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U.S. Land History, Part I

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The history of changes in the U.S.-Mexican border commences even before the United States would enjoy their independence, and without doubt those changes themselves were influenced by events that occurred in other parts of the Spanish dominions in America during the eighteenth century. Those events in truth did not happen in Nueva Espana, (as precisely defined). For example, the "Seven Years War", carried on between France and England, beginning in 1756. Spain, was an ally of France, suffered the loss of Cuba as a result of the conflict, although Spain got Cuba back again when the treaty of peace was signed in Paris in 1763. Thus Spain got territory in Florida, and Britain got territory for the first time in the Gulf of Mexico. The English divided Florida into two parts, "Western Florida" and "Eastern Florida", each with its own separate government. Eastern Florida was essentially the peninsula part, while Western Florida was comprised of the remainder of Spanish possessions in Florida, plus the eastern part of Louisiana, which France granted to Spain at the end of the same war. Thus "Western Florida" stretched to the west as far the Mississippi River and north to latitude 32° 28'. Moreover, since Spain had been dragged into the war without any direct interest in it, France, in order to compensate Spain for its losses in Florida, gave Spain the French territory in western Louisiana, i.e. all the French territory west of the Mississippi, including also New Orleans just east of the river, and going as far north as the Ibersville River which empties into the sea and into Lake Pontchartrain.

At the beginning of the American Revolution in 1775, France entered the fray as an American ally, and a little later Spain got into the act, along with other nations. Spain re-conquered Florida, advancing its invading forces to the east out of New Orleans. At the signing of the peace treaty Spain retained all its territory: "Western Florida", "Eastern Florida", and western Louisiana. Thus for the first time Spain held sovereignty over the entire Caribbean basin.

Contributed and translated from Spanish by Joe Carey Look for Part II Next Month...

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JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2000 Location: McClintoks
 Time: 6:30pm.....no-host cocktails Shell Beach
 7:00pm.....business meeting 750 Mattie Road
 7:15pm.....dinner Dinner: Beef/ Chicken / Fish
 8:00pm.....speaker Cost : \$21.30 includes tax &

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Program: Jay Satalich of David Evans and Associates. Topic: Aspects of GPS derived elevations.

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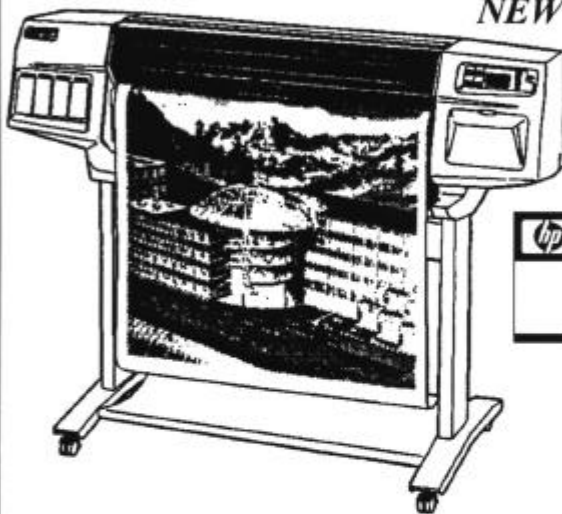


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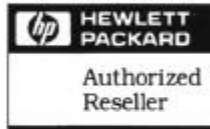
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CLSA Central Coast Chapter

January 2000 Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2000

- A. Meeting held at McLintocks in Paso Robles
- I) Call to Order @ 7:04 by John Sanders.
 - II) Introductions
 - III) Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve minutes from last meeting by John Sanders, second by Tom Mastin, passed unanimously.
 - IV) Officer's Reports
 - A) Presidents Report by Bob Fredricks - No report
 - B) Vice Presidents Report by Mark Lewis - No Report
 - C) Secretary/Treasurers Report by Rochelle Vierra - \$1707.88 in the checking account

General Fund	Education Fund	Legal Fund	AG Edwards - \$6,640.32
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 - V) Committee Reports
 - A) ...Standing Committees
 - a) Education Committee (Tom Mastin)

LS and LSIT review towards the end of February. Will be in parallax.
 - b) Membership Committee (Mark Lewis) - Working on mailing labels. Forms are ready to send out.
 - c) Professional Practices Committee (Bob Fredricks)

Existing members - Mike Baumberger, Bob Fredricks, Tom Vaughan, Joe Morris, Skip Touchon, Dan Manion. John Sanders & Skip Touchon dropping off committee and Linda Richardson & Leonard Lenger going on the committee.

