics and Practices Committee</b>	Andy Cleveland
Business:	
<b>Land Records Committee</b>	Tom Leslie
Business:	
<b>Legislative Committee</b>	Joseph Lett/John Sleik
Business:	
<b>Membership Committee</b>	Jake Jensen
Business:	
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Brian Frisque
Business:	
<b>Program Committee</b>	Andy Cleveland

Business:

Public Relations Committee

Ryan Beltrand

Business:

Scholarship Committee

Mark Kamin

Business:

Seminar Committee

Tom Leslie

Business:

Student Chapter Committee

Chad Roethlisberger

Business:

Trig-Star Committee

Ryan Duckart

Business:

## OLD BUSINESS

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## NEW BUSINESS

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Lifetime Member – Al Tilly – **Tom to Confirm**

NEC Chapter Seminar – Tomorrow – April 19<sup>th</sup> – Second Reminder after Toms Report



# 2024 NORTHEAST CHAPTER OF WSLs MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

- ( ) **Professional Member**  
\$40.00 Any person currently registered as a Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Wisconsin
- ( ) **Affiliate Member**  
\$20.00 Any person not registered, who is interested in land surveying
- ( ) **Lifetime Member**  
No dues Any person having reached the age of 65, retired from practice, having been a member for two years prior to the date of retirement, having been recommended by a member and application approved by the Board of Directors
- ( ) **Student Member**  
\$20.00 Any person currently enrolled in a surveying curriculum (Membership will be from start of program to January following graduation)
- ( ) **Sustaining Member**  
\$80.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Any commercial or professional institution or individuals interested or affiliated with the surveying profession  
Membership includes a display of their business card in Quarterly newsletter and on website
- \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Membership includes a **full** page ad, display of their business card in quarterly newsletter and on the website

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "THE NORTHEAST CHAPTER OF WSLs"**

Return application and dues to: Tom Leslie 1951 Andraya Lane De Pere, WI 54115



The Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

2024 Sponsor A Student Meal Program

Sponsorships are for a free meal at any of the 4 Quarterly Northeast Chapter General Meetings. Any student or person interested in the profession is eligible. If you have someone that would like to participate, please bring him or her along to the next meeting.

**Thank you to all who participated in the past 17+ years, it has been a HUGE success!**

*We are again asking for your support in sponsoring student meals in 2024 and beyond. Your donation will encourage students (and potential employees) to take an interest in the surveying industry and perhaps Chapter involvement.*

*-- Please fill out form below as you would like to be acknowledged for your free meal donation --*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Fee: \$25.00 per meal**

- I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ student meals (meals x \$25.00)... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: The Northeast Chapter of WSLS**

**Return to: Tom Leslie - Secretary/Treasurer  
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**2024 PAID MEMBERSHIP**  
As of April 13, 2024

<b>PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>AFFILIATE</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>SUSTAINING</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>LIFETIME</b>	<b><u>30</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>



## Northeast Chapter of WSLs

### 2024 WINTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 22, 2024 – Nicky's Lion Head in De Pere, WI

There were 12 members present when President Cappelart called the meeting to order at 5:52 pm

A motion was **made, seconded, and approved** to accept the Board meeting minutes from November 23, 2023

Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented in latest newsletter as there were no changes

The following reports were given: (*\*email*)

#### WSLS REPORT (Howard Herrild)

- Last Meeting was at the Institute on Friday, January 26, 2024
- Discussed the banquet meal issue – had to pay for approx. 200 “extra” meals that people said were going to attend but didn't – more discussion needed. Michigan Institute charges \$700 for event (extra \$40 for the meal, although not as good as ours) with 280± people attending; Illinois Institute charges \$300± for event (no extra charge for meal, which is better than Michigan's meals) and has 750± people attending
- WSLs Summer Meeting will be hosted by the SW Chapter – date & time TBD
- Institute had 1,004 registered attendees, 851 members, 168 non-members; 12 states were represented, with 793 full institute attendees and 50 exhibitors. Lunches were well attended but banquet meal was not
- Discussed Patrick Marsh Monument and related funding needed
- Lisa Van Horn AND Larry Miller were approved as a WSLs Life Member – CONGRATS!!

