WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

14 APRIL 1999 MEETING MINUTES

The 14 April 1999 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, IA with 53 members and 22 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Schoenfelder at 7:25 PM. Following introductions of guests, the past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. The minutes of the 10 March 1999 meeting were read and approved.

Lindy Linquist, chairperson of the Membership Committee, reported that 48 letters were sent to non-active members asking for payment of membership dues if they wished to retain their membership. Six people paid their dues and 6 asked to be removed from the membership rolls. Lindy also reported on behalf of the Honorary Membership Committee that Bob Tefft would be nominated for honorary membership on next month's election ballot.

No Treasurer's report was available.

Vern Hollman, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following ballot of officers for next year:

President	Chuck Angel
Vice President	Tim Boorom
Co-Secretary	Darrell Wright and Gene Hunck
Treasurer	Dick Michael and Donna Casey
Seargent-at-Arms	Gordon Licht
Membership Committee Chairperson	Nico DeJong

The ballots will be mailed to members by the end of April and voting will be completed at the May meeting.

Tim Boorom announced the 12 May 1999 meeting would be a program on home inspections. Dinner will be at Greenstreets Restaurant.

Darrell Wright, program chair for April, introduced the evening speaker Allen Schneider. Al presented a geography lesson on China to begin his presentation. Iowa's latitude is the same as northern China and China's land mass is about equal to the United States. Most of the agriculture is in the eastern part of China as it is very arid in the western part. Al showed a series of slides depicting some of the culture of China including temples, the Great Wall, train cars, agricultural fields, and Bejing. He also showed a typical meal in China served family style with the food on a lazy susan in the center of a round table. Many business relationships are formed around the dinner table.

Tractor technology in China came primarily from Russia in the 1950's and has not significantly changes since then. About 60% of the land in China is irrigated. Crops produced in China are similar to those produced in the United States including cotton, wheat, corn, and rice. China produces twice the tonnage of wheat, 60% of corn, 150% of cotton, and 25 times the tonnage of rice as the United States.

President Tim Schoenfelder adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Wright, CO-Secretary