Reciprocal registration for land surveyors by the North Carolina and Virginia Boards of Registration was formally approved and adopted January 27, 1965.

Negotiation for reciprocal agreement between the North Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, and the Virginia Board for the Examination and Certification of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, was originally instituted by Colonel Samuel W. Dobyns, formerly Chairman of the Land Surveying Section of the Virginia State Board. Col. Dobyns worked very closely with Mr. Robert B. Rice, Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina State Board. It has long been the hope of Col. Dobyns that a Council of Surveying and Registration Boards might be formed, which could lead to uniform examination and qualification requirements, particularly for our sister states.

After the expiration of Col. Dobyns’ term, June 30, 1964, work was continued by the Virginia Board, and by Turner N. Burton, Secretary, on the contents of the agreement.

On December 15, 1964 a conference was held in South Boston, Virginia, attended by Mr. Robert B. Rice, Meriwether Lewis, and J. Walter Jones, Jr., at which the final contents of the compact were drafted and formally adopted by both Boards.

The following is the agreement between the North Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, and the Virginia Board for the Examination of Land Surveyors, Architects, Professional Engineers:

"Concerning a reciprocal arrangement between the States of North Carolina and Virginia, whereby certain candidates for registration as "Registered Land Surveyors" in North Carolina or certification as "Certified Land Surveyors" in Virginia shall be registered or certified directly and promptly by Reciprocity or Comity in either state, it is hereby agreed by the above-named Examining Boards that the following shall be the minimum standards required by the respective Boards of applicants desiring Registration or Certification on the basis of reciprocity when such applicants are duly registered or certified by either one of the Boards in his respective State as a result of passing a written examination:

1. He shall meet the qualifications currently required by the Statutes of the said States and the Rules and Regulations of the respective Boards.

2. No applicant shall be eligible for a reciprocal certificate as a Land Surveyor who has passed an examination in land surveying given in another state unless he was domiciled in that State for at least one (1) year immediately prior to taking and passing such examination.

3. No applicant shall be eligible for a reciprocal certificate of registration if such applicant has taken and failed an examination in land surveying in the reciprocating state within a period of five (5) years.

The foregoing agreement being satisfactory to the Boards of both the said States, as attested by signatures of officials and seals of the Boards hereinafter appended, it is agreed further that:

The Boards of the two States will exchange information, examinations, opinions, experiences and ideas relating to the registration of Land Surveyors, in their respective States, and will advise each other within thirty days with respect to any failure of one Board to register anyregistrant of the other Board by Reciprocity or Comity when registration on such a basis has been requested. Either State shall have the right to terminate this agreement on ninety-day written notice to the other Board by registered or certified mail. This agreement shall be in full force and effect as and of the date of signature last affixed."
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The support and the cooperation which I have received since taking office at the convention is quite pleasing, and I am happy to report that most of the committee have been appointed and are working. The committee chairmen are as follows:

Past Presidents' Council—C. Buck Malcolm, Jr.
Education—George F. Cook, Jr.
Standards of Practice for Professional Land Surveyors in Virginia—Herman L. Courson
Legislative—Robert R. Kim
Special Surveyor Laws—John H. Bartenstein
Ethics—Maurice G. Overstreet
Fees—Edmond L. Wilmarth
Editor, Old Dominion Surveyor, Clifford A. Thorpe, Jr.
Membership—Lee A. Ebert
Surveyors Hall of Fame—David Dick
Affiliate Representative—Clifford A. Thorpe, Jr.
Surveyor Degree (University)—Robert M. Bartenstein

In addition to these committees, there will be a Long Range Planning Committee appointed which will consist of one member from each chapter. This committee will be charged with presenting a report at the next convention outlining their recommendations for the future aims and goals of VAS. I hope to have this committee working in the very near future.

In connection with the Board of Directors' Meeting, anyone having an item of importance which they would like to have on the agenda is urged to notify me of this matter no later than April 15th. The next convention will be held in Williamsburg on January 20-23, 1966. Mark your calendar for these dates.

I am very pleased to report that much headway has been made on the Membership Committee and others toward organizing another chapter in the Charlottesville vicinity. An organizational meeting in Culpepper has been set for the night of April 9th, the exact time and place to be announced later. All surveyors interested in becoming a member of this chapter please contact Lee Ebert for further information.

