

**MINUTES OF THE
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF OHIO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location: **COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL, SEMINAR "B"**
Date: **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions ó Rion Myers
 - *President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.*
 - *President Myers led the attendees in devotions.*
 - 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - *President Myers led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
 - 1.2 Introduction of Visitors ó Rion Myers
 - *Mr. John Greenhalge, Executive Director of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, was present for a special presentation.*
 - 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Beth Pearson, Chapter President, attended to represent the Western Reserve Chapter, James Myers the Treaty Lands Chapter, Ann Besch the University of Akron Chapter, and Justin Ginnetti the Ohio State University Chapter. Existing Alternate Delegates present were Andy Shahan, Miami Valley Chapter and Larry Gardner, Ohio Valley Chapter.*
 - 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
 - *Roll Call was taken. 6 of 6 Officers, 15 of 20 Delegates, and 2 Immediate Past Presidents were present at the beginning of the meeting. (Chapters not represented after late arrivals were Northwest Ohio, Scioto Valley, and Thomas Hutchins. Past Presidents in attendance were Dean Ringle, Frank Snyder, Jr. and A.J. Myers.)*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin and Assistant Executive Director Jones were present.*
 - *It was determined that there was a quorum.*
 - 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *No agenda changes were made.*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for November, 2010 ó Don Pickenpaugh
 - ***A motion to accept the minutes for November, 2010 was made by Dave Bodo and seconded by George Hofmann. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.***
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for October, November and December, 2010 ó Dana Parsell
 - *A copy of the October, 2010 Treasurer's Report was distributed. The November and December reports were not completed.*
 - *Expectations for the Fall Seminar were exceeded, with revenue 13% over projected income.*
 - *Melinda added that overall 2010 was a good year with revenue a little above and expenditures close to projected values.*
 - *Rion accepted the Treasurer's Report for October, 2010, subject to audit.*
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
 - 4.1 Surveyor of the Past Plaques - Barb Jones
 - *Barb has received no further word from Jeff about completion of plaques.*
 - 4.2 Website Proposal ó Melinda Gilpin
 - *On Monday there will be information posted about an optional Friday night activity at the Annual Conference.*
 - *The "Find a Surveyor" function will list members who are members in multiple Chapters in each Chapter's listing. If you are not listed and want to be, fill out the*

required form and submit it to the PLSO Office.

- *Chapter activities can be posted by submitting a pdf with event details to the PLSO Office.*

4.3 Soil Scientists Issues ó Dean Frederick

4.31 *Special Presentation by John Greenhalge concerning proposed legislation by Representative Ron Amstutz (R) 3rd District to amend 4733*

