

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held at 5:15pm, Thursday, October 24 at the venue of the Shallow Survey 2008 Conference in Portsmouth New Hampshire (www.shallowsurvey2008.org).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check this section on our web page. New listings recently posted including one at the University of Southern Mississippi.

US Hydro 2009

Check out the latest information on our website. A call for papers is out. Exhibit booths are 60% sold. The hotel rate is \$115 per night, plus tax.

CHANGES IN THE ACSM HYDROGRAPHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

This past year, there have been several changes to the Hydrographer Certification process.

Name Change

In the summer of 2007, the Hydrographer Certification Board (HCB) voted to change the name from the ACSM Hydrographer Certification to the ACSM/THSOA Hydrographer Certification. This name change was to reflect a natural relationship with the program and The Hydrographic Society of America (THSOA) and THSOA's past and continued financial support of the program.

American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) Re-organization

With the reorganization of ACSM which began in 2004, the responsibility for various programs has been transferred to the appropriate ACSM Member Organization (MO). In the case of the ACSM-THSOA Certified Hydrographer program, the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) has assumed that responsibility. Please use the NSPS web site for program details and information.

http://www.nspsmo.org/hydrographic_cert/hydrographic_index.shtml

Process Changes

The HCB decided to remove the essay from the application process. An informal assessment found that potential candidates were unsure of the requirements of the essay and this was leading to a lack of candidates. It should be noted this means there is a stronger need for the applicant to submit a strong and well defined application detailing their experience, education and knowledge. To this end, the HCB has added two examples to the form.

On the Horizon

The HCB is presently trying to contact previously certified hydrographers and ascertain their status. This effort will lead to the posting this people (and contact information, if desired) to the web site. If you are an ACSM certified hydrographer and have not been contact, please email Lee Canfield at lee.canfield@acsm.net so we can add you to the list. Additionally, the HCB is considering adding a “place of employment” link to any certified hydrographer who requests this. This is still in the evaluation stage, but we need to develop the list first.

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