This is the year for the publication of the Directory. Questionnaires will be sent out to you very shortly. Please return them promptly to our Secretary, Millard Smith.

Porcher Gregg
New President of VAS

P. Porcher Gregg was born in Florence, South Carolina, in 1916. Graduating from Florence High School in 1934, Gregg worked in Washington, D. C., for two years before attending North Carolina State College. In 1940 he graduated from North Carolina State with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, and at the same time he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Called to active duty in May, 1941, he served with the Corps of Engineers until April, 1946, at which time he left the service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring from service Gregg worked for five (5) years with the Sea-board Airline Railroad Company, in Norfolk, working in various stages of construction. In 1955 he became associated with John M. and R. Stuart Baldwin. This association continued until 1956, at which time a partnership was formed in the name of John M. Baldwin and Associates. Following Mr. Baldwin's death in 1958, the partnership was changed to Baldwin and Gregg.

Porcher Gregg is registered in Virginia as a Certified Land Surveyor and a Professional Engineer, and also is licensed in both North and South Carolina as a Professional Engineer.

A member of VAS for many years, he also is a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers. In addition, he is a member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Military Engineers and a member of Tau Beta Pi.

Gregg is married to the former Constance Weiser of Arlington Heights, Illinois, and has two children. He presently resides at 905 Abingdon Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

V. A. S. Directors to Hold May 1st Meeting

The first meeting called by President P. Porcher Gregg has been scheduled to be held at the Richmond Hotel in Richmond, Virginia on May 1, 1965.

This meeting will be most important and a special invitation is extended to all members.

In addition to regular items appearing on the agenda, tentative plans are underway to hold a meeting of the President's "Long Range Planning Committee" and also the committee on "Standards of Practice for Professional Land Surveyors in Virginia."

President Gregg urges a strong attendance from each of the six chapters as well as members at large in order that all business discussed and adopted will truly represent the viewpoint of V. A. S.

We have much to do this year to even begin to accomplish a small amount of what has been done in the past, and I know that all of you will lend your full support."

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The 17th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Association of Surveyors was held at the new Natural Bridge Hotel at Natural Bridge, Virginia, January 28 thru 31, 1965, and pronounced eminently successful in the continuing tradition of this Annual Affair. Attendance was the largest of any previous Meeting, some 211 members and guests being at the Annual Banquet and Ball.

Chapter officers receive accolade at Convention Banquet.

This year the meeting date was advanced one full day in order to have time for the increased interest in discussions, papers, talks, exhibits, and the transaction of business. This extension of the Meeting found favor with the Membership as evidenced by early registration of some 100 people on the first day.

President Malcolm called the Meeting to order on Thursday afternoon at the Annual Agenda Meeting during which several items were placed on the Agenda and discussed during the following two days. Chapter Presidents convened later Thursday afternoon and discussed mutual problems running the gamut of subjects from a technical discussion of chaining, fees for electronic computer time, equipment, to ethics and laws on surveying.

On Friday morning, the Meeting heard reports from the President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and all Chapter Presidents. After the reports, several items were discussed among which were State Highway monumentation; rules and regulations for Honorary Memberships; the official VAS Seal; the “right to work” section of the Taft Hartley Law, and other items.

Woodie nods during Technical session.

The Friday Afternoon Session was called to order at 2:00 PM with Committee Reports being the Order of Business. Reports included those from Herman L. Courson, Chairman, Manual Committee; George F. Cook, Chairman, Education Committee; P. Porcher Gregg, Chairman, Ethics Committee; John H. Bartenstein, Chairman, Special Surveyor Laws Committee; Merlin McLaughlin, Legislative Committee; Clifford A. Thorpe, Chairman, Medal of Proficiency Committee; and Victor H. Ghent, Chairman, Fees Committee. After Committee Reports and discussions were heard, Day Committees were appointed for Resolutions and other subjects to report back to the Meeting on Saturday.

The Saturday Morning Session was given over to the Exhibitors' and Manufacturers' Round Table moderated by Clifford A. Thorpe, Jr., Chairman the Affiliate Members. This part of the program has been consistently one of the major highlights of the Meeting, and this time was no exception. The latest equipment was on exhibit and its use and availability fully explained by the Affiliate Members.

