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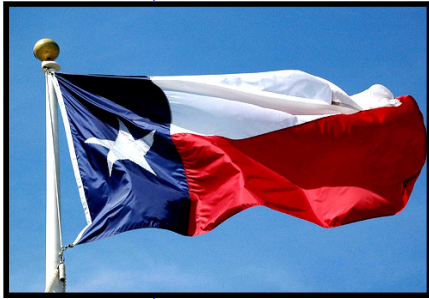
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The Newsletter for the Capital Area-Chapter 13, Texas Society of Professional Surveyors

August 2009

President's Corner

Welcome to the August 2009 Chapter 13 Newsletter. I will relate the goings-on of the Chapter from last month and for the upcoming weeks/months.

The Chapter 13 Tree Seminar was held on Saturday, July 11 and it was hot (note to self, have it in spring/fall). Other than the heat and the blasted parking fees that were charged to some attendees, the event was very well received. There were 27 attendees that enjoyed instruction from four highly competent/informative instructors. It started out with Clif Ladd reviewing the morphology of plants/trees supplying the attendees with definitions, examples, and information on available reference materials. Jennifer Blair reviewed the various tree species in the Central Texas area, City of Austin tree requirements, and information on the Oak Wilt phenomena that is plaguing the Central Texas area and how to identify Oak Wilt. Tom and Sally Staudt conducted a tour of the Zilker Park area using the approach Clif and Jenny laid out on how to identify various tree/plant species. The Chapter would like to thank Loomis Partners, Inc., for sponsoring the printing of the handout materials for attendee's use, Lisa McDow for obtaining Brother Daniel Lynch's book at a great price, and Dave Klotz for bringing coffee and donuts for attendee's enjoyment. We would like to extend special thanks to Clif, Jenny, Tom, and Sally for taking time out of their weekend to present this excellent seminar and for educating us on tree identification. There was about \$2,200 dollars raised from this event. The CST Preparation seminar was held Saturday, August 8. There were six (6) participants at this event with nine (9) members providing RSVPs. This event generated about \$310 bringing a total of the two events to about \$2, 500. All proceeds have been dedicated to the 2009 Convention. Speaking of Convention sponsorship, the Chapter 13 Executive Committee (ExComm) met on August 5 and,

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Capital Area Chapter 13 is chartered under the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors and whose objective is to advance the profession on a local level. Chapter 13 covers Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Travis and Williamson counties.

2009 Meeting Schedule

January	Jack Avis
February ..	Gayla Dembkowski
March.....	Stacey Scheffel
April	Chapter Picnic
May	Davey Edwards
July	Fred Crawford
July	Joint Meeting
August.....	Gina O'Hara
September	Salt Lick
October	Convention
November	TBA
December ..	Christmas Party



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among other things, voted to sponsor Saturday's GLO tours (\$500), James Johnson's presentation (\$1000), and become a Platinum Cash Sponsor (\$3500). The 58th TSPS Convention & Technology Exposition is being held in Austin, October 22-24 at the Renaissance Hotel (see <http://www.tspss.org/Calendar/Calendar.htm> for more details about the location and room rates). The theme for this year's Convention is: "Austin 2.0". We are on Texas Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson's calendar to be Thursday's Keynote Speaker and we are still checking on Senator Kirk Watson's availability for Friday's luncheon address. We have Jim Comer that is willing to be a contingent speaker if we are not able to secure Senator Watson for Friday's presentation. We have commitments from all of the presenters for the concurrent sessions and have also scheduled their speaking times and dates. The Golf tournament has been reserved and is set for Wednesday at Avery Ranch. The contract for the Skeet Shoot at Capital Area Gun Club has been signed and will include sporting clays; lunch; and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Friday night's social event is booked featuring the Doug Moreland Band (see <http://www.dougmoreland.com/DM/Home.html> for Doug Moreland's website and <http://www.playlist.com/searchbeta/tracks#doug%20moreland%20dallas> for a sampling of the Doug Moreland's music). I would like to ask for your help in making the 2009 Convention a success. I know that the present economy is on everyone's mind and has all of us thinking about nothing but the bare necessities. Please know without your monetary support, a volunteer organization like TSPS would not be able to provide quality events such as the Annual Meeting at the caliber it does. Please see Page 5 for a list of sponsorship opportunities for this year's events. Please take a look at the various sponsorship possibilities and please contribute any funds that you can muster. A donation of \$100-200 will make a difference in contributing to this year's Convention experience. Any amount ***will*** make a difference.

