

Ohio Valley Chapter Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio

Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe & Washington Counties



Next Meeting

Belmont County GIS
44320 National Rd
St Clairsville, OH 43950
Thursday, Sep 26, 2013 – 7:00pm

Officers 2013

Cathy Bihlman - President
Don Kyer - Vice President
Vince Dowdle - Delegate
Jim Deitrick - Alt. Delegate
James Deitrick - Treasurer
Larry Gardner - Secretary

Minutes of July 25, 2013 Meeting

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio met on July 25, 2013 at JHA and Associates, 46770 National Rd., St. Clairsville, Ohio. Attending were members Cathy Bihlman, Don Kyer, Vince Dowdle, Dave Siembab and Don Pickenpaugh. The meeting was called to order by President Bihlman at 7:00 pm. Minutes of the May 23 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

- No report. Dues invoices have been emailed or mailed.

Delegate's Report

- Sufficient attendance at July 12, 2013 Executive Committee to act on sending Constitutional revisions to membership
- FY 2013 ended in the black for PLSO for the first time in a number of years
- New members: 4 reinstatements, 1 student; Also approved 1 retired, 3 life memberships (including Larry Gardner)
- Tom Snezek reported Cuyahoga County dual Doug Dillon no longer with the County; no dual on board at moment
- Computer Based Testing (CBT) legislation in committee hearings; Senate off for the summer
- Frank Snyder reported the Board considers fee transfer of mineral rights subject to Minimum Standards
- Bob Heidkamp reported the IN-OH monument knocked over again; design this year, hopefully construction next year
- Constitution Review complete; changes submitted to Executive Committee and approved for August member vote
- OSN is going to glossy magazine format; color surveying pictures requested from all members for OSN
- Bob Akins reported 25 states have signed an MOU, 11 are tweaking NSPS 100% membership plan
- Bob called for a vote of the EC resulting in 19 FOR, 3 OPPOSED to the NSPS plan
- Trig-Star winners were announced; 7 Chapters sponsored the test at 8 high schools
- Annual Conference 2014 will be at Kalahari; InterContinental paid PLSO \$10k cancellation fee
- Fall Seminar at Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark Oct. 10-11; registration is online
- Rocky Lomano reported 6 applicants were awarded scholarships: 3 - \$2k at University of Akron; 2 - \$1k at OSU
- Frank Snyder reported up to \$8,000 was made available for scholarships, and now more has been awarded than in the original fund
- The consensus of the EC is that job postings should remain under the Members Only section of the web site as a member benefit as opposed to the public sections
- Ann Besch reported 14 students have been graduated from U of A; need more students for upcoming year
- Ann expressed thanks to PLSO members attending the Fort Steuben Community Days June 3-4; the best PLSO turn out in 10 years of representing surveying at the event; Mike, Ann and Bob Akins were in colonial outfits
- President Hofmann and President-Elect Bingham attended the unveiling of the section stone at Fort Steuben 6/3
- President Hofmann recommended visiting the Fort; a blockhouse is dedicated to surveying; looking at permanent displays
- Executive Director Melinda Gilpin received a round of applause following praise from Financial Administrator Donna Bates as a great person to work for

Continuing Professional Development Committee.

- Dave Siembab reported he is checking with John Zuspan, speaker on railroads, (aka The Track Guy) for CPDs.

Old Business

- It was decided an August picnic would not pan out unless a CPD offering was included, so there will be no picnic this year.

New Business

- Don offered to answer any questions on Constitutional items up for vote in August.
- Members asked for updated files of scanned survey plats for Belmont County. Previous scans were not located in the correct township. The county is working on growing a web-accessible shapefile with scans in the correct position.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm Thursday, September 26 at the Belmont County GIS Office, 44320 National Road, St. Clairsville.

Don Pickenpaugh for Larry Gardner, Secretary