Geological Survey Representative Don A. Walker.

At the Saturday Luncheon, the principal speaker was to be Admiral H. Arnold Karo, Director, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. However, he was unable to attend because of official business and delegated Captain Harley Nygren, Chief, Program Planning Staff, U.S.C. & G.S., to deliver his paper. Unfortunately, Captain Nygren's plane was snowed in and he was not able to attend. The Honored Guests gave living proof of their abilities by rising to the occasion and each giving a short talk without prior notice. Mr. Robert B. Rice, Secretary of the North Carolina Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors discussed the comity agreement between North Carolina and Virginia arrived at by the respective Boards. Mr. Wallace R. Amos, Surveyor Member of the Maryland Board for Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors talked on Maryland requirements, and Mr. Turner N. Burton, Executive Director of the Virginia Board Registration congratulated VAS on their service to the Commonwealth and the publication of the "Old Dominion Surveyor." The Saturday afternoon session began with a report and talk by Mr. R. F. Beard, Director of Apprenticeship, Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, on the progress of the Surveyor Apprenticeship Program throughout the Commonwealth and its benefits. Some 205 men have been in the
program since it was instituted some 18 months ago in the Mt. Vernon Chapter under the direction of George Cook and Robert Kim.

Mr. Beard's talk was followed by the introduction, by Past-President J. Walter Jones, of Judge Robert Vaughn of South Boston, Virginia, who presented a most enlightening talk on the true meaning of "adverse possession" and its ramifications and requirements. That this subject is complicated and misunderstood was illustrated by the fact that Judge Vaughan was kept on the podium for over an hour graciously answering questions from the Meeting. The final talk of the afternoon was given by Mr. Donald Walker, Chief, Control Survey Section of the U.S. Geological Survey. Mr. Walker's talk and the movie shown illustrated the new Helicopter Airborne Control System now being used in remote areas. Mr. Walker was assisted by Mr. Charles C. Juhre and Mr. Lloyd E. Marsden, both of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Herman (B. D.) Courson discusses Surveyors Manual.

Herman L. Courson reported that the result of the Day Committee was that the "Manual" be called "Standards of Practice for Professional Land Surveyors in the Commonwealth of Virginia," and that the Index, as established by ACSM, be adopted in its entirety with the right reserved to add or delete subheadings to better serve Virginia. The report and recommendation was adopted by the Membership.

P. Porcher Gregg read the resolution, which was adopted, setting forth the appreciation of VAS for the untiring efforts of Col. Sam Dobyns in the interest of Surveying during his 10 year tenure on the State Board of Registration.

George F. Cook presented a resolution opposing the repealing of that portion of the Taft-Hartley Act which permits "right to work" laws. The present Federal Administration has advocated such an action and the Meeting unanimously voted to oppose such a move in adopting the resolution.

John H. Foster, the First President of VAS, gave a report on the progress that has been made toward a Degree in Surveying and recommended continuance of this Committee to further this goal.

To the delight of all concerned, the gathering at the Annual Banquet became the largest ever held and sorely taxed the facilities of the hotel to contain it. After dining, the program began with awards, presentations, and commendations.

Clifford A. Thorpe, Jr. was commended and applauded for his Editorship of the "Old Dominion Surveyor" and being Chairman of the Committee on the "Medal of Proficiency."

Director Burton presents Certificate of Proficiency to Walter D. Yeaman.

The first Certificate of Merit was presented to Walter D. Yeaman for making an extraordinary grade on the previous Examination for Land Surveyors. The certificate was presented by Turner N. Burton, Executive Director of the State Board of Examination.

Col. Samuel Dobyns was presented with the Resolution of the Membership expressing deep appreciation for his efforts for Surveying as a member of the State Board of Examination and his continued direction of the annual refresher courses held at Virginia Military Institute. Col. Dobyns was also presented with his certificate to practice in North Carolina as a Certified Surveyor by Mr. Rice, and Mr. A. E. Little, Past President of the North Carolina Society, was presented with his Virginia License and membership in V.A.S.

The many members of the Maryland Society of Surveyors and the North Carolina Society of Surveyors were introduced and received the thanks and applause of the Membership for attending and contributing to the success of the Meeting.