The Joint meeting between the Capital Area Chapter 13 and Alamo Chapter 11 was held at Gruene River Grill with approximately 40 Chapter 13 members attending. Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TBPLS) Investigations/Complaints Officer, Garey Gilley, was July's speaker. Mr. Gilley reviewed the complaint process as regards to how a complaint comes into TBPLS and the ultimate outcome of the complaint. He then discussed the Jefferson

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THE STATE OF TEXAS 1845-PRESENT

*SOURCE: The Handbook of Texas
Online*

The annexation of Texas to the United States became a topic of political and diplomatic discussion after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and became a matter of international concern between 1836 and 1845, when Texas was a republic. In September 1836 Texas voted overwhelmingly in favor of annexation, but when the Texas minister at Washington, D.C., proposed annexation to the Martin Van Buren administration in August 1837, he was told that the proposition could not be entertained. Constitutional scruples and fear of war with Mexico were the reasons given for the rejection, but antislavery sentiment in the United States undoubtedly influenced Van Buren and continued to be the chief obstacle to annexation. Texas withdrew the annexation offer in 1838; President Mirabeau B. Lamar (1838-41) opposed annexation and did not reopen the question. Sam Houston, early in his second term (1841-44), tried without success to awaken the interest of the United States.

In 1843 the United States became alarmed over the policy of Great Britain toward Texas. The British were opposed to annexation and even contemplated the use of force to prevent it. They did not wish to add Texas to the British Empire, but they did want to prevent the westward expansion of the United States, to reap commercial advantages from Texas trade, and to tamper with the American tariff system and the institution of slavery.

President John Tyler, concluding that Texas must not become a satellite of Great Britain, proposed annexation. After some sparring, Houston consented to the negotiation of a treaty of annexation, which was rejected by the United States Senate in June 1844. Annexation then became an issue in the presidential election of 1844; James K. Polk, who favored annexation, was elected. Tyler, feeling the need of haste if British designs were to be circumvented, suggested that annexation be accomplished by a joint resolution offering Texas statehood on certain conditions, the acceptance of which by Texas would complete the merger. The United States Congress passed the annexation resolution on February 28, 1845, and Andrew Jackson Donelson proceeded to Texas to urge acceptance of the offer.

The British still hoped to prevent annexation by having Texas decline the American offer. On British advice, the government of Mexico agreed to acknowledge the independence of Texas

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County surveyor that has been in the news lately and his use of incorrect elevation information and the stance TBPLS has toward elevations. He then spoke about Texas Administrative Code, Title 22 Examining Boards, Part 29 TBPLS, Chapter 663 Standards of Responsibility and Rules of Conduct, Subchapter B Professional and Technical Standards, Rule §663.17 Monumentation and the difficulty the Board has had in creating wording to cause surveyors to set all property corners in their survey (as it stands now not all property corners have to be monumented).

A call for nominations for Chapter officers was sent to you on August 5. If you are thinking of someone that would be willing to volunteer their time and would be willing to commit to being a Chapter 13 officer, please do not hesitate to nominate that individual. The Nominations Committee will contact that individual and ask them if they are willing to serve. If the nominee does not think they would be able to devote their time they will let the Nominations Committee know. The Committee will not put them on the ballot for the election. We need as many nominations to fill the ballot so if you have **anyone** in mind, please nominate them and let the Nomination Committee "weed them out". A membership volunteer organization like TSPS would not be able to exist without qualified individuals committing to these leadership positions and your nominations are greatly needed. Positions available for nominations are as follows:

President

First Vice-President

Second Vice-President

Secretary/Treasurer

First Year Director

First Year Director

This term's First Year Directors' (Dana Schaeffer and Mark Allen) become 2nd Year Directors.

The outgoing 2nd year directors are: Miguel Escobar and Eric Dannheim

1) Nominations committee members are ineligible to hold office (Dana Markus-Wolf, Greg Way, and George Sanders).

2) President and both Vice-President positions must be RPLS members.