#### YOUNG SURVEYORS (Connor Christopherson)\*

- Report attached to the end of these minutes

#### AUDITING (Terry Van Hout)\*

- Secretary Leslie will hold to the 2-week deposit suggested by the Committee

#### CST (Howard Herrild)

- CST Test/exam (levels 1 & 2) will be held at NWTC next week during regular class hours. There has been a lot of time spent on revamping and improving the current test – much better now
- There were approx. 8 people who took CST exam at the Institute
- 10 spots are left at NWTC exam – all level testing is being offered

#### ETHICS AND PRACTICE (Andy Cleveland)

- No report at this time

#### LAND RECORDS (Tom Leslie)

- All in attendance agree that Tapestry (offered by Fidlar) is absolutely terrible and a rip-off
- AB966 (Judicial Officer Privacy) is moving along and should be signed by the Governor by April
- AB915 (RDO Fee increase) is slowly moving along as well – not sure if this will pass in current form
- National Surveyor Week is March 17-23, 2024
- Global Surveyors Day is March 21, 2024

#### LEGISLATIVE (Joe Lett & Jake Jensen)

- AE-6 is under review – DSPS is looking at it right now. Howard & Mark both testified at their latest meeting. Bob Welch was also there representing WSLs's interests. One request was to call out what schools are eligible as there's no official list now. Most agreed that the meeting went well and that our voices were heard by DSPS

#### MEMBERSHIP (Jake Jensen)

- Membership count: 100
- All Tilly was given a Lifetime Membership

#### NOMINATING (Ryan Beltrand)\*

- Mark Kamin has agreed to be next Director  
CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### PROGRAM (Andy Cleveland)

- Please forward any ideas on this year's presentations to Andy at [andycleveland@att.net](mailto:andycleveland@att.net)

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Ryan Beltrand)

- Seymour Career Fair – Thank you to Aaron, Sam, and Zach for running the booth at the career fair. It sounds like they had a lot more foot traffic than last year. The double booth looks like it was worth it to be able to show off some equipment. There were students from multiple high schools including Seymour, Bonduel, and Oneida. We also had the opportunity to speak with some elementary / middle school students that were there with older families. Felt it was productive and we'll definitely be participating in future years
- NWTC Open House - Aaron and Zach will also be attending this event the evening of February the

20th in the same capacity they were at the Seymour Career Fair; results to be determined

- Exhibit Banners – It was brought up to investigate getting new banners made up for career fair exhibits that include the Northeast Chapter logo. It sounds like Howard's able to print them off at no charge to the chapter. Seymour Career Fair is a possibility
- I will be reaching out to the National RR Museum soon to start coordinating Day in the Life event

#### SCHOLARSHIP (Mark Kamin)

- Applications for Seiler Chapter scholarship are due March 1 – Seiler will present at our April General Membership Meeting

#### SEMINAR (Tom Leslie)

- Spring Seminar is set for April 19, 2024 at Rock Gardens – flyer will be sent out soon!

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (Chad Roethlisberger)\*

- No report at this time

#### TRIG\*STAR (Ryan Duckart)\*

- I have been in contact with Denmark High School for doing the Trig-Star exam sometime in mid-April. I have also been coordinating a presentation and the Trig-Star exam with Two Rivers High School and Bay Port High School for early to mid-April. I have not heard back from Luxemburg-Casco High School. Brian Frisque is still in talks with Southern Door High School to see if they can get something set up. NSPS has moved up the deadline to submit results to them from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> making the window of opportunity a little smaller this year. However, this will allow us to deliver the prizes to the winning students prior to them leaving school for the summer

#### OLD BUSINESS

- NWTC Civil Club moving to NE Chapter was discussed. The club's hands are tied as the school is making and spending very difficult to do. This will remain on the agenda for more discussions
- It was suggested to divide the Chapter raffle funds equally between YSN and Civil Club

#### NEW BUSINESS

- NSPS Report has been removed as a Committee Report. Dick Kleinman gives the report at the WLS Board meeting and then the Chapter Director reports to the Chapter membership
- Over the last 5 years, NSPS has been working with Veterans to get them more involved and give them an opportunity in our profession. New WLS President Jim Schloff also wants to get Veterans more involved – great idea all the way around!