- *We have been involved since about August with surveying related to the design of on-site waste water treatment systems.*
- *We met with Rep. Amstutz of Wayne County, two constituents and the Health Department.*
- *We were unable to come to an agreement.*
- *We have met with Health the last couple of months. The sticking point seems to be contours, overlaying GIS layers and showing distances, improvements, property lines and monuments.*
- *Health believes registered sanitarians and unlicensed individuals - plot mappers, designers and installers - are able to do this work.*
- *As a last resort we offered mortgage surveys. Their issue is cost. Legislation was threatened.*
- *Wednesday legislation was proposed. We received a memo that day with the legislation.*
- *The Board has no formal position on this yet. I am giving my view tonight.*
- *The Board meets Wednesday January 19 (next week).*
- *The bill is not as bad as we thought it could be. The bill is not good, but there are a couple of things on the plus side.*
- *One, it's very specific to septic systems, similar to landscape architects and parks.*
- *Two, it's tied to the rules.*
- *It will be difficult to beat this bill. A bill can go through, be amended or die.*
- *It's a stand-alone bill, not dropped into the budget bill.*
- *There is a groundswell of opposition to septic rules, plus the belief surveying will increase the cost.*
- *The mapping work has to be done, whether by a surveyor or someone else. Someone will do the work, and not for free.*
- *Our concern is for the public and consumer. It's a shifting of costs, e.g., what if a system encroaches on a different lot, or what if it's used for other construction in the future (pool, garage, fence, etc.).*
- *Rep. Amstutz is Chair of the Budget Committee. The Board has to go to Rep. Amstutz for funding, so that's difficult.*
- *Other things to consider - definition of surveying, right of entry, upcoming budget.*
- *It seems sanitarians go to the tax map office, get a survey map, argue they have a sealed survey map, and overlay it with a sketch.*
- *There is a legal concern. First talk to your attorney to see if you can do an overlay. Second, make sure the owner is correct. Third, talk to the engineer or surveyor and make sure it's OK with them and that there are no special requirements people are unaware of. Fourth, the design is entire. Lastly, clearly identify your work and sign and seal it.*
- *This topic will be part of the Board meeting Wednesday.*
- *\$2000-\$3000 per project is not a realistic number. The reasoning being used is not correct.*
- *What to do? Homes do not have to be designed by architects or PE's. Should this be an exemption?*
- *This has been going on for years, and it's claimed 80-90% of the time a surveyor is involved and it hasn't been a problem. So why cut surveyors out now?*
- *Frank S - The issue came to the Board - we didn't look for it. We tried to work with Health on a compromise, such as using existing contours versus creating contours. There is some ambiguity on requiring surveying for conveyancing purposes. The legislation should be proposed for 4733.18, Exemptions, showing the work can be isolated from adjoining owners or property boundaries, and is only for preparing plans and installing the system. A lot of counties currently require surveys. Could we befriend Rep. Amstutz, and suggest*

- *some changes that we would like to clarify the practice of surveying?*
- *Dean Ringle - We are in a difficult position. You can't argue with the newspaper - they control the ink - or with legislators - they can just make a new law. We don't want to tick people off. We want to live to fight another day.*
- *Dean Frederick - Wondered about dealing with another profession - certified sanitarians.*
- *John G - Most sanitarians we are dealing with now are county employees. Perhaps contacting their association would be a good idea.*
- *Dean F - Could this go into the certified sanitarians category so it's not just wide open to anybody?*
- *John G - Sanitarians are licensed. They way the language is now anyone can do the work. They are not licensed or insured, or could go out of business.*
- *Bob Akins - Could this issue be looked at as MLI's are? If we give a little now, more could be expected tomorrow. An MLI of few hundred dollars contrasts to a \$2000-\$3000 claim.*
- *John G - We did this but it was not accepted. It would be a good compromise.*
- *Bob A - Using machine control systems with a rover by installers is a concern.*
- *AJ - Changing rules without input from us is concerning. Once compromise starts, where does it stop? Also, most owners have a survey map of their property in their possession anyhow. Could this be used somehow?*
- *Frank S - Many system designs do have a survey. A small percentage would not.*
- *AJ - Argue that in reality the cost would be very small.*
- *Frank S - Communicate that most have a survey that could be used.*
- *Rion - How can we reach people to accomplish compromise?*
- *John G - Favors having Melinda, a Board member and someone from PLSO to meet with the Representative and try to explain the situation without other influences present.*
- *Dean R - It would be political suicide to fight to the death and try to kill the bill. Try to have a meeting with the Representative. The issue will have to come up sometime.*
- *John G - Money is going to be paid to someone, whether licensed or not. Boundary disputes - we take the calls and there are a lot of them (no statistics kept), - go on for years. Designers, sanitarians, installers were not upset and understood why a surveyor should be involved. Write a letter of concerns. Take the high road. Keep trying to work it out.*
- *Jim K - This issue is not new in Wayne County - it came up about 25 years ago. What was being accepted was well below the standards of the written requirements. We have to look at the rules, else we won't win just looking at the cost argument.*
- *Bob A - GIS maps of property overlays are often many feet off. Using this method is bothersome. We should meet with the Representative but we should not go from a position of weakness.*
- *Rion - Rep. Amstutz seems to be getting one side of the story only and the other side has his ear. If we try to go around him, it will make things worse down the road.*
- *John G - We have no history with Rep. Amstutz in past years. We should reach out versus go around.*
- *John G - The bill is a copy of last year's to JCARR for technical review only.*
- *Frank S - The Board is bound to enforce the law. We are not willing to let others practice surveying. Maybe this approach would work.*
- *Larry G - It was said the bill is toned down - is that an indication there is hope?*
- *Melinda - It is toned down from what ODH wanted.*
- *John G - We were surprised how hard-nosed the approach was. We have made some headway, given he has since asked for comments. Rules are key to how far they can practice. We are not in a position of total weakness. The Board budget is a concern. There is some incentive for him to work with us.*
- *Melinda - We have an uphill battle with the Committee. John has been extremely reasonable and articulate. We need to be willing to be reasonable. Some emails (not from our members) have not been professional and courteous. Melinda asked what our position should be, and how it should be communicated to the membership.*