Nominations will be accepted until **August 24th**. Once nominations are in, ballots will be emailed on or about September 4. Please send

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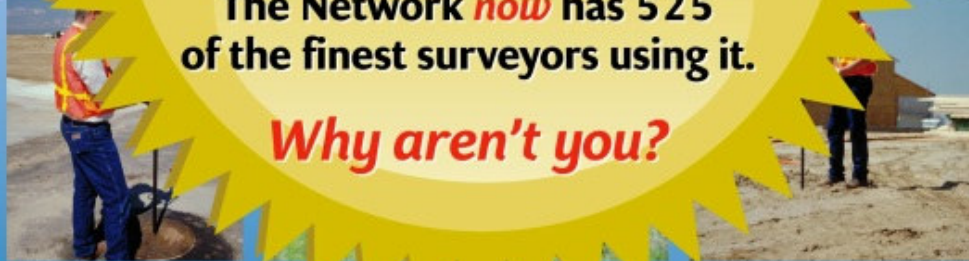
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on condition that she not annex herself to any country. Public opinion in Texas, fanned by special agents from the United States, demanded acceptance of the American offer. President Anson Jones called the Texas Congress to meet on June 16, 1845, and a convention of elected delegates was assembled on July 4. He placed before both bodies the choice of annexation or independence recognized by Mexico. Both Congress and the convention voted for annexation. A state constitution, drawn up by the convention, was ratified by popular vote in October 1845 and accepted by the United States Congress on December 29, 1845, the date of Texas's legal entry into the Union. The formal transfer of authority from the republic to the state was not made until a ceremony held on February 19, 1846. President Anson Jones handed over the reins of state government to Governor James Pinckney Henderson having declared "The final act in this great drama is now performed; the Republic of Texas is no more."

The Constitution of 1845, which provided for the government of Texas as a state in the United States, was almost twice as long as the Constitution of the Republic of Texas. The framers, members of the Convention of 1845, drew heavily on the newly adopted Constitution of Louisiana and on the constitution drawn by the Convention of 1833, but apparently used as a working model the Constitution of the republic for a general plan of government and bill of rights.

The legislative department was composed of a Senate of from nineteen to thirty-three members and a House of Representatives of from forty-five to ninety. Representatives, elected for two years, were required to have attained the age of twenty-one. Senators were elected for four years, one-half chosen biennially, all at least thirty years old. Legislators' compensation was set at three dollars a day for each day of attendance and three dollars for each twenty-five miles of travel to and from the capital. All bills for raising revenue had to originate in the House of Representatives. Austin was made the capital until 1850, after which the people were to choose a permanent seat of government. A census was ordered for each eighth year, following which adjustment of the legislative membership was to be made. Regular sessions were biennial. Ministers of the Gospel were ineligible to be legislators.

The governor's term was two years, and he was made ineligible for more than four years in any period of six years. He was required to be a citizen and a resi-

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your nominations in the form of an email to Dana Markus-Wolf at Dana@landmarksurveying.com. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS TO ME.**

David A. McDow

TSPS Sponsorship Opportunities		
TSPS Annual Convention	Oct 22-24, 2009	Austin Renaissance Hotel
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dent of Texas for at least three years before his election and to be at least thirty years of age. He could appoint the attorney general, secretary of state, and supreme and district court judges, subject to confirmation by the Senate; but the comptroller and treasurer were elected biennially by a joint session of the legislature. The governor could convene the legislature and adjourn it in case of disagreement between the two houses and was commander-in-chief of the militia. He could grant pardons and reprieves. His veto could be overruled by two-thirds of both houses.

The judiciary consisted of a Supreme Court, district courts, and such inferior courts as the legislature might establish, the judges of the higher courts being appointed by the governor for six-year terms. The Supreme Court was made up of three judges, any two of whom constituted a quorum. Supreme and district judges could be removed by the governor on address of two-thirds of both houses of the legislature for any cause that was not sufficient ground for impeachment. A district attorney for each district was elected by joint vote of both houses, to serve for two years. County officers were elected for two years by

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Approved Minutes of the Executive Board: June 6, 2009

The July meeting was held @ Azul Tequila in South Austin. The meeting was called to order @ 6:05 PM and the June minutes were approved.

Executive Committee Members attending were:

David A. McDow, President
John Barnard, First Vice-President
Dave Klotz, Second Vice-President
Jason Ward, Secretary/Treasurer
Eric Dannheim, Second Year Director
Miguel Escobar, Second Year Director
Mark Allen, First Year Director
Dana Schaetter, First Year Director

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popular vote. The sheriff was not eligible to serve more than four years of any six. Trial by jury was extended to cases in equity as well as in civil and criminal law.

