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## TRIG\*STAR Update

By Randy Woodjack, PLS

The 2000-2001 TRIG\*STAR Contest was held county wide on April 2, 2001, at five local High Schools: Paso Robles, Templeton, San Luis Obispo, Mission Prep, and Morro Bay High Schools.

The Contest consisted of solving three math problems within an hour. The problems were prepared by the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and are administered nationally as part of an overall program to promote surveying among high school students, as well as to recognize excellence in math skills (focusing on trigonometry, the tool of the surveyor) at the high school level.

The winners of this years Contest at each of the five high schools are:

**Brett Banakis, Paso Robles High School**

**Ryan Bulger, Templeton High School**

**Brian Koellish, San Luis Obispo High School**

**Sam Lin, Morro Bay High School**

**Michael Morici, Mission College Prep High School**

Overall, the number of participant was light to moderate, but the overall test scores were high.

**Please note:** this month's Chapter dinner/meeting will also be our annual TRIG\*STAR Awards Banquet. Each of the five high school winners will receive a complimentary meal, \$100 cash prize, and an Award Plaque. In addition, we have lined up Bill Carr to be our guest speaker, who will have a special slide presentation of his unique surveying experiences that should delight the entire crowd---surveyors, as well as the students, their parents and teachers.

Also, during the Awards Ceremony, the overall Central Coast Champion will be named and be presented an additional cash award along with our prestigious Central Coast Perpetual Trophy, which will be on display at his or her high school for the next year, bearing his or her name.

I hope that all of you can attend this special Chapter meeting on May 10. Please R.S.V.P. with Rochelle **immediately** so that we can guarantee you a setting at a table at Apple Farm Restaurant. *Continued Page 5.*

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## MAY MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2001	Location: Apple Farm Quilt Room
Time:..... 6:30pm.....no-host cocktails	2015 Monterey Street
.....7:00pm.....business meeting	San Luis Obispo
.....7:15pm.....dinner	Dinner: Steak/ Chicken/ Swordfish
.....8:00pm.....Program & Speaker	Cost : \$21.50 includes tax & tip
Dinner Choice : Spit roasted Half Chicken, New York Steak or Charbroiled Swordfish	

### Program:

TRIG-STAR Awards Presentation and also Mr. Bill Carr with a slide show and presentation on a variety of interesting surveys.

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# CLSA Central Coast Chapter

## April Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2001

Meeting Held at Busi's in Paso Robles

I. Call to Order 7:10± by Mark Lewis

II. Introductions

III. Approval of March 8, 2001 Minutes. Motion to approve by Rochelle Vierra, seconded by Linda Richardson. Minutes Approved.

IV. Officer's Reports

A. President's Report by Mark Lewis. Mark presented member of the year plaque to Ken Fargen.

B. Vice President's Report by Rochelle Vierra. Thank you to John Belsher for agreeing to be the guest speaker.

C. Secretary / Treasurer's Report by Craig Yates

General Fund \$8542.8    Education Fund \$3358.03    Legal Fund    \$40.00    Historical Fund \$189.51    Trig-Star Fund    \$75.00

V. Committee Reports

A. Standing Committees

1. Education Committee - Tom Mastin. Finished LS/LSIT review classes. Tom wished to give special thanks to all the teachers and others who helped out this year (Rochelle Vierra, Mark Lewis, Randy Ellison, Randy Woodjack, Joe Morris, Clay Margason, Leonard Lenger, Bryce Dilger). Tom also brought up possibility of some sort of career day item to give to kids at career days or other public events we volunteer at.

2. Membership Committee - Craig Yates. As of 4/12/01 there are 81 local chapter members of which there are 7 Life, 36 Corporate, 5 Associate, 2 Affiliate, 1 Student and 30 with no current State Affiliation.

3. Professional Practices Committee - Mark Lewis. No Report.

B. Special Committees

1. Publications Committee - Bryce Dilger. Bryce stated that he needs more content, running out of material.

2. Trig-Star Committee - Randy Woodjack. Test was administered Monday, April 2nd. Brian Kelsh of SLO High was overall winner. Test scores were higher this year but turnout was lower. Awards will be given out next month with Bill Carr as guest speaker. Randy also encouraged donations to the Trig Star fund to up the awards.

