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# Field Notes

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## Noted

by Patrick Hannon, C.S.T. II  
STC President

Our August meeting at the Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills will be a great opportunity for some folks who want to become involved with the STC. The membership at the August meeting will be voting on amendments to the By-Laws to add a total of four new seats on the STC Board of Directors. Currently six members are elected from the general membership. With one By-Law amendment, three new Director positions will be opened. Should the amendment pass, these new positions will be available for election this October. The second amendment will create a voting position on the STC Board for a Past President of the Board. With the expansion of the Board, the Past President will ensure a better continuity and provide experience. The Past President's position on the Board and the committee this person will chair will also

## Online CST Testing

by Mark Stephens, C.S.T. II

It is now possible to take the Certified Survey Exam (CST) on the Internet. The test is administered online by Vincennes University, which is located in Indiana. The university provides Internet-based testing for many other programs around the nation. The university through programming has been able to create a copy of the exam, complete with graphics. The results of the exam are available immediately after completing the exam.

Scheduling an online test for groups or individuals wishing to take the exam can be arranged by contacting CST staff of the American Congress on

provide a "retirement" option for those of us who still want to keep a hand in things. Currently, we elect two Directors from the membership, should the Amendment be passed, we will be electing five directors this year. As a reminder, nominations for the Directors positions will be accepted in September. Nomination applications will be available by contacting Mark Stephens or Jim Fink. Applications will also be available in the "Files" section of the *Yahoo! Group* site. Amendments to the By-Laws will be available at the August meeting or on-line in the "Files" section of the *Yahoo! Group* site.

In addition to the By-Law Amendments, we will focus on the 2006 Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. All who are interested in making this event a success are strongly encouraged to be at the August meeting.

Have a great summer.

Surveying & Mapping (ACSM). The exam can be taken at any supervised workstation with a dedicated high speed Internet access so as long the computer meets all of the hardware requirements. In addition the site must have a suitable environment for taking and proctoring the exam.

Currently, there is a need to create a network of testing centers, coordinators, and proctors. A proctor is required by the ACSM to oversee the delivery of the exam and to protect the integrity of the exam. A professional surveyor, professional engineer, or college professor can be a proctor for the CST exam.

Questions regarding the programs can be directed to Jean Andersen of ACSM at (240) 632-9716 ext. 112.

**August Meeting**

August 17, 2004  
6:00 p.m.  
Bass Pro Shops  
Auburn Hills, MI

**October Seminar**

Topic: GPS  
Speaker: Chuck Neely  
October 9, 2004  
Comfort Inn  
Mt. Pleasant, MI

In order to accomplish goals we have set for ourselves, the Board of Directors has proposed adding positions to the Board of Directors and is calling for a vote on the following Amendments to the By-Laws of the Survey Technician Council.

**Official Notice to all Associate and Affiliate Members**

Your presence is requested and you are officially notified as required by Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Survey Technician Council.

By a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors, two proposals to amend the By-Laws of the Survey Technician Council will be voted on at the regular business meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. The business meeting will start at 6:00 pm. and will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Fenton.

The first Proposed Amendment is to Article V, Section 1: Directors, item A.). The Proposed Amendment will change the number of Directors elected at large from six (6) to nine (9). If this amendment is passed, the three Directors positions will be available for election this November. The person receiving the most votes will be elected for a three-year term. The person receiving the second highest number of votes will hold office for two years, and the person receiving the third highest number of votes will hold office for one year. After these initial terms, there will be three Director positions available each year, the term of which will be for three years.

The second Proposed Amendment is to Article V, Section 1: Directors, item C.). The Proposed Amendment will add a position to the Board of Directors. This voting position will be that of Immediate Past President.

The Proposed Amendments will be available for review at the meeting. According to the By-Laws, a simple majority of the membership present at the meeting is required for the amendment of the By-Laws.

**STC Elections**

Jim Fink, CST3

STC Immediate Past President

At last count there were 259 associate and 69 affiliate members within MSPS. If you are one of these, you are also a member of the Survey Technician Council (STC). Up until now, the leadership of the STC has consisted of a board of 6 elected directors, one chapter representative from each chapter, and the STC representative to the MSPS board. The director positions are elected by the membership two per year for three year terms. The chapter representative positions are elected by the chapters annually, and the MSPS board representative position is elected by the membership to a one year term. The four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), are elected by the board from the six director positions for one year terms.

The membership has been notified of a proposed change to add four new positions to the board. This change will probably become affective at the August STC board meeting. Assuming these changes take place, three additional director positions will be added to the board. The position of immediate past president will also become a voting position.

Of the 328 members of the STC, ten of those are currently voting members of the STC board. Only three of the chapter representative positions are currently filled. Historically there has been much more active interest in the STC from the southeast part of the state. The added director positions will allow a better chance for those that have shown an interest to become involved. The new positions will be elected for one, two, and three year initial terms, and then re-elected for three year terms thereafter.

All of this means that there will be five (5) director positions on the ballot this November. Of the two positions up for re-election, one of the incumbents will not be seeking re-election. The current STC representative to the MSPS board will be testing for licensure next year, and will also not be running for re-election. The board representative position is the most demanding and also reaps the most rewards. This position is an excellent starting point for a graduate who wants to become actively involved with MSPS at the board level prior to licensure, or any other technician who is interested in being active at that level.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions or would just like more information about what is involved please feel free to contact me or any STC board member with your questions.

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