The longest article of the constitution was Article VII, on General Provisions. Most of its thirty-seven sections were limitations on the legislature. One section forbade the holding of office by any citizen who had ever participated in a duel. Bank corporations were prohibited, and the legislature was forbidden to authorize individuals to issue bills, checks, promissory notes, or other paper to circulate as money. The state debt was limited to \$100,000, except in case of war, insurrection, or invasion. Equal and uniform taxation was required; income and occupation taxes might be levied; each family was to be allowed an exemption of \$250 on household goods. A noteworthy section made exempt from forced sale any family homestead, not to exceed 200 acres of land or city property not exceeding \$2,000 in value; the owner, if a married man, could not sell or trade the homestead except with the consent of his wife. Section XIX recognized the separate ownership by married women of all real and personal property owned before marriage or acquired afterwards by gift or inheritance. Texas was a pioneer state in providing for homestead protection and for recognition of community property.

In the article on education the legislature was directed to make suitable provision for support and maintenance of public schools, and 10 percent of the revenue from taxation was set aside as a Permanent School Fund. School lands were not to be sold for twenty years but could be leased, the income from the leases becoming a part of the Available School Fund. Land provisions of the Constitution of 1836 were reaffirmed, and the General Land Office was continued in operation.

By a two-thirds vote of each house an amendment to the constitution could be proposed. If a majority of the voters approved the amendment and two-thirds of both houses of the next legislature ratified it, the measure became a part of the constitution. Only one amendment was ever made to the Constitution of 1845. It was approved on January 16, 1850, and provided for the election of state officials formerly appointed by the governor or by the legislature.

The Constitution of 1845 has been the most popular of all Texas constitutions. Its straightforward, simple form prompted many national politicians, including Daniel Webster, to remark that the Texas constitution was the best

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James Redmon, Past Secretary/Treasurer

Other Chapter 13 members and guests attending were:

George Sanders

Motion to approve June Minutes

John Barnard made the motion.

Eric Dannheim seconded the motion.

There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Motion to purchase 20 Tree Identification Books or at least ½ of the amount of attendees

James Redmon made the motion

Dana Schaetter seconded the motion

There was no discussion and the motion passed.

The Westbank Library item has been tabled until further notice. David McDow is working on compiling all of the position descriptions the ExComm members wrote and agreed to present them at the August meeting. Dana reported that she is checking with China Star on pricing as a potential lunch meeting location. James reported he was waiting on confirmation from PBS&J for the CST Course location. David agreed to send out the flier for the course, once the location was confirmed. The upcoming tree seminar was discussed and everyone agreed we should provide water for the attendees. David reported that the Tree Seminar had been approved for 4 CEU's.

We then discussed new business. The November meeting speaker was the first item discussed. John Barnard agreed to contact Doug Meeks, a representative for DigTess, to see if he would be our speaker for the November meeting. Dave and Mark reported that forms for the Chapter nominated awards to be presented at the upcoming convention, had been submitted.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Ward

Chapter 13's 3rd Quarterly Report Submitted for the TSPS 3rd Quarterly Meeting

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of all of the state constitutions. Though some men, including Webster, argued against the annexation of Texas, the constitution was accepted by the United States on December 29, 1845.

The Republic of Texas inherited from the provisional and ad interim governments a debt estimated at \$1.25 million. Of this, \$100,000 was in the form of loans and the remainder in the form of claims for services and supplies. At the end of the republic the debt was officially estimated at \$9,949,007. Postponement of the payment of the bulk of this debt was protracted over a period of eleven years, interest accumulating on it up to July 1, 1850. An official report on the debt in November 1851 reported the sum of claims filed at \$6,480,748.58, interest due \$3,166,504.56, and estimated unfiled claims with interest \$2,789,738.20, or an estimated total debt of \$12,436,991.34. The total debt included the revenue debt, for which the import duties levied by the republic had been pledged, and the nonrevenue debt of audited drafts and audited claims including an estimate of unfiled claims.