- Ayres is moving from their Packerland office and moving to the old ShopKo Corporate Office building on Holmgren, behind the mall
- Overheard that UW-Eau Claire may be going to a 4-year program
- Anyone stepping up for the next Raffle item at April's General Meeting?
- 2024 Budget was reviewed, revised (remove CST donation as now all is covered by WLS) and approved. It will be presented in next newsletter
- Student Meals are good (77 total) – we just need to get more students to attend the meetings
- Les Van Horn would like to hold another outdoor Surveying event for the Chapter, probably in September at NWTC (they have the room). It would involve Old School Surveying techniques and equipment (running a compass). There could be 2- 4 hour sessions if enough interest – morning and afternoon, with 4-7 pieces of equipment and 4 groups per session, so a total of 24 possible attendees. Date of event: TBD
- *A motion was made, seconded and approved* to provide Les with \$1000 for the presentation to be used for the acquisition of more equipment

Being no further business, a *motion was made, seconded, and approved* to adjourn at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Leslie  
Secretary  
Winter 2024 Board Meeting

## WLS Young Surveyors Network January/February 2024 Report



### Old Business:

- WLS YSN 2024 Annual Meeting
  - 36 members in attendance: Jeanette Harley, Connor Christopherson and Michaela Galganski presented on 2023 Events including the Badger Ammunitions Tour, NSPS Spring Meeting & Student competition, other YSN activities & involvement
  - Guest Speakers included
    - WLS Past President- Josh Prentice spoke on his experience on the Day on the Hill and encourages YSN's to participate in anyway they can.
    - WLS President - Jim Sehloff spoke about how he became a surveyor and the responsibilities he will be taking on as President.
    - 2023 Student Competition participant - Ethan Karls
  
- YSN bowling 2024
  - 25 bowlers in attendance even with the banquet running later than usual
- Again, Our Booth at the institute was a great and appreciated addition.
- Jeanette Harley was given the President's Award of Appreciation in recognition of her dedicated service to YSN and her role in its foundation.



### New Business:

#### WI

- New Vice President, Devin Bailey
- New Secretary, Megan Theune-Baillargeon

#### NSPS

- Waiting on zoom meeting for student competition planning date
- From NSPS YSN,

The NSPS Spring Meeting and Student Competition will take place April 21-26, 2024 at Arlington, VA. More information is on the NSPS website: <https://www.nsp.us.com/page/StudentCompetition>

The tentative schedule is:

Sunday, April 21st: Pre-competition logistics meeting at 7:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, April 22-23: Student competition events on the National Mall (field exercises) and around DC (scavenger hunt).

Wednesday morning: YSN meeting

Wednesday lunch: Awards ceremony for the student competition

Wednesday afternoon: NSPS committee meetings (although the YSN group is looking into a group activity such as a museum visit, Capitol tour, or something similar).

Thursday: NSPS Committee meetings (morning) and board meeting (afternoon)

Friday: NSPS board meeting until early afternoon.

*Stay Young,*

***Connor Christopherson, WSLs YSN Director***

***Michaela Galganski, WSLs YSN President***

***Devin Bailey, WSLs YSN Vice President***

***Megan Theune-Baillargeon, WSLs YSN Secretary***



## *Northeast Chapter of WSLs*

### 2024 WINTER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### January 18, 2024 – Rock Gardens in Green Bay WI

The 2024 Winter General Meeting was held on January 18, 2024 at Rock Gardens in Green Bay, WI. There were 44 members present, including 3 students, when President Brian Frisque introduced:

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Tom Leslie, Northeast Chapter Secretary/Treasurer gave a presentation on all the Chapter's Bucky's Trivia Challenge Teams over the last 17 years, including any team pictures that he could find. It was a great time looking at all the different costumes used by the teams over the years and the one year when the Chapter team won the Trivia contest!!



