WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY
FEB 11, 1998 MEETING MINUTES

The Feb. 11, 1998 Spouse's Night meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, Ia. with 37 persons present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vern Hollman at 7:33 PM. Following the introduction of guests and Spouses, new members Tim Boorom and Brian Carlson were welcomed. Past Presidents, and Honorary Members were recognized. The minutes of the Jan. 14, 1998 meeting were read and approved.

Dick Michael gave the treasurer's report showing a balance on hand as of Feb. 11,1998 of $670.20. There are currently 67 paid memberships for 97-98, and 21 Honorary Memberships. Library Memorials in the amount of $555.00 have been received.

There was no Old or New business.

The program Chairman for the March meeting is Ken Allbaugh, and the program will feature an update of Computer and Cable Technology in this area.

Chairman Hollman introduced Nick DeJong as Program Chairman for the evening, and he then introduced Carol French-Johnson who is the Director of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Public Libraries. She discussed the shared director concept and how the system operates. Savings of $35,000 and $50,000 respectively have been realized by the cities of Cedar Falls and Waterloo. The Cedar Falls Library has been on the cutting edge of technology in the computerized data access field including their own Web page. On-line index of information connects the two public libraries, the UNI library, and Hawkeye Community College library. Technology in the libraries today is driven by customer demand, and traditional functions such as retaining periodical magazines is being replaced by on-line access. The future course of libraries will be impacted by the growing popularity of Mega-book stores, Children's reaction to computers in place of Storybooks, and the public's perception that libtraries are not needed since so much information is now available on-line.

Mrs. Johnson answered several questions, and was presented a placque by Vern Hollman.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Haight, Secretary