

## **NAFTA Meeting No 2. March 15th, 1999**

### *Agenda and Comments*

1. Recognition of the Chair and Opening Remarks. *Due to illness, John Abbenroth resigned as the NSPS Chair of NAFTA. Bob Prescott, past president of NSPS is the new Chair. The writer acted as Chair of the meeting whenever Bob was called out on other business.*
2. Roll call - Establishing that a quorum is present.
3. Translations: English to Spanish and Spanish to English. *Al Flores acted as the interpreter for these translations.*  
English to French and French to English. *Sonja Brubacher was available if French translation were required. Since none was required at the meeting, she was excused.*
4. Appointment of person to take minutes for the present meeting. *Rita Lumos volunteered and will write the Official Minutes for Meeting No. 2.*
5. Approval of Agenda and addition of items.
6. Recognition of observers and guests.
7. Receiving of Official Minutes from previous formal meeting. *These were accepted as submitted and endorsed by the representatives. A signed copy in three languages will be lodged with all three representatives for the Survey sector and with their appropriate government office.*
8. Business arising from the minutes.
9. Discussion and acceptance of the Rules Governing Meeting No. 2. *Rules were introduced and agreed upon at the first Official Meeting and may be revised as required for each subsequent meeting. To conserve space only the three that were changed will be repeated since the complete text accompanied my Ft. Worth Report.*  
**Rules governing the formal meeting.**  
*Proceedings will be tape recorded.. A copy of the tape will be distributed to each party.*  
*Each participating country (party) will be allowed one vote but we must reach unanimous consent on the issue.*  
*Minutes will become official when each party has endorsed them. If any section of the minutes is disputed and cannot be resolved by mail within three months of the meeting, the section will be brought to the next meeting for resolution.*

### **Old Business**

10. Letter of Support by Government Agencies from each of the three countries. *NSPS has received a comfort letter from the Office of the US Trade Representative, the body responsible for NAFTA in the US. Canada has made a request and such a letter was drafted but with staff changes at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), it never received a signature. Mexico will draft such a letter and if appropriate, Canada will adapt it to our circumstances and try again.*
11. Discussion and disposition of the Questionnaire handed out at Fort Worth. *This five page questionnaire is designed to elicit some understanding about the practice of surveying in the three countries. Canada and Mexico have theirs finished but John*

*Abenroth's illness prevented the US from completing its answers. This will be done soon. Each will respond in its own language and be responsible for translation. Due to the difference respecting the practice of surveying in Quebec, Canada will request the Ordre to respond as well. More questions will likely be added as we examine the answers. I hope that they could be put on our Web page where the general membership could have input.*

**New Business**

12. Objectives for this meeting.

13. Objectives and time line for future meetings.

*Timeline for fulfilling NAFTA Committee Objectives.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>By</i>
<i>March 14, 1999</i>	<i>Receive and distribute questionnaire</i>	<i>Committee</i>
<i>April 30, 1999</i>	<i>Draft Minutes distributed for approval</i>	<i>Rita Lumos</i>
<i>June 15, 1999</i>	<i>Minutes approved</i>	<i>country representatives</i>
<i>June 15, 1999</i>	<i>Select Glossary of Terms for Definition</i>	<i>country representatives</i>
<i>Sept. 14, 1999</i>	<i>Submit Definitions and select more</i>	<i>country representatives</i>
<i>Sept. 14 - 17/99</i>	<i>Meeting at Tijuana (informal &amp; formal)</i>	<i>country representatives</i>
<i>Before June, 2000</i>	<i>Meeting in Canada</i>	<i>country representatives</i>

14. Approval of letterhead to be used by the committee. Distribution and printing. *Sarah Cornett designed a sample letterhead for the NAFTA committee to use. Subject to a few small changes it was adopted. The digital file will be distributed to each country's committee and each will print the few sheets necessary on a colour printer as needed.*

15. Curriculum of Accredited Schools. *Each country agreed to supply the others with the curriculum of their accredited schools or universities.*

16. Time and place of the next meeting. *Tijuana, Baja California, September 14th to 17th, 1999.*

17. Miscellaneous.