The republic authorized a loan of \$5 million in 1836, but there were no takers. In May 1838 Congress passed another \$5 million loan act, and commissioners were sent to the United States and Europe to market the 10 percent bonds with which the loan was to be made. The Pennsylvania Bank of the United States bought bonds amounting to \$457,380. Before the final settlement of this obligation the principal and accrued interest on it amounted to \$960,498. In the state rating of the items of debt based on what would have been the specie equivalent of each at the time of its issue, this particular item was rated at \$.8745 on the dollar.

A second item, the naval debt (also called the Dawson and Holford debt) was in the form of 10 percent bonds of the \$5 million loan act. The republic bought two vessels, the contract for each of which provided that if the amount was not paid at its maturity date of one year, the price would be doubled. Bonds at 10 percent in double the amount of the price were put up as security, and, as the debts were not paid at their maturity, the bonds were forfeited, the principal and interest on them finally amounting to \$1,622,404.70. They were rated by the state at a valuation of fifty cents on the dollar.

In June 1837, 10 percent funding bonds were authorized, and a total of \$837,500 was issued in 1837, 1838, and 1839, in exchange for audited drafts, claims, and land scrip. The principal and accrued interest of this debt item finally

**TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
OFFICIAL REPORT FORMAT
CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER 13 REPORT**

**DIVISION: Society Affairs DIV #: 1 DIVISION OFFICER: Alan Mclain
COMMITTEE: Chapter Activities CHAIRMAN REPORTING: David A. McDow
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 29, 2009**

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER 13 REPORT

Regular Membership Meetings:

Chapter 13 has had three regular meetings during this quarter; two were held on the third Thursday of the month and the other on the fourth Thursday.

May 21, 2009 – The Manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority's (LCRA) Surveying, Mapping & GIS Department, Fred Crawford was May's speaker. The meeting was held at Cannoli Joe's and there were approximately 30 members and guests who enjoyed the informative speech Mr. Crawford presented. Mr. Crawford's presentation was on the LCRA's land acquisition along the Highland Lakes area of Central Texas. Mr. Crawford had explanatory maps showing the various acquisition areas and history of those acquisitions. Chapter 13 raised \$20 at the meeting for SURPAC

June 25, 2009 – Certified Federal Surveyors Program (CFedS) and Licensed State Land Surveyor, Davey Edwards, was June's speaker. The meeting was held at Cannoli Joe's and there were approximately 25 members and guests who enjoyed the informative speech Mr. Edwards presented. Mr. Edwards reported on the process it takes to become certified in the CFedS program. In addition, Mr. Edwards discussed the importance behind the CFedS certification and the reasons the program was created. Mr. Edwards provided attendees with a CFedS information DVD that explain the program in greater detail. Chapter 13 raised \$20 at the meeting for SURPAC.

July 16, 2009 – Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TBPLS) Investigations/ Complaints Officer, Garey Gilley, was July's speaker at the annual Capital Area Chapter 13 and Alamo Chapter 11's Joint meeting. The meeting was held at Gruene River Grill with approximately 40 Chapter 13 members in attendance. Mr. Gilley reviewed the complaint process as regards to how a complaint comes into TBPLS and the ultimate outcome of the complaint. He then discussed the Jefferson County surveyor and his use of incorrect elevation information and the stance TBPLS has toward elevations. He then spoke about Texas Administrative Code, Title 22 Examining Boards, Part 29 TBPLS, Chapter 663 Standards of Responsibility and Rules of Conduct, Subchapter B Professional and Technical Standards, Rule §663.17 Monumentation and the difficulty the Board has had in creating wording to cause surveyors to set all property corners in their survey (as it stands now not all property corners have to be monumented). All in attendance enjoyed Mr. Gilley's informative speech. Chapter 13 raised \$22 for SURPAC.

Executive Committee Meetings

Chapter 13 has had three Executive Committee (ExComm) meetings all occurring on the first Wednesday of each month.

May 6, 2009 – The replacement of Second Year Director, Jim Boswell, was the first item discussed. Jim was one of the casualties of this economic downturn and has been unemployed for a few months. He had the option of moving to Big Spring, Texas, and he took advantage of that opportunity. His hopes are that he is able to return to the Central Texas area soon. We wish Jim all the best and hope he is able to return to the

amounted to \$1,687,094.80. Of this amount the state rated \$29,291.47 at par and the remainder at seventy cents on the dollar.