2017 BUCKY'S TRIVIA CHAMPIONS

President Frisque thanked Tom for his Chapter Bucky's team presentation. He then called the General Meeting to order at 7:12 pm

*A motion was made, seconded, and approved* to accept the General Meeting minutes of October 26, 2023 as presented in latest Chapter newsletter

*A motion was made, seconded, and approved* to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in latest Chapter Newsletter

The following reports were given (\*email)

#### **WSLS Report** (Howard Herrild)

- The Board discussed raising annual dues in 2025

- AE-6 is up for review in 2024. Mark Kamin and Howard Herrild will be presenting on this very subject at the upcoming Institute
- The Welch Group is working on the Workman's Comp Bill at the State. Hopefully they can get things more in line with what Surveyors would like to see
- Nominations were given to the Board for approval
- NSPS website has been revamped and updated
- PLSS Forum is back this year with plans for a Spring event, hopefully in Marinette where the last one was to be held before COVID
- Contract w/ UW-SP will be under negotiations this year, with Welch Group looking into understanding what's in the contract and how to revise if needed
- Bring lots of cash to this year's Institute because there are a lot of great prizes to be had, including 32 baskets up for raffle – and the ATV is back (Sam gets no tickets this year!)

#### **Young Surveyor Network** (Conner Christopherson)

- Connor spoke on the year in review (2023) and what's to come in 2024. Report is attached to the end of these minutes. Next meeting is at the Institute

#### **Auditing Committee** (Terry Van Hout)

- 2023 Auditing report is included in the latest newsletter – everything looks good (whew!)
- Suggested to get deposits into the bank within two weeks of the meeting

#### **CST Committee** (Howard Herrild)

- There will be an exam offered at the Institute this year – may need a proctor
- NWTC will again offer an exam for all 4 levels sometime in late February/early March

#### **Ethics and Practices** (Andy Cleveland)

- No report at this time

#### **Land Records** (Tom Leslie)

- AB 966 (Judicial Officer Privacy) was passed on to Senate for debate – this will become law soon
- AB915 includes proposed ROD fee increase to \$45 per document
- LIO proposes to raise grants from 100K to 175K each and Land Info program "help" from 1K to 5K each



**Legislative** (Jim Schloff)

- Nothing happening right now – on break

**Membership** (Jake Jensen)

- 153 paid members at the end of 2023, down from 156 at the end of 2022 (3% decrease ±)

**Nominating Committee** (Ryan Beltrand)\*

- Mark Kamin has agreed to become 2023 Chapter Director - the newest Board member in 2024  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**Program Committee** (Andy Cleveland)

- THANK YOU to Tom Leslie for his presentation!

**Public Relations** (Ryan Beltrand)\*

- WSLs booth @ Seymour Career Fair (more schools involved than previous years)
- Oconto mentoring opportunity
- NWTC Engineering Fair is coming up in February
- “Day In The Life” is coming up in April – volunteer opportunities are coming soon – watch for emails

**Scholarship Committee** (Mark Kamin)

- 2024 Chapter Scholarships have been decided and were awarded as follows:



***Josh Becker***  
***Northeast Chapter Scholarship***  
***(In Honor of Robert Johanning)***



***Chad Roethlisberger***  
***Don Rhode Leadership Scholarship***

**Seminar Committee** (Tom Leslie)

- Seminar is almost set, with presenters ready to go – just need to get a date that works for both (most likely early/mid April) – watch for flyer email soon!
- Rock Gardens will again be the venue – they have been great to us over the years
- Les Van Horn also spoke on the possibility of holding another outdoor event, perhaps solar compass and/or links & chains exercise – more details to come

**Student Representative** (Chad Roethlisberger)

- Students are just getting back to school
- Capstone projects will be presented at Ashwaubenon HS (Career day?)

**Trig-Star** (Ryan Duckart)

- Things usually pick up quickly after the Institute
- Schools for 2024 are being lined up with Oconto HS and Southern Door HS as possible new participants
- Please consider volunteering for this great learning experience – Ryan D will help out if needed. There will be a booth at the Institute to get more “face time” in front of prospective volunteers (hint hint)

**Old Business**

- Hopefully everyone voted in the WSLs elections
- Sign up for a committee. Sign-up sheet is going around the meeting - Get involved!!

