

THE WESTERN RESERVIST

The Western Reserve Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio

May 2013

2013 Executive Committee

President: Mike Hudik, PS

President Elect & Chapter Delegate: John Francis, PS

Treasurer: Eric Hodgkinson, PS

Secretary: Leslie Froelich, PS

Past President: Peter Bell, PE, PS

MAY 2013 MEETING

Wednesday, MAY 29th

Alexandri's Restaurant

2835 Medina Road

Medina, 44256

**(Northeast corner of I-71 and Rt 18
intersection)**

5:30 Happy Hour

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Meeting

Agenda for May 29th, 2013

- 1.0 Call to order 7:00 p.m.
 - 1.1 Determination of a Quorum
 - 1.2 Agenda Changes
- 2.0 Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes
- 3.0 Officer Reports
 - 3.1 State Delegate – John Francis
 - 3.2 Treasurer – Eric Hodgkinson
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
 - 4.1 Upcoming Events
- 5.0 Old Business
 - 5.1 NSPS Proposal
- 6.0 Committee Reports
 - 6.1 Education - Mike Besch
 - 6.2 Public Relations - All
 - 6.3 Membership - Bob Dorner
 - 6.4 Program Committee-John Francis
 - 6.5 Finance - Eric Hodgkinson
 - 6.6 Trigstar – Larry Shubat
- 7.0 New Business
- 8.0 Remarks for the Good of the Order
- 9.0 Adjourn

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 24TH, 2013 PLSO WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER MEETING

- 1.0 Call to Order –President Mike Hudik called the meeting to order at 7:07.
 - 1.1 Determination of a Quorum - A Quorum was determined with those in attendance being: Mike Hudik,

Peter Bell, Bob Dorner, John Francis, Leslie Froelich, Jack Gaydar, Joe Corall, Ann Besch, Mike Besch, Lee Dillworth, and Tim Briggs. Guests from other chapters were Jeff Green and Tom Snezak.

- 1.1 Agenda Changes – Tom Snezak was here to help clarify the important agenda item: a discussion about the upcoming vote regarding PLSO 100% membership in NSPS: please see below (item 3.1).
- 2.0 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes – Motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting by Bob Dorner, seconded by Peter Bell, motion passed.
- 3.0 Officer Reports
 - 3.1 State Delegate – Our chapter's President-Elect John Francis reports from the Executive Committee meeting. Mineral rights' transfer by the existing legal description was a new topic brought up, on which there will be further discussion at future meetings. The most important topic is the need to prepare for the decision regarding our organization's 100% membership in NSPS by the end of the year. The movement to a 100% membership of PLSO in NSPS will require a change to our constitution, so therefore: **Each member will be asked to vote on this matter by the end of the year, probably in November.**

Because an additional fee will be added to our PLSO membership dues, a ballot will be sent out to the entire membership for their vote on this topic by the end of the year.

There is a very good argument to be made for Ohio surveyors to belong to the national organization: NSPS. NSPS is the only group that would give **Ohio surveyors NATIONAL REPRESENTATION** in Washington, D.C.

Last year's defeat of LIGHT-SQUARED, which was not only very helpful but vital to surveyors who use GPS, was accomplished by the national group: NSPS. In short: Benefits to PLSO members of a unified national organization will include: **STRONGER INFLUENCE** in dealing with federal and state legislators and agencies; **GREATER RECOGNITION** among other professional organizations; and **INCREASED EFFICIENCY** in building on past, present and future initiatives to strengthen the surveying profession. (quoted from the Memorandum Of Understanding proposed by NSPS: see the PLSO website for further details and information).

- 3.2 Treasurer's Report – The balance in the chapter's checking account is \$8,137.54
- 4.0 Unfinished Business -
 - 4.1 Upcoming Events
 - 4.11 Possible Joint meeting with other chapters: We

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had Tom Snezak visit us today from the Cleveland Chapter to bring us an additional perspective for our discussion of the NSPS membership issue.

- 4.2 Next Month's Meeting: Will be held at a new venue for us: Alexandri's Restaurant in Medina. We hope to see many of our Medina County members there!

5.0 *Old Business* –

5.1 NSPS Proposal: See above discussion of the State Delegate's report under item 3.1

6.0 *Committee Reports* -

6.1 Education - Mike Besch reports that his student chapter hosted a very successful seminar on How a Professional behaves in Court last month under the generous auspices of Judges Teodosio at the Akron City Court building. Ann Besch spoke about the new book by surveyor and PLSO member Jim Williams called "Blazes, Posts and Stones" and about the concerted effort to preserve the Rufus Putnam land office in Steubenville. Please consult the PLSO website (ohiosurveyor.com) for more information about acquiring the book and about the preservation of this historical site in Ohio surveying history.

6.2 Public Relations – All members should be aware we need to encourage our colleagues to come to the chapter meetings and get more involved in PLSO.

6.3 Membership – Bob Dorner – No report

6.4 – Program Committee – No report

6.5 – Finance – Mike and Eric will discuss how our pending donation to the endowment created by Jack Gaydar will fit in to our next year's budget. (see below: item 7.1)

6.6 Trig-Star –Information about the TrigStar program is on the NSPS website

7.0 - *New Business* –

7.1 PLSO Western Reserve Chapter member Jack Gaydar, (owner of Medina County's Iron Pin Surveying) has created a scholarship and endowment in the memory of his late wife who was also his business partner. The endowment is called The Debora Lee Wootton Memorial Scholarship in Surveying and Mapping. The purpose is to help qualified, needy minority or female students become land surveyors by helping to fund their education at The University of Akron's Surveying program. Jack is concerned because the baby-boomers are retiring and the ranks of surveyors are thinning, and today's high-school students don't know any thing about surveying as a potential career choice for them; and he hopes to address the problem that there are so few females and minorities among land surveyors. This is the contact information you need to donate to this scholarship fund:

Ms. Luli's phone number is 330-972-7441 and her email address is: cluli@uakron.edu Please contact Jack, or the University, or come to a chapter meeting to discuss the Debora Lee Wootton Memorial Scholarship in Surveying and Mapping with you fellow chapter members, and Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 29th – Meeting at Alexandri's

June 26th – Budget Review meeting

July 24th – Baseline Meeting – Portage Lakes

August 28th – Winery Event

September 14th – Family Fall gathering,
Shady Hollow

October 30th – Regular meeting

November – no meeting

December 4th – Regular end of the year meeting

8.0 – *Remarks for the good of the Order* – none

9.0 Adjourn – Bob Dorner moved to adjourn; seconded by Peter Bell, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Gifts can be sent to Ms. Carin Luli, Director of Development
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