

Report on the PLSO Executive Committee Meeting

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President Don Pickenpaugh called the meeting to order and led devotions. President Pickenpaugh requested that NSPS Governor Robert Akins, a Vietnam Veteran, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance as the meeting was held on Veteran's Day.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was determined. The secretary's minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report was accepted for financial review. Four new members were accepted to PLSO.

Liaisons to the various state associations presented their reports. CEAO is currently working with the state board of registration to produce an opinion regarding the oversight and requirements for county tax map offices throughout the state, which will be shared with PLSO for opinions prior to being sent out statewide.

Dean Ringle presented a report on the State Line Committee which included photos of a monument reset on the Ohio Michigan border.

NSPS Governor Robert Akins discussed the restructuring of ACSM/NSPS into one organization, which will be completed by January 1, 2012. One of the member organizations – Geographic and Land Information Systems (GLIS) – announced it would not participate in the new organization, which will be named NSPS. The remaining member organization, American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) has requested to join with NSPS in an affiliate status for 2012 as talks continue for the merging of the two organizations.

Action: NSPS Governor Akins submitted a request for PLSO to join NSPS as a Sustaining Member for the 2012 membership year, citing that currently the state associations don't pay any type of fees to the National offices but do receive services – such as representation of surveyor's interests in the recent LightSquared debate. The EC voted to direct ED Gilpin to negotiate a membership with relevant benefits and authorized payment for the 2012 membership year. The membership will be re-evaluated at the end of 2012 for renewal.

Bud Payne made a presentation overviewing the Boy Scout surveying merit badge program and it's requirements. Planning is underway to offer that program at the statehouse on March 17, 2012 during the Survey USA event with a tentative time of 1 – 4 pm. More information will be available when plans have final approval from the statehouse.

The Program Committee will meet at the PLSO office on Monday, December 12. Reports on the upcoming conferences were made.

The EC approved the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

Delegates presented their chapter reports. Reports submitted in writing can be found on the chapter pages of the PLSO website.

President-Elect Dana Parsell reminded the EC that the nominations for Member of the Year and Surveyor of the Past are due on Friday, December 9, to him or the PLSO office for consideration. EC members will vote on the nominations at the January meeting.

ED Gilpin reported that the office staff has completed updating of all member records, and that the AFA, Donna Bates, has loaded and updated all member information into QuickBooks and created annual invoices for dues billing directly out of QuickBooks next year. Now we will have a complete record of a member's activity and payments, including dues, book orders, and attendance at a seminar, annual conference or workshop. ED Gilpin praised the efforts of AFA Bates, and indicated her appreciation for the hard work it took to complete this project. This was the original goal when the office finances were moved to the program in 2010, and ED Gilpin was pleased to report that AFA Bates has accomplished this task during the short time she has been with PLSO, while handling all other duties assigned to her and meeting all deadlines.

ED Gilpin reported that in early December, chapter delegates and past presidents will receive a report on potential dropping members for personal contact, and that unpaid members will be dropped by the constitutional deadline of Dec. 31. All dues invoices and notices have been sent on time this year per the directions in the PLSO constitution, and member updates and official drops will be sent to the chapters the first week of January.

ED Gilpin also reported that the last CPD workshop of the calendar year will be held in Chillicothe on Friday, December 16. The registration form was distributed to all in attendance and is available online on the PLSO website, as well as a link to online registration. PLSO members will not pay any additional fees for online registration as a benefit of their membership; non-members will pay all fees for online registration and credit card processing (which are paid directly to the registration company) in addition to the registration fee.

President Pickenpaugh reported on his many activities representing PLSO in recent weeks, including his attendance at the URISA conference, during which several sessions discussed the importance of surveyors in the GIS community. He and ED Gilpin will be representing PLSO at the upcoming Joint Societies meeting in November.