- The Board will take up the suggestions from Audit Committee at the Winter meeting next month
- Raffle for Pheasant Hunt (donated by Aaron Ballast) was won by Les Van Horn – and \$410 raised for NTWC Club



**James Cappeart presents the Past President Award to 2023 President Brian Frisque**

*Being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm.*

- *A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept all officer nominations as presented.*

The 2024 Northeast Chapter Board is:

- President – James Cappeart**
- Past President – Brian Frisque**
- President Elect – Connor Christopherson**
- Director – Mark Kamin**
- Chapter Rep – Jake Jensen**
- Secretary/Treasurer – Tom Leslie**
- Asst. Secretary/Treasurer – Brad Nelson**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Respectively Submitted,

Thomas Leslie  
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer



**Passing of the gavel from Brian Frisque to 2024 President James Cappeart**

## WSLS Young Surveyors Network January 2024 Report

Thank you once again for all your support of the YSN in 2023. Your 2023 officers were Jeanette (Netty) Harley, WSLs YSN Director, Connor Christopherson, WSLs YSN President, Michaela Galganski, WSLs Vice President & Theo Grover, WSLs YSN Secretary. We look forward to the upcoming year and the challenges that await!



### January 2023

#### WSLS YSN 2023 Annual Meeting

- 49 members in attendance: Jeanette Harley and Connor Christopherson presented on 2022 Events including the Dam Tour, NSPS Spring Meeting & Student competition, other YSN activities & involvement
- Guest Speakers included
  - WSLs Past President- Bryan Meyer
  - WSLs President - Josh Prentice
  - NSPS Director - Dick Kleinmann
  - DEI Committee Chair - Emily Pierce
  - 2022 NSPS Fall Meeting Experience - Megan Theune-Baillargeon
  - NSPS YSN Vice President - Jacob Heck
  - WSLs YSN Past President - Alysén Tierney
  - Visiting Dignitary - NSPS President Elect Bob Atkins
- YSN bowling 2023
  - 28 bowlers in attendance
- In addition to our annual meeting we had 22 more individuals sign up for YSN from Mark Kamins test prep session
- Our Booth at the institute was a great and appreciated addition. We wish we could have been at the booth more and while we were there it allowed us to answer questions that we see come up a lot in terms of schooling, studying for exams and licensing questions.
- 2 candidates for Vice President: Devin Bailey and Michaela Galganski
- Alysén Tierney was given President's Award of Appreciation in recognition of her dedicated service to YSN and her role in its foundation



## Spring 2023 NSPS Spring Meeting and Student Competition 2023

This Year's Student Competition was again run and organized by Young Surveyors Network in Washington, DC. The participation from Colleges around the County was excellent. In total, 24 schools from around the Nation competed in the competition, from Cal Poly Tech to the University of Puerto Rico and even Klein Collins High School from Texas.

The structure of the competition was similar to last year but due to the number of schools, half participated in the monument hunt portion one day, while the other half tackled the field exercises. The monument hunt consisted of each school paired with a young surveyor scavenging around the city for NGS monuments. They were given an ARCGIS field map app designed by Linda Foster, ESRI of the monuments that included the NGS data sheets. Different point values were given to over 60 monuments. Their appointed young surveyor recorded a picture of the monument and extra points were given to teams that posted a picture of the monument to social media. Lookup up #nsp and #ysn to find these posts on various social media platforms.



All field exercises took place in close proximity to the Washington Monument. The field exercises consisted of a 4 sided traverse, a level loop, and a triangulation exercise. Young Surveyors were at each station to set up the equipment, judge professionalism and time the students computations. For the traverse, students were given a compass and chain and needed to calculate interior angles, leg distances and calculate resulting coordinates. The level loop was done between 5 temporary monuments and judged on field notes and closing elevation. The triangulation exercise used the

Washington monument as a backsight while set up on 2 other coordinate known monuments and tasked with turning angles on a T2 to calculate the coordinates of an unknown coordinate for the monument Jeffersons Pier. It was great to see the outside interest from passersby wondering and asking what in the world we are doing. Especially because students were given extra credit for wearing Surveying attire from any past time period. A huge thank you to Les and Lisa Van Horn for bringing the equipment from NWTC, WSL



Foundation and their own personal collection and for guiding the traverse exercise.