- *Bob M - Take the high road. Remember our oath. Keep the health and safety of citizens in mind. That's why we are registered professionals, and these are our concerns.*
- *Jim D - Would now be a good time to get the statute of limitations in effect so surveys cannot be used forever and ever?*
- *Melinda - We have a strong legislative agenda - statute of limitations, right of entry, definition of surveying, moving tax maps to auditors, PS requirement for County Engineers. Possibly could be at the Senate level after House approval for inserting changes we want. Some bills never get out of committee.*
- *Rion - We will get a letter to the Board for Wednesday's meeting.*
- *Dana - Why is Rep. Amstutz involved?*
- *John G - We got a complaint about two individuals from Wayne County; one is a county employee doing this on the side. This septic issue has been a problem for years. A unified approach is best.*
- *Melinda - We will write a civil letter to Rep. Amstutz. We will work with Sen. Niehaus. If the bill gets to the Senate, we can ask Sen. Niehaus to amend it, drop in our definition, and conclude the matter.*
- ***Bryan Ellis moved to draft a gracious letter to Rep. Amstutz. If there is no action, then contact Sen. Niehaus as necessary.***
- *Melinda will cc the letter to the State Board.*
- ***Jim Donathan seconded the motion.***
- ***The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.***
- *Rion expressed the need to communicate to PLSO members the need to present a joint, unified stance.*
- *An email will be sent to Delegates to communicate this to Chapter members.*
- *Rion thanked John Greenhalge for attending. The Special Presentation ended at 7:30 PM.*
- 4.4 Statue of Limitations - Rose Coors
 - *Language consists of about a paragraph and a half. We question if now is the appropriate time to seek legislation, with the septic issue at the forefront.*
- 4.5 N/A
- 4.6 Legal Description Question - Bob Akins
 - *Bob Akins presented a survey plat which shows a tie to a center of section, with bearing and distance diagonally to the description's point of beginning. The reference bearing is based on State Plane Coordinate calculations. Such plats are being turned down in Columbiana County as the tie does not follow existing lines (e.g., section lines) or centerlines.*
 - *The question is if this is a violation of minimum standards, or just poor practice.*
 - *Existing monument pairs with GPS coordinates are generally ignored as they are not dense enough for practical use.*
 - *The general consensus was that if this practice complies with county conveyance standards, it does not seem to be a violation of minimum standards, but neither is it good practice.*
 - *Bob will relay discussion points to the county verbally at this time.*
- 4.7 Request for Support of FIG Congress Representative
 - *ACSM's student representative for the US apparently has to find the funds to attend the conference in Morocco in May, 2011.*
 - *Rion felt PLSO should do its part to support attendance. A suggestion was made to offer a pledge toward the cost of \$5,200 for registration, transportation and lodging.*
 - *Some were curious to know the degree of ACSM's financial support, if any.*
 - *A decision will be made in March. A contribution can come from the Inter-association line item.*

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members - Bob Akins

- *Bob presented three names for Professional, two names for Associate, three names for Student status, and six names for Reinstatement.*
3 Professional - Jeremy P. Evans, Southwestern