The funding act of 1837 expired on January 1, 1840, and was succeeded on February 5, 1840, by an act funding the treasury notes issued by the republic. Notes presented before July 1, 1840, were fundable in 10 percent bonds (\$813,800) and those after that date in 8 percent bonds (\$27,080). The principal and accrued interest of these issues finally amounted to \$1,674,380.42 and was rated by the state at thirty cents on the dollar.

The treasury notes, amounting to \$3,945,500, were also a part of the debt. The earlier notes issued bore 10 percent interest, but the later ones, those called redbacks, were not interest-bearing. These were funded in bonds amounting to \$792, 880. By September 1, 1851, enough revenue had been collected to redeem and cancel \$518,324 of the notes. The value of notes with accrued interest for which settlement was finally made was \$2,716,645.29. Of this amount, \$65,208.33 was rated at par, \$451,708.32 at fifty cents on the dollar, and \$2,199,728.64 (in redbacks) at twenty-five cents on the dollar.

In joining the United States, Texas retained her unappropriated lands with the idea that their first use should be to pay the debt of the republic. No action on the debt was taken by the First Legislature. In 1848 the Second Legislature instructed the state auditor and the comptroller of public accounts jointly to ascertain the amounts of the various items of the debt and to reduce their amounts to the "actual par value which may have been realized by the late Republic." This reduction, called rating or scaling, reduced the amount of liability from the face amount to what the amount would have been if there had been neither money nor credit risk on the obligation at the time it was incurred. This policy, called "the principle of equivalents," was in high favor in Texas at the time of annexation, but it was strenuously opposed by the holders of the debt. In the official state report of 1851 only \$283,456.11 of the total estimated debt of \$12,436,991.34 was rated at face value, and the total was scaled down to \$6,827,278.64. By an act of February 11, 1850, Texas proposed to pay the scaled amount in land on the basis of fifty cents an acre. At the same time it was specified that interest on all liabilities would cease after July 1, 1850. The creditors, however, refused to accept this plan of payment.

The deadlock between the state and the creditors was solved by the settlement

Austin area soon. Article VII, Election of Officers and Directors, Section 3 of the Chapter Constitution states: "In case of vacancies, officers and directors shall be appointed by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term". Due to Jim's vacation of the Second-year Director's position, we (the ExComm) discussed potential candidates and all agreed to appoint Eric Dannheim, RPLS, with Chaparral Professional Land Surveying as the interim Second Year Director. The ExComm welcomes Eric and we look forward to working with him for the rest of this term. The ACC Books item remained tabled until John Barnard could be in attendance. Dana Schaeffer has been in contact with Westbank Library but has not heard back yet. Miguel Escobar is working on a roving surveying display, but was not present to report on the progress at the time of this meeting. Upcoming lunch speakers was the next item discussed. The last lunch speaker spot to fill during the present administration is for our August Lunch. David McDow suggested asking Gina O'Hara to discuss Errors, Omissions, and Professional Liability Insurance for the August lunch. David agreed to follow up with Gina. James Redmon reported that the CST exam would be offered at Convention and that a CST course should be scheduled for 10 weeks prior to Convention (sometime in July). James was checking with Paul Easley to see if the facilities at PBS&J could be used for the CST Preparation Course.

June 3, 2009 –Logistics as regards to the Chapter supplying books for incoming ACC students that planned on getting a degree in surveying had been plaguing the ExComm. We removed this item from the agenda until after the Annual Meeting. Miguel Escobar and Dana Schaeffer were not present to report on the Westbank Library and Round Rock ISD public relations items and were tabled till the next meeting. The ExComm had been tasked with creating Chapter Level position descriptions. These "cheat sheets" are to be turned in July so other ExComm members can circulate them for review and comments. James Redmon reported that the CST Preparation Course is setup for August 8th and he is coordinating with Paul Easley, PBS&J, for a space to hold the event. New meeting locations for Chapter lunches were discussed, but nothing decided upon. Eric Dannheim reported the progress on the upcoming Tree Seminar. He reported that the event would be held at Zilker Rock Garden at Zilker Park and it would be held on July 11, 2009. We then discussed how much we wanted to charge and we agreed that if TBPLS approved the course for CEUs we would charge \$120 for professionals and \$60 for para-professionals. David McDow reported that the course was in the process of being approved by TBPLS and the Board will vote on to approve it at their next board meeting.