A social event at the conclusion of the competition Thursday evening consisted of



Bingo, Cards and Bags. Friday morning, NSPS YSN held their spring meeting. This meeting was led by our new president Jacob Heck and we welcomed Nolan Mark as Vice President and Heather Keenan as Secretary. 35 young surveyors were in attendance from 21 different states! By far a new record. We discussed upcoming events including FIG and the Fall meeting. We also collaborated on centrally located study material, sharing YSN information and licensing requirements to our page on the WSLs website. Tim Burch stopped in our meeting and spoke of the possibility of including Young Surveyors in the NSPS Day on the Hill campaign and the importance of Young Surveyors to NSPS's future.



The winners of the competition were announced Friday following lunch. NWTC placed First in the Associates Division and Ferris State University placed first in the Bachelorette Division. Congratulations to all the Teams for their efforts and participation in this year's competition. Follow NSPS YSN on Instagram and LinkedIn for more posts and content.



***Congratulations NTWC on behalf of YSN! We look forward to working with you throughout your flourishing careers!***

- Jeanette (Netty) Harley, WSLs YSN Director**
- Connor Christopherson, WSLs YSN President**
- Megan Thuene-Baillargeon, WSLs YSN Volunteer**



**Recent Activities**

- *NWTC students that participated in the student competition gave a presentation at NWTC on the competition and their experiences. This was followed by the students giving a tour of the surveying and engineering department. This was also the first time a NE Chapter meeting was held at NWTC.*
- *There is interest in studying for the FS and PS exams. We are working with local individuals and YSN's around the county to coordinate online study sessions. NSPS YSN is trying to coordinate references to how to get licensed in each state on an online database. If you know of anyone looking to study please refer them to us.*

## September 2023

- Ammunition Plant Tour, Ho-Chunk Nation Presentation and PLSS Corner Hike
  - On Friday September 8th, 11 seasoned and young surveyors began by touring Badger Ammunition Plants Museum. Our guide was extremely knowledgeable and told us the story of how the land for Badger Ammunitions was acquired and how it was one of the largest producers of propellant and powder over the course of 3 wars. A Ho-Chunk Nation GIS/Ecologist then spoke on the management and importance of land that was acquired by the Ho-Chunk after the decommissioning of the ammunition plant. The ultimate goal of the restoration is to restore it back to native prairies in good time. The picture below is a rocket propellant test shaft that is built into a bluff face. One of the few structures being kept from the ammunition plant.
  - After lunch, we hiked to a PLSS corner adjacent to the Ho-Chunk land we just learned about. Bill Wenzel led us to the monument and explained his process in resetting it. This involved the recovery of a bearing tree that is soon to be lost most likely due to a lightning strike. Bill also spoke to us on his surveying career and good practice in surveying.





- Kayak Float
  - Following our tour, we set up camp along the Wisconsin River and made our meal over the campfire. Everybody caught up around the fire and exchanged surveying stories and ethical surveying decisions. The next morning, we ate a hearty breakfast and kayaked from Prairie Du Sac, 6 hours to the property we were staying at. This was a weekend packed with education and relaxation.



**A special thanks to Seiler, Turning Point, Jerry Mahun, Tru Mark Surveying (Netty and Eric), and United Grading and Surveying (Alysen Tierney) for helping sponsor this event !**

**Upcoming/New Business**

- Annual meeting at Institute
- Bucky's challenge
- 2024 bowling
- YSN gathering to be determined (possibly Green Bay or Milwaukee area)
- NSPS YSN fall meeting TBA
- YSN-MI is hosting a camping trip in June or August of 2024 (details to come)
- NSPS Student Competition April 21- 24, 2024 on the National Mall in Washington D.C.
  - limited to 24 teams
  - will take place prior to the NSPS spring meeting to encourage participants to stay for the meetings

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeanette (Netty) Harley, WSLs YSN Director**

**Connor Christopherson, WSLs YSN President**

**Michaela Galganski, WSLs Vice President**

**Theo Grover, WSLs YSN Secretary**





Jeff-Ryan-James,

Just wanted to report on the Seymour job fair. Attached is a picture of our booth set up. Come to find out the job fair was for 3 high schools, Seymour, Bonduel, and Oneida. I was expecting just seniors and juniors, but we had freshman to seniors, so it was a great opportunity to plant seeds of interest early. Zach brought a laptop, and several maps of different types to show the mapping portion of the career. Sam and I just brought out our equipment and showed the field side of things. We were received well, and some of the kids showed genuine interest. We followed up each conversation with giving each kid a sheet from NWTC that laid out the program classes and descriptions. One kid was super excited that it only took an associates degree. Overall I feel it was a good thing to do and recommend the NE Chapter think about a yearly presence at this job fair.

