WATERLOO TECHNICAL SOCIETY

12 MAY 1999 MEETING MINUTES

The 12 May 1999 meeting of the Waterloo Technical Society was held at Greenstreets Restaurant in Cedar Falls, IA with 36 members and 7 guests present. The meeting was called to order by President Tim Schoenfelder at 7:48 PM. Following introductions of guests, the past Presidents and Honorary Members were recognized. The minutes of the 14April 1999 meeting were read and approved.

Darrell Wright reported the following results of the election for 1999-2000 officers:

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

Darrell also announced that Bob Tefft was elected as an Honorary Member.

Dick Michael presented the Treasurer's report showing a balance of $801.74. There are currently 89 paid members for the 1998-1999 year compared to 78 at this time last year. We have 21 honorary members.

Cal Meyer, chairman of the Library Committee, announced that books had been purchased in memory of Jim Tucker and Craig Christie.

Tim Schoenfelder announced he is looking for volunteers to help research history of the founding of the Waterloo Technical Society in 1914. Anyone interested should contact Tim.

Keith Magalsky expressed appreciation to Tim for establishing the WTS web site. This was followed by a round of applause from those in attendance.

Tim Boorom, program chair for May, introduced the evening speaker Patrick Vollbrecht. Pat presented a very informative and entertaining program on home inspections. Pat said Iowa is a long ways from requiring home inspections during a real estate transaction, but some states do require it. Realtors are often reluctant to recommend inspections to their clients because the inspectors focus only on things that are wrong with the house and things that will cost the owner money to repair or replace. The inspection includes all mechanical systems, such as furnace and air conditioning, windows, doors, foundation, insulation, and electrical system. Pat recommended that everyone install a carbon monoxide detector and smoke detectors should be checked frequently for proper operation. Pat attended certification training 6 days a week for 4 weeks to obtain his inspector certificate. He also must send 3 inspections per year to the certification agency for critiquing. In spite of this, he is considering letting his certification expire because of the personal liability concern.

President Tim Schoenfelder adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Wright, CO-Secretary