The appreciation of the Meeting was expressed to the Affiliate Members for their usual outstanding contribution to the success of the meeting. Headed by Clifford A. Thorpe, Jr., they presented a noteworthy exhibit and informed the Membership in a most helpful and dignified manner.


As his last official act, President Malcolm installed the following 1965 Officers and Directors:

President; P. Porcher Gregg; Vice-President, Lee A. Ebert; Secretary-Treasurer, Millard G. Smith; Past-President, C. Buck Malcolm; Directors John H. Bartenstein and Robert R. Kim. President Gregg then made his acceptance speech and installed the Chapter Officers for 1965.

The curtain was then rung down on a most successful 1965 Meeting with thanks to the Annual Meeting Committee and those in assistance.
CHAPTER NOTES

VAS PLANS NEW CHAPTER  Initial steps have been taken by the Directors and Membership Committee to establish a VAS Chapter in the Charlottesville Area. The organizational meeting is scheduled to be held in Culpeper for the night of April 9th. Members and surveyors interested should contact Lee Ebert, 127 Latane Street, Winchester.

MT. VERNON CHAPTER RECAPS '64  Robert R. Kim, President of the Mount Vernon Chapter of VAS during the year 1964, submitted the following data relative to the Chapter activities during 1964.

Meetings held during the year: Membership dinner meetings, 5; Director membership meetings, 3; Special director's meetings, 1.

Membership changes as follows: Number of regular members at beginning of year, 38; Number of members added during year, 8; Total regular members as of this date, 46; Gain during year, 21%; Applications pending, 1; Goal for 1965—to pass the 50 mark.

There were 3 affiliate members at the beginning and end of the year.

To help retain interest of members, which is sometimes difficult during years when they are extremely busy, they were sent 11 mailings containing a total of 18 pages.

High points of the year that were made possible by exceptionally hard work by the committees and officers were the successful continuation of the Apprentice Training Program, the compilation and distribution of a comprehensive study of local fees and salaries, the recognition of a sensible minimum fee for house location surveys by the Veterans Administration, and the sharing of helpful ideas and information with each other.

MT. VERNON CHAPTER  With a busy '64 behind us and a frantic '65 to look forward to, somehow the Mount Vernon Chapter managed to have some of the largest turn outs yet at the past gatherings.

We were pleased to see fifteen members and their families attend the annual State Convention at Natural Bridge. There were forty-two members and their guests at the Chapter Dinner-Meeting at Tom Sarris Steak House on August 21, 1964. Fifty-nine members and their guests enjoyed the annual Installation Banquet and Dance at the Park Arlington Motel on February 27, 1965, and we expect to be in attendance 60 strong at the forthcoming American Congress on Surveying and Mapping Banquet on March 31, 1965.

Our five new members of '64 has brought our Chapter total to forty-eight at present, and we expect to pass the fifty mark during '65.

We hope to continue the sharing of ideas and information in '65 as we did in '64 with each other.

Ashton L. Wood, President

TLDEWATER CHAPTER  At the beginning of our new year, the Tidewater Chapter is looking forward to a most progressive year in education, membership, and to the advancement of our profession.

The past year ended with our annual meeting at Natural Bridge, Virginia. We in Tidewater wish to congratulate the Western Chapter for arranging a splendid and most successful meeting, even to the point of ordering and delivering snow for their Tidewater friends. From our membership of twenty-four plus one affiliate, we participated at the annual meeting alphabetically as follows: Baldwin, Ball, Bamforth, Gregg, Hill, Large, Miller, and Smith, plus The Henry Eagleton Company of Norfolk.

Our Education Committee of 1964, as was reported at the annual meeting, was successful in beginning a new educational program similar to the courses offered in Northern Virginia. This program was organized through the City of Norfolk Vocational Department of the Virginia State Department of Labor. The Norfolk City School Board is giving the course, and the instruction is being carried out by two teachers. Mr. Jack Langley, our local modern math teacher, is teaching Mathematics, and Mr. Bob Harvey is teaching Survey Principles and Procedures. Some 58 students have signed to take this course which began on January 25th. They meet once a week, usually on Monday, and are broken into groups. Each group participates from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, taking part in Mathematics for one and one-half hour and in Surveying Principles for one and one-half hour. Bob Harvey informs us that the average attendance is 45 and that the end of the first half of instruction is May 1st. The total course offered is 90 hours or 14 weeks.