James, I would like to take it a step further and suggest that NE Chapter have some signs made that are the same as or similar to what is on the back wall of the booth in the picture. Jeff DeMuth, lent me those signs at the institute and we will use them again at the NWTC Engineering Open House, next week. They were a good conversation starter. Jeff, if the NE Chapter Board agrees to making the signs would you be willing to send over your graphics?

*Aaron Ballast, PLS, CST*





**2024**  
**WSLS Bucky's Challenge**  
**~ BEST DRESSED ~**  
***“Frank & The Thousands”***



**“FRANK” (Howard Herrild) “FRANK’S BEARD (Dale Raisleger)**

**“THOUSANDS” (Clockwise: Mark Kamin, Tom Leslie, Any Cleveland**

**Connor Christopherson, James Cappeart, Commer Ebben)**



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**2023 AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT (Amended)**

The Auditing Committee met on January 8, 2024 (Amended 1-17-2024) to review the financial records of the Northeast Chapter of the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors for the year of 2023.

We have examined the receipts, banks statements, ledger and other pertinent records. The Auditing Committee reports that the financial records appear to be in good order, and submit the following:

Beginning Checkbook balance as of 01-01-2023		\$12,832.91
<b>Total Deposits</b>		
Dues and Miscellaneous Receipts	\$12,165.00	
Sub Total Receipt	\$12,165.00	\$24,997.91
Checks Returned (18)	\$12,059.15	
Total Checks Written (17) (No checks outstanding)	\$11,799.15	
Service and Redeposit Charges	\$28.00	
Withdrawal	\$0.00	
Total Expenditure	\$12,087.15	\$12,087.15
Checkbook Balance as of 12-31-2023		\$12,910.76
Cash on Hand 1-1-2023	\$75.55	
Expenditures \$65.72	\$65.72	
On 12-31-2023	\$9.83	\$9.83
Certificate of Deposit (mature on 5-10-2024)		\$2,274.36
<b>Total Chapter Assets</b>		<b>\$15,194.95</b>

Respectfully submitted:

  
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***\*\*Shifts & times may change depending on # of students\*\****

*Lunch is provided by the Museum*

Please contact Ryan Beltrand @ 498-1200 or [beltrandr@ayresassociates.com](mailto:beltrandr@ayresassociates.com) if interested in volunteering for any shift(s) or look for Volunteer emails coming soon!!

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Les using his pheasant hunt raffle prize  
donated by Aaron at the January meeting







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April 18, 2024**

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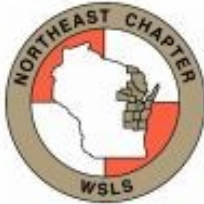
<b>Starting Balance</b>	1-1-24		12,910.76
<b><u>Deposits</u></b>			
	2-5-24	Winter General Meeting/Dues	2,650.00
	3-28-24	Spring Dues/WSLS pymts	1,920.00
			+ 4,570.00
<b><u>Checks</u></b>			
	Scholarship (Roethlisberger)	3018	750.00
	Scholarship (Becker)	3019	750.00
	Secretary/Treasurer dues	3020	600.00
	WSLS Foundation Donation	3021	1000.00
	WSLS Foundation Silver (Buckys)	3022	300.00
	Newsletter Editor dues	3023	400.00
	Appleton Trophy (Past Prez plq)	3024	79.13
	Winter Gen Mtg (Comfort Suites)	3025	1,287.10
			- 5,166.23
		<b>Chapter Checking Acct:</b>	<b>12,314.53</b>
	^ Checking Acct contains \$1950 for donated student meals (78)		-1,950.00
		<b>Available Chapter Funds:</b>	<b>\$10,364.53</b>