July 1, 2009 – The Westbank Library item has been tabled until further notice. David McDow is working on compiling all of the position descriptions the ExComm members wrote and agreed to present them at the August meeting. Dana Schaeffer reported that she is checking with China Star on pricing as a potential lunch meeting location. James Redmon reported he was waiting on confirmation from PBS&J for the CST Course location. David agreed to send out the flier for the course, once the location was confirmed. The upcoming tree seminar was discussed and everyone agreed we should provide water for the attendees. David reported that the Tree Seminar had been approved for 4 CEUs from the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TBPLS). The November meeting speaker was the first new item discussed. John Barnard agreed to contact Doug Meeks, a representative for DigTess, to see if he would be our speaker for the November meeting. Dave Klotz and Mark Allen reported that forms for the Chapter awards to be presented at the upcoming convention had been submitted.

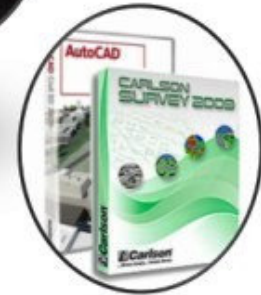
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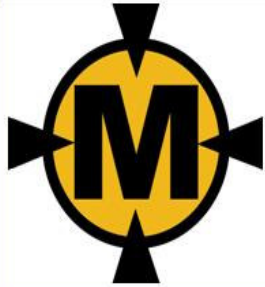
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of the dispute over the northwestern boundary of Texas in the Compromise of 1850. The United States, in return for a cession of 67,000,000 acres of land, gave to Texas \$10 million in 5 percent United States bonds, with the proviso that \$5 million of the bonds should not be turned over to Texas "until the creditors of the State holding bonds of Texas for which duties on imports were specially pledged shall first file releases of all claims against the United States for or on account of said bonds." A controversy between the federal government and Texas over the interpretation of the proviso continued for more than 4½ years. It was finally settled by an act of Congress on February 28, 1855, which appropriated \$7.75 million in cash to be prorated among the holders of the revenue debt. The basis of this amount was roughly the principal of the \$5 million of the reserved bonds plus the accrued interest and the market premium on the bonds. In the general election of 1855 the people of Texas rejected the plan, but the congressional act had given the legislature the power of acceptance or rejection, and the legislature, by a narrow vote, accepted the plan, which was ratified on February 1, 1856. Opponents of the plan calculated the financial loss to the state at \$6,082,244.

The revenue debt was interpreted by the federal government to include all the bond items and the paper money (see MONEY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS). It amounted to \$10,078,703.21. Acceptance of the Texas rating of this amount would have reduced it to \$4,467,756.41, or payment at the rate of 44.3 cents on the dollar. The \$7.75 million prorated among the holders of the unscaled amount resulted in payment at the rate of 76.9 cents on the dollar.

Between 1852 and 1902 Texas paid out on the nonrevenue debt of the republic a net amount of \$1,287,103.43, and between 1846 and 1860 the state received in the form of liabilities of the republic a net amount of \$288,263.16 in payment of debts due the republic. A total, therefore, of \$1,575,366.59 was what the state discharged of the debt of the republic, and this amount may be construed as a deduction from the \$5 million of the United States bonds that had been turned over to the state in 1850.

The United States Treasury paid out of the \$7.75 million all but \$45,000, and this remainder was turned over to Texas in 1881. The total of the sums paid out by the federal government and the state was \$9,280,366.59, which paid the republic's officially estimated debt of \$12,436,991.34.

AUGUST 20, 2009

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TACO SALAD - Crispy flour tortilla shell filled with lettuce, tomatoes, and your choice of seasoned beef or chicken. Served with chili con queso and jalapeños on the side.

LUNCH TACO PLATE - Two soft or puffy tacos served with lettuce, tomatoes, and your choice of seasoned beef or chicken. Served with Spanish rice and your choice of refried, charro (aka borracho), or black beans.

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BURRITO OR CHIMICHANGA – Giant flour tortilla stuffed with your choice of seasoned beef or chicken. Burrito is baked and topped with sauce; Spanish rice, jalapeños and onions on the side. Chimichanga is lightly fried and has sauce, your choice of refried, charro (aka borracho), or black beans, and Pico De Gallo on the side.

LA MEXICANA - A cup of authentic tortilla soup, one chicken fajita taco, Spanish rice and your choice of refried, charro (aka borracho), or black beans on the side.