



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE PLSO**

Location: **Roger Saddler's Hanger, Moraine Airpark, Ohio**      Date: **July 27, 2011**

**If you missed this meeting, you missed a lot!**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

President Stephen McCall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members and guests present:

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| Bill Boyer         | Jim Godsey            | Jerry Macy            | Roger Saddler           |
| Robert Davis       | Paul Gruner           | Stephen McCall, Pres. | Chris Schaeffer, Sec'y  |
| Kirk Diehl         | John P. Haley         | Josh Mihelcic         | Andy Shahan, Chap. Del. |
| Jim Dillon         | Bob Harmison          | Randy Norfleet        | Shawn Spencer           |
| William D. Edwards | Brian Hoblit          | Bill Petkewicz        | Ellsworth Szkudlarek    |
| William G. Edwards | Robert Hough          | Tom Poliquin          | Mike Treon              |
| Dean Fenton        | Jonathan Keller       | Luis Riancho          | Ryan Hillard, VP        |
| Melinda Gilpin     | Paul MacCallum, Treas | Jim Ruemping          | Mark Scholl             |

**\*\*Note: Members signed in as present earned 1.0 CPD hours at this meeting\*\***

**2. MEETING TOPIC: Shawn Spencer of Precision Laser & Instrument: State of the Industry: Surveying Equipment**

Mr. Spencer gave a 60 minute presentation on the state of the surveying industry and surveying equipment including:

- The status of the Light Squared proposal to construct 40,000+/- new cell towers nationwide using a frequency that will interfere with precision GPS equipment-including the potential drastic impacts on surveying, GPS controlled construction, air traffic and defense
- Lobbying efforts to prevent the FCC from granting the license & radio frequency to Light Squared including coalitions of interested parties such as surveying equipment vendors and the PLSO
- More information is available on the PLSO website
- Current scanning technology and equipment
- Marcellus shale natural gas development and the impact on Ohio surveyors

- GPS post-processing services available
- Training services available

### **Special Guest: Melinda Gilpin-Executive Director of PLSO**

Ms. Gilpin gave a presentation on state-wide issues including:

- The Light Square lobbying efforts
- New staff members at PLSO: Administrative and Financial Assistant Donna Bates and Communications Specialist Lynn Smith
- State House Bill 32 concerning who can provide surveying for on-site sewage disposal permit applications
- Statute of Limitations consideration in the State Senate
- Proposed bill to clarify the Right of Entry
- Fall Seminar October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Canton, Ohio
- 2 one-day CPD seminars: Marion on November 4, 2011 and Chillicothe on December 9, 2011
- Annual Conference in Columbus February 9-11, 2012

### **3. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- Motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2011 chapter meeting by Bill Edwards, seconded by Ryan Hillard. Motion carried.

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Chris Schaeffer, seconded by Tom Poliquin. Motion carried.

### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Finance Committee** – No Report
- **Tripod Committee** – Steve McCall reported on a successful Tripod golf tournament, a 4-man team scramble at Sugar Isle Golf Course on July 15, 2011. We had 74 golfers, many sponsors and deposited over \$1,000 into the Miami Valley Chapter's Scholarship Fund from the proceeds. The overall winner for low gross was the Norfleet Team. Fricker's provided food and assistance on the course. Many thanks to our sponsors and all the MVC PLSO members and PLSO staff who planned, worked and participated in this event. It's not too soon to start thinking about a team & sponsorships for next year!



- **Conference Committee** – Melinda Gilpin reported that she is working with the Dayton Marriot at 1414 South Patterson Blvd. for the Annual Conference to be hosted by the Miami Valley

Chapter in 2016. The Marriot has around 100,000 SF and is looking to increase the size of their facilities.

- **Education Committee** – No Report
- **Scholarship Committee** – The Committee consists of Andy Shahan, Ryan Hillard and Paul MacCallum. The Committee will make a report on candidate selection at the next chapter meeting.
- **State Executive Committee** – Andy Shahan reported on the proceedings of the PLSO Executive meetings, available on the members-only portion of the PLSO website, [www.ohiosurveyor.org](http://www.ohiosurveyor.org). There is a great deal of data in the minutes including legislative efforts, member information, budgets, staff re-organization and upcoming seminars and conferences. The Ohio Surveying News newsletters are also now published there, along with many past issues.

## 6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Recognition of Past President: Mark Scholl presented a plaque to Andy Shahan to commemorate his service to the Miami Valley Chapter.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Nomination Committee for 2012 Officers: Andy Shahan is looking for members interested in serving as the 2012 Treasurer. Andy will report names for nomination or ask for volunteers at the next chapter meeting.
- Bill Petkewicz reported that the number of people buying dinner at Christy's Catering has been declining, even though the average attendance at the meeting afterwards is 23 people for 2011. Since Christy's provides the meeting place free-of-charge in the expectation that they will sell a minimum of 20 dinners, and since the chapter is happy with the quality, variety and price of the meals & the meeting place, Steve McCall moved that the chapter guarantee 20 dinners (\$15/dinner) for each chapter meeting. The motion carried.

## 8. **NEXT MEETING:**

- The next meeting of the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO will be September 28, 2011 at Christy's Catering, cocktails starting at 6:00 pm dinner at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Poliquin, and seconded by Dean Fenton. Motion carried unanimously.