**6-Month Certificate of Deposit**

Last Maturity Balance	11/9/23		<b>2,274.36</b>
Current Interest Rate (3.94%)	Next Maturity Date: 5/10/2024		
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$12,638.89</b>

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**Tribal Lands-Sovereign Nations Have Rights Too  
(if time allows) Who Owns? Who Signs? Who Knows?**

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**Transportation Project Plats 101**

**FRIDAY, April 19, 2024 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

- **Tribal Lands – Sovereign Nations Have Rights Too** - At the end of January 2023 the Lac du Flambeau Tribe erected barricades over 4 roads within the reservation territory blocking access to the homes of 70+ property owners. Why? Join Cheri in a history tour regarding the Tribe, Indian Lands, Easements over Indian Lands and the current state of Federal Litigation involving the Lac du Flambeau Tribe, the Town of Lac du Flambeau and these 70+ property owners
- **Transportation Project Plats 101** - This presentation will cover all the elements of Transportation Project Plats and Acquisition Exhibits. There will be opportunities for those with little to no WisDOT experience to those who are seasoned veterans of WisDOT project work. We will discuss the WisDOT scoping and project negotiations, developing existing and proposed right-of-way to breaking down the key elements of a WisDOT plats. Questions are encouraged and will be welcomed during the presentation



**About our Speaker: Kevin Boyer, PLS-2675**

Kevin is a Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Wisconsin, having received his license in 2003. He has been heavily involved in WLSL at both the state and local levels. He served as the WLSL President in 2020 and has been the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Central Chapter. Kevin has been with EMCS, Inc in Wausau for almost 19 years and serves as the Land Survey Manager. Kevin co-chairs the WLSL/DOT Liaison Committee with Kell Calloway and sits on the DOT Plat Users Group. Kevin is also an Advisory Board member at Diggers Hotline and a member of the Wisconsin Damage Prevention Council. Kevin has prepared plats and exhibits for WisDOT on 140 projects and mapped over 3000 parcels



**About our Speaker: Cheri Hipenbecker, General Counsel, Knight-Barry Title Group**

Cheri is General Counsel for the Knight Barry Title Group, which is a group of title and settlement companies with over 80 offices and 400 title and closing professionals with offices throughout Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas and Wisconsin. Cheri joined Knight Barry Title in 2007 when the company had only 80 or so people in Southeastern Wisconsin. Since joining Knight Barry Title in 2007 Cheri, along with the other members of Knight Barry Title's Executive Team, saw expansion opportunities and began aggressively increasing the company's footprint by acquiring at least 1 title company every year since 2007. In addition to acquisition mode, Cheri serves as a first point of contact for Knight Barry Title's staff on all things "legal" including implementation of ALTA's Best Practices, being the preeminent standard for title policy issuance and escrow account administration. But Cheri's dedication to real property conveyances doesn't start and end with Knight Barry Title. She has been actively engaged with the Wisconsin Land Title Association since 2007, is Past-President of the WLTA and current WLTA Legislative Chair. In an effort to advance land records administration Cheri frequently reviews and drafts Wisconsin legislation on the topic, most recently Wisconsin's Remote On-Line Notarization law and is currently serving as a gubernatorial appointed member of Wisconsin's Remote Notary Council. Cheri has a passion for the real estate industry and takes the safety and security of consumer privacy and money to heart, having actively presented on wire fraud for the past 5+ years

<p><b>Where:</b> Comfort Suites/Rock Gardens 1951 Bond St, Green Bay, WI</p> <p><b>Who should attend:</b> Land surveyors, Engineers, title companies</p> <p><b>Cost:</b> (cost includes lunch) \$100.00 per person \$75.00 for NE Chapter or WLSL members</p> <p><b>April 16th Registration deadline</b></p> <p>This seminar will be worth (approx.): 6.6 PDHs, Category 1 or 3 (Surveyors)</p>	<p><b>Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b> 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Tribal Lands-Sovereign Nations Have Rights Too (if time) Who Owns? Who Signs? Who Knows</b> 8:30 a.m. – Noon</p> <p><b>Lunch will be served</b> 12 Noon - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Transportation Project Plats 101</b> 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>**exact schedule subject to change</b></p>
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