- 2 Associate - *Lawrence E. Leso, Out-of-State*
Jerry B. Weininger, Congress Lands
Jeremiah D. Upp, Central Ohio
- 3 Student - *Benjamin P. Kearns, Western Reserve*
Jake A. Korngable, University of Akron
Brant Mercer, OSU
- 6 Reinstatement - *Jessica S. Potter, University of Akron*
Todd L. Blazsek, Thomas Hutchins
Robert A. Bosworth, Central Ohio
Ruth Campbell, Cincinnati
Corey S. Graham, Central Ohio
Jason McConnaughey, Southwestern
David E. Zofko, Central Ohio

Motion to Accept the New Professional, Associate and Student Members and Reinstatement of Former Members by Bob Akins

Second by Bryan Ellis

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees

- *Bob referred to the list of three candidates for Affiliate membership.*
- 3 Affiliate - *Mark Suedkamp, ASKEGA*
David J. Laird, Out-of-State
John B. Laird, Out-of-State

Motion to Accept the New Affiliate Members by Bob Akins

Second by Brian Bingham

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees

- *Ms. Potter is a student at the U of A branch in Lorain.*

5.2 Surveyor of the Year - Brett Tieben

- *Brett announced that ballots were counted and Dave Bodo, Sr., PS, is the winner of the Surveyor of the Year honor.*
- *Rion offered congratulations, and Dave expressed he was honored to have been selected.*

5.3 Surveyor of the Past - Brett Tieben

- *Brett summarized the biography of Ahaz Merchant who will be named as Surveyor of the Past.*
- *Mr. Merchant (1794-1862) was nominated by the Cleveland Chapter and was active in the early surveying activities in the Cleveland area and Cuyahoga County.*

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates

6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle

- *Dean announced that Melissa Miller has been appointed to fill the remaining term of the Jackson County Engineer, who retired at the end of November. Ms. Miller is the first female County Engineer in Ohio, and was previously Chief Deputy.*
- *Various groups are asserting themselves with the idea that PE/PS credentials are not needed.*
- *Cuyahoga County eliminated the County Engineer via Charter government and has assigned half of the surveying duties to the Fiscal Officer.*
- *Yesterday a bill was introduced specifying requirements for County Recorder. Yet there is movement to reduce credentials for offices needing a PE or PS, or even to be elected.*
- *The aim of the County Commissioners seems to be to assume control over and eliminate the other elected official capacities in county government in the name of saving money.*
- *Rion heard they want to take the tax map function from the County Engineer and put it*

under the County Auditor.

- *Dean mentioned funding the tax map function from the Auditor's Real Estate Assessment Fund and not the General Fund is OK, but unless the Auditor hires a PS, this is unacceptable.*
- *The new ODOT Director is a PE/PS, and 9-10 of 12 District Deputy Directors are PE's. This is a positive trend in the eyes of County Engineers.*
- *There is much activity afoot to eliminate the role of local elected officials. We have not been good sales people and we need to promote both of our professions more.*

6.2 ODOT - Jim Kenyon

- *The new Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Registration regarding setting and maintaining monuments was completed in October.*
- *ODOT monumentation procedures are updated. Both are on the ODOT website.*
- *ODOT is pleased with the accomplishments made in this area in the past year.*
- *ODOT is working on updating the Surveying Manual, with a draft expected in February for internal review. A final document is expected by late spring or early summer.*
- *ODOT morale is up with the appointment of the new Director who is a PE/PS.*
- *Melinda asked that PLSO be informed when the document is ready for release so a link could be posted on the PLSO web site, and Jim agreed.*

6.3 State Board of Registration - Melinda Gilpin

- *Melinda will be attending the Board's next meeting Wednesday, January 19.*
- *Dean Ringle announced that the appointment of Frank Snyder, Jr. to the Board was confirmed by the Senate during the last week of December.*
- *County Engineer Bert Dawson was not reappointed. Dean R. commented this is this first time in recent history that a County Engineer has not been on the Board.*
- *However, a Deputy County Engineer is on the Board.*