Jack M. Hill

VAS Officials Attend North Carolina Surveyors Convention

President P. Porcher Gregg, accompanied by Past President Herman L. Courson and State Board Member J. Walter Jones, Jr. represented the Virginia Association of Surveyors at the second annual convention of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors which was held at Raleigh, North Carolina.

MILFORD SECORD

Surveyor In Northern Virginia Area

Milford Secord, 47, a surveyor in Manassas, Virginia, died Saturday, February 20th at his home in Hamilton, Virginia. Mr. Secord was in partnership with Prince William County Surveyor R. Jackson Ratcliff from 1947 until they sold their Manassas firm in 1960. He worked on the surveying of the towns of Quantico, Haymarket Manassas and Occoquan.

At the time of his death, he was associated with R. M. Bartenstein and Associates.

Mr. Secord was born in Cannon Branch, Virginia.
John Foster Discusses History of VAS

Editor's Note: During the 17th Annual Meeting recently held at Natural Bridge, Virginia, the Editor asked John Foster to discuss the beginning of the Virginia Association of Surveyors. The following are his remarks.

"The Virginia Association of Surveyors Inc. had its beginning at the 1947 meeting of the Virginia Highway Conference at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

My recollection tells me that there were about sixteen surveyors present. Captain Mann of the Virginia Military Institute staff announced at the meeting a time and place for each related group to meet and discuss their own peculiar problems. When the surveyors got together it was immediately determined that we needed some sort of association to pull together the surveyors throughout the state, that we might work together for our mutual interest and benefit. A donation of $1.00 was made by each man present for the postage, etc., to contact others in an attempt to spread the interest.

A committee of three was designated to form such an association. That committee met several times in the ensuing year at several different locations to lay the foundation for such an organization in time to meet with the Highway Conference in November 1948. This was done and at the 1948 Virginia Highway Conference the Virginia Association of Surveyors was formed. The main thing we lacked at the time was an organizational experience, therefore, the Association's constitution and by-laws that were adopted were poorly worded and incomplete but at least it gave us a start. By the time of the 1949 meeting of the Virginia Highway Conference we had the improved constitution and by-laws along with a certificate of the incorporation formed. All were adopted at that meeting. Letters were written to all of the states in the Union asking if they had any such organization in their state, stating that if so, we were anxious to contact them directly. We received only three replies and I believe they were negative.

The surveyors throughout the state prior to the formation of the Virginia Association of Surveyors had operated independently and with little cooperation with fellow surveyors.

A good many surveyors that we talked to in trying to spread the gospel of the new surveyors association were not very enthusiastic, to say the least. It took a good bit of talking and arm-twisting to get additional surveyors to each ensuing meeting. One thing that was decided at the 1949 meeting was that we needed to have meetings in various parts of the state, enabling the local surveyors to attend the meeting and to see and hear about what we were trying to accomplish.

In 1950 the Association, in cooperation with others, was successful in officially changing the status of a surveyor from that of a semi-professional to that of a professional, also through the efforts of members of the staff at Virginia Military Institute and in cooperation with the Virginia Association of Surveyors there was established the first surveyors school giving a refresher course in surveying. At the first refresher course at Virginia Military Institute some 110 persons attended. Some of these were certified surveyors, some were interested in becoming certified and others where interested in what they might learn to help them in their particular fields, such as members of the Power and Telephone Companies and City and County Engineering Departments throughout the state. These refresher courses, beginning in 1950, were very helpful in getting surveyors acquainted with each other and promoting the advancement and status of the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc. as well as some good instructions in the fundamentals of surveying.

Since its early founding, the Virginia Association of Surveyors has steadily grown and chapters have been formed throughout the state that have had many successful meetings on the local level and increasingly interesting and larger meetings on a state level. We can be proud that we met the challenges that have confronted us and were able to work together as a whole to accomplish our goals.

The members of the State Board of Examiners as well as instructors from our State institutions of higher learning have been extremely helpful in getting us started and in helping us along the rocky road we have travelled.

Experience has told us that the social side of our lives can benefit from this Association as well as the professional side. We may look forward to a continuing growth and ability to meet the challenges that will confront us in the years ahead."

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