# WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
# JAN 14, 1998 MEETING MINUTES

The Jan.14, 1998 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, Ia. with 33 persons present including 5 guests. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vern Hollman at 7:35 PM. Following the introduction of the guests and 2 new members, Past Presidents, and Honorary Members were recognized. The minutes of the Nov. 12, 1997 meeting were read and approved.

Dick Michael gave the treasurer's report showing a balance on hand as of Nov. 12,1997 of $598.44. There are currently 60 paid memberships for 97-98, and 21 Honorary Memberships.

Ken Albaugh reported for the Membership Committee, and indicated that he is seeing interest from the Electric Power sector.

Bob Crowley reported for the Library Committee reminding us of the opportunity to give memorials in the form of books for the libraries

There was no Old or New business.

The program Chairman for the February meeting is Nick DeJong, and the Spouses Night program will feature Carol Johnson who is the Director of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Libraries.

Chuck Angel is the program chairman for this meeting, and introduced Steve Finnegan, Director of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board to speak about the recreational trails in our area. The Cedar Valley Trail was one of the first trails in the state, and was built using private money donated from the Waterloo area, and donated labor from the Cedar Rapids area. The $1.1 M got the trails started, and we now have about 50 miles completed and 35 more miles planned in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls area.The Cedar Trails Partnership is an organization that assists in fund raising and organizes events such as the Trails Festival held here the last two years. Our trails are generally hard surfaced, and are 10 feet wide. Our trail system is now on the National Trail System register, and plans call for connecting with other trail systems to complete a state and and National network.

Mr. Finnegan answered several questions, and was presented a placque by Vern Hollman.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Haight, Secretary