6.4 OGRIP - Stu Davis

- *Melinda received documentation from OGRIP on several of their initiatives, and will email the same.*
- *Don noted it covered previous OSIP and LBRS initiatives, and includes a newer State-Owned Real Estate Project initiative which would be of interest to us.*
- *Rion was in touch with Jeff Smith of OGRIP by telephone. Jeff is interested in the surveying community's input for a survey being conducted of users of geospatial data in Ohio.*
- *Don noted the OGRIP Council is providing the survey to gain input for strategic planning. Although many questions may not apply to land surveying, there is opportunity to enter comments that surveying should be a stronger component of GIS in Ohio.*
- *Bob Heidkamp asked if this survey was similar to the GIS County Profiles.*
- *Don said it is not the same survey, and that although many questions are tailored for GIS users, this is a good opportunity for surveyor input.*
- *Rion mentioned that this may be a starting point for building relations and better communication with the GIS community.*
- *Dean Ringle agreed that they need to hear from surveyors. Surveyors should be technical experts in GIS, despite some ideas that surveyors are not needed in GIS.*
- *The survey link will be emailed to Delegates (along with other items), who can then pass it along to Chapter members.*
- *Rion said this is a good opportunity for us to participate in and offer input.*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action ó Dean Frederick

- *Dean reported the Political Action Fund has seen no activity for November and December, and the balance remains \$3,227.85.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

Brad was at the Indiana Annual Conference, and there were no other reports for Standards.

- 7.121 Preservation of Centerline and Right-of-Way Monumentations
- 7.122 Minimum Standards for Plat Revisions
- 7.123 GPS Standards ó Jim Kenyon
- 7.124 FEMA Flood Mapping
- 7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle
 - *The Annual Report has been submitted.*
 - *A monument which had been missing almost 40 years was found on the Michigan line. It was found damaged, and has been repaired.*
 - *A second Michigan monument was also repaired.*
 - *A stolen stone index was found and recovered on the Pennsylvania line; another was also found and reset.*
 - *One Michigan line Governor's monument suffered hit-and-run damage, and will need repair.*
 - *Dean thanked Bob Heidkamp, Ted Hubbard and Bill Breyshaw of the Hamilton County Engineer's Office for moving to protect the 1838 IN-OH monument, one of three originals on that line. They are looking at options.*
- 7.14 Historic Review ó Mike Besch
 - *Not in attendance and No Report.*
- 7.2 Newsletter Editor ó PLSO Staff
 - *Melinda said the OSN is on its way with Annual Conference information. The next edition will be after the Conference. She encouraged Delegates and members to be more active in submitting good articles.*
- 7.3 NSPS Governor - Robert Akins
 - *Governor Akins gave a report on the recent ACSM Conference in Orlando.*
 - *He supplied a handout with highlights from the event.*
 - *As mentioned by Governor Besch, there were many meetings over the three days.*
 - *A Structure Committee was one of two committees formed in the wake of NSPS's decision to withdraw from ACSM in April, 2010.*
 - *A September report noted two big problems plaguing the surveying profession include lack of awareness and lack of perceived value.*
 - *There is a negative stereotype of the word "surveyor" accompanied by a lack of understanding of what a surveyor does, many times confusing landscaping with land surveying.*
 - *There are high levels of internal competition among surveyor organizations and engineer organizations.*
 - *A Strategic Planning Committee report identified the positive and negative impacts on NSPS by withdrawing from ACSM. Action in the next six months will determine the direction NSPS will go.*
 - *NSPS comprises over 90% of ACSM. ACSM has the programs, staff and infrastructure to support NSPS programs, so it's not a "us vs. them" situation.*
 - *The next Conference will take place in July in conjunction with the ESRI Conference in San Diego. Afterwards the financial picture should become clearer.*
 - *A \$100k gain was expected from the Conference, but a \$100k loss was realized instead. There were about 200 full registrants. Years ago there were not state and local conferences as there are today. Book sales are down, realizing half of \$70,000 revenue expected.*
 - *Michigan has gone from 1,100 to 500 members since 2006. We are fortunate in Ohio.*
 - *Some surveyors are finding it difficult to afford continuing education; scholarships are being considered to subsidize those in need.*
 - *The CST program is important as many businesses and governments look for people with CST credentials.*
 - *We could do more in Ohio with the Trig-Star program.*
 - *Lobby day scheduling is a problem.*

