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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I was happy to see so many of you at our retrainer in Minocqua. With the assistance of our sponsors, Verizon Wireless and the American Military University we were able to provide exceptional training, opportunities for networking and socializing and facilitate a rather ambitious agenda at our annual membership meeting. As a member of the Executive Board I have had an opportunity to appreciate how much work and effort goes into putting on each event. I want to thank all of you that helped plan and facilitate the three days of training and activities. For those of you that were unable to attend I will briefly summarize a few of the topics discussed at our membership meeting.

By consensus of our membership we will be exploring moving the 2010 Winter Outing from Minocqua to the Lake Geneva area February 5-7.

As directed by the National Board we will be placing a renewed emphasis on providing training opportunities to our membership.

We have authorized an accounting audit of the 2008 Conference and our Chapter (currently underway).

The Executive Board has created a strategic plan identifying projects for the immediate future. Projects include the incorporation of the Chapter, creating standard operating procedures for all of our events and functions, investing conference proceeds creating an endowment for the Chapter, evaluating By-Law changes, the creation and involvement of a Past Presidents Committee to assist the Board in facilitating the strategic plan and the creation of a Training Committee to assist the Board in identifying and providing training opportunities.

Nominations were made and an election was held for the position of 2010 Historian. Kurt Picknell was elected. Congratulations Kurt!

In other news the National Board recently informed us that there has been a change in the National Association providing liability insurance coverage for our Chapter events. As a result we have made arrangements independent of the National Association to provide insurance for our up coming golf outing. We are unsettled as of the moment on what we will be doing for our fall shoot. We will be providing an event on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> that will include a training component and lunch. We will continue to evaluate the live fire component of the event and related insurance needs.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer season and look forward to seeing you at our up coming events.

Sincerely,

Dan