The idea of the committee is to prevent complaints from going to the board.
 - d) Special Committees
 - (1) Publications Committee (Mark Lewis) - handed gavel to Bryce Dillger
 - (2) Trig Star Committee (Randy Woodjack)

Members - Keith Crowe, John Sanders, Skip Touchon, JoAnn Benner-Head, Alan Volbrecht, Mark Lewis, Randy Ellison, Tom Mastin, George Marchenko, Geoff Villegas, Dave Carey, Burke Blake, Leonard Lenger.

Sent off fee for application to get the test. In process of contacting last years sponsors for this year in process of notifying committee members.
 - (3) Workshops/Seminar Committee (Mike Stanton) - Mike Stanton feels that this may be a conflict of interest for him so we are looking for a new chair. Randy Ellison volunteered.
 - (4) Bar-B-Que Committee (Mark Lewis) - It was brought up that we out to call to see about reserving the park (Cuesta). When - mid July
 - (5) Nominating Committee (John Sanders) - Bob Fredricks volunteered help.
 - (6) Christmas Committee (Linda Richardson) - On hold. Linda Richardson did a great job this year.

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January 2000 Meeting Minutes Continued.....

a) Ad Hoc Committees

- (1) Scholarship Committee - (Bob Fredricks) - Recipients of scholarships are Tim Lackey & Tim Odom.
- (2) GIS Development Committee (Bryce Dilger) - Victor Rasjo volunteered to take over GIS committee.
- (3) Historical Records Committee (Randy Ellison) - No report.
- (4) County Liaison Committee (Mike Stanton) - On hold until issues come up.
- (5) State Board Report (Robert Reese, Randy Ellison, Randy Woodjack) & Legislative Liaison - (Robert Reese)

Randy Ellison - handed out copies of items to report back to the board on.

Item #1 - The San Diego chapter is proposing legislation to limit the RS checking fee to \$100 with any expanded amount to be paid by the monumentation fund. Wants feedback from Chapters on whether to approve/disapprove/split or have no opinion. A motion to disapprove of legislation to modify and attach monumentation funds was made by Tom Mastin and seconded by Robert Reese. Discussion occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Item #2 east bay chapter has a proposal to amend bylaws to allow pre 82 CE's as corporate members in CLSA. A motion that the Central Coast Chapter of CLSA not support pre 82 CE's into the organization as corporate members was made by Robert Reese. Tom Mastin seconded the motion. Discussion occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Reese -

Making a proposal that the Corner Record definition be expanded to include "properly filed map". Robert Reese made a motion that this chapter ratifies the executive committee's action to put forth a motion to board about expanding the definition of the Corner Record. Second by Tom Mastin. Discussion occurred and the motion passed unanimously.

II) Old Business - none

III) New Business - Chapter Dues are due. CLSA is soliciting funds conference CLSA/NALS. A motion was made to allocate \$100 from the general fund for conference door prizes. Second by Bob Fredricks.

Discussion occurred and the motion passed unanimously. Linda Richardson will buy.

IV) Announcements - Conference CLSA education looking for items to auction to benefit the education fund. If you have items get them to Ken Fargen.

V) Program - The speaker this evening is Kevin Irot from First American Title. First American now has a web site www.firstam.com/slo.

VI) Adjournment - approximately 23 in attendance.

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to make.**

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- Writing Legal Descriptions*
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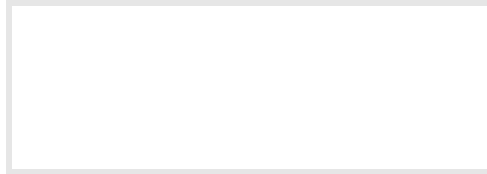
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