3. Workshops/Seminar Committee - Randy Ellison. Randy reported on success of the "Water Boundaries" seminar with 31 chapter members attending 7 non-members attending. Seminar Grossed \$2530, there were \$905 in expenses for a net profit of \$1624. Tom Mastin made a motion that 50% of the money be put in the Trig-Star Fund and the other 50% be put in the Education Fund. Seconded by Rochelle Vierra. Motion Carries. Randy brought up the possibility of working with FATCO again to get Roy Minnick to do an ALTA seminar. Mark Lewis will write a letter of thanks to Nick Peters of FATCO for their help in putting on this seminar and the use of their building.

4. BBQ Committee - Ken Fargen. No Report.

5. Nominating Committee - Mark Lewis. No Report.

6. Christmas Committee - Linda Richardson. Linda suggested that we arrange and schedule the Yacht Club

A.S.A.P. There was general agreement that this should be done.

7. By-Laws Committee - Tom Mastin. No Report.

C. Ad Hoc Committees

1. Scholarship Committee - Bob Fredericks. Tom received a plaque from Dr. Crossfield as a thank you for our generous support.

2. G.I.S. Development Committee - Victor Rasgado. No Report.

3. Historical Records Committee - Dan Manion. Mark Lewis stated that he is getting a lot of phone calls regarding getting Dalide adobe topographic survey done, it was agreed that it should be scheduled in late May. Dan Manion is currently creating access data base of historical maps at historical library.

4. County Legislative Liaison Committee - Mike Stanton. No Report.

VI. State Board Report - No Report.

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VII. Old Business - Jonathan Walsh reminded everyone of the Mount Diablo remonumentation on July 21st.

VIII. New Business - Mike Baumberger announced that Gary Hamilton, AutoCAD teacher at SLO High has 40 - 50 kids who need real world experience with AutoCAD. Linda Richardson brought up the new contractual requirements in the LS Act.

IX. Announcements - Tom Mastin announced that Thursday, April 19th, ASCE will have Pavo Ogren talk at a lunch meeting about the new prevailing wage law changes. Meeting will be held at Roses Landing in Pismo Beach @ noon. RSVP to tafig@cannonassoc.com. The SLO High School in cooperation with the Rotary Club is having a Career Day May 15th from 8:30 - 11:30 and are looking for new blood(volunteers).

X. Program - John Belsher, local SLO County Land Use Attorney discussed the everbroadening power grab by the California Coastal Commission and its potential impacts to SLO County. He discussed new proposed legislation, AB 640, which would give broader powers to the Coastal Commission and why we should be concerned as professionals in the Land Use arena.

XI. Adjournment ±9:20p.m.

There were 22 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Craig Yates.

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In addition to each of the five high school TRIG\*STAR Contest winners receiving a cash prize and plaque at the upcoming May Dinner Banquet, each of the five second place winners, or “**Runner Ups**”, will receive a \$25 check from our local Chapter. This “**Runner Up Prize**” is new this year to the TRIG\*STAR Contest, and will be forwarded to each of the qualified student’s math teacher, along with a special Certificate, to be presented to the student in front of their class mates. This additional “**Runner Up**” cash prize, as well as the increased “**Winner**” cash prize (from the \$75 per student that was approved by the chapter at last September’s meeting) was made possible by generous contributions from numerous Central Coast firms whose support for the TRIG\*STAR Program is greatly appreciated.

As of this writing, the following firms have made contributions, or have made pledges, and should be acknowledged for their selfless endeavor. They are, in alphabetical order:

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Please forgive me if I forgot someone, and please feel free to join the campaign if you missed out in our initial fund raising drive. Though we’re about to close of the 2000-2001 Contest, we’re already gearing up for the 2001-2002 Contest. You may contact our Chapter Treasurer, Craig Yates, if you would like to contribute \$20 or more to the “**TRIG\*STAR Fund**”.

And the TRIG\*STAR committee is always searching for “**new blood**”, surveyors dedicated to their profession and able and eager to reach out to high school students as potential surveyors-to-be.

Once again, thank you all for your support of the TRIG\*STAR Program, and hope to see you at the May Banquet Dinner & Awards Ceremony.

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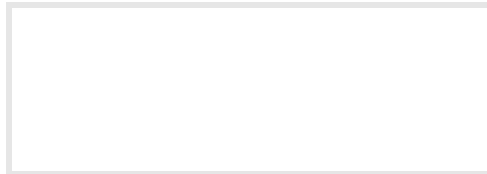
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