- *A railroad monumentation act is drawn up. One use of stimulus money could be to survey abandoned rail. NSPS is considering how to best effect legislation.*
- *Bob's feeling is surveying business is about half of what it used to be.*
- *There will be cuts to the USGS budget at the national level.*
- *The new ALTA standards are good for us. They go into effect February 23, the date of the Festival of Terminalia in honor of Terminus, Roman god of surveying, who protected boundary markers.*
- *A promotional event called "Survey USA" will be held March 19 across the US, including AL and HI. This is a prelude to National Surveyors Week, which starts the following week.*
- *News clips are encouraged to be provided to local newspapers.*
- *The goal is to GPS a local point for publicity - something the public sees every day.*
- *All observations are to be at 11:00 AM Montana time for 30 minutes. Debbie Anderson, the NSPS Governor from Montana, is spearheading this project.*
- *March 19 is also the date of the certificate presentation at the State House.*
- *NSPS dues increase automatically by 3% each year. This was set up as it was felt a small annual increase would be more palatable than a major increase after several years. The Board of Directors overrode a recommendation by the Governors to reevaluate this policy.*
- *The idea that if you are a PLSO member you are also required to be a NSPS member was turned down.*
- *Melinda serves on the national joint membership committee consisting of three state executives and three Governors. She added that NSPS wants PLSO to pay NSPS dues for each PLSO member up front, and then PLSO must recover that amount from the membership. She has expressed her opposition to this concept.*
- *Bob passed around a medallion and certificate marking the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scout Merit Badge. Bob is donating the medallion to the PLSO benefit auction.*
- *Money was donated to the four corners project.*
- *The National Museum of Surveying in Springfield, IL is now open; a flyer was passed around.*
- *Rion thanked Bob for taking on the role of NSPS Governor and its duties.*
- 7.31 Trig-Star ó Pat Leonhardt
 - *Pat reminded Delegates that the time is close to administer the Trig-Star exam - March to mid-April.*
 - *Contact Pat or Melinda for a Trig-Star package.*
 - *Pat has to submit a report to NSPS by the first of May.*
 - *Rion asked that an email be sent out and encouraged members to participate.*
- 7.32 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt
 - *There is interest in the exam in southeast Ohio.*
 - *A proctor who is a disinterested party must administer the CST exam. This means employers and people in the same company are excluded. Chapter members would be good proctors.*
 - *The exam can be taken online or on paper.*
- 7.33 Geocaching Coordinator - Robert Akins
 - *No activity to report.*
- 7.4 Standing Committees
 - 7.41 Program ó Dean Frederick
 - *Rion relayed updates from Melinda in Dean's absence.*
 - 7.411 Annual Conference Updates
 - 2011 - Cleveland Chapter ó 2/9-2/12 - John Hoy, Chapter Conference Chair
 - *Over 200 are registered so far, about the same as at this time last year.*
 - *Melinda visited last week and met with the committee and the hotel.*
 - *George reiterated things are all set and ready to go.*

- *A replacement speaker has been arranged from the Cleveland Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity.*
- *The registration fee is lower this year. There is no banquet.*
- 2012 - Central Ohio Chapter ó Kevin Stacy, Chapter Conference Chair
 - *The facility is signed. Speakers are being contacted.*
 - *Location is the Conference Center at NorthPointe, the old Nationwide training facility north on US 23.*
- 2013 - Cincinnati & Southwest Chapter ó Rose Coors, Chapter Conference Co-Chair
 - *The final contract with the Sharonville Convention Center has been signed.*
 - *Rose added they are brainstorming for suggested topics.*
- 7.412 Fall Seminar Updates
 - 2011 - Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Bob Akins
 - *The facility contract is signed and the program is at about 95%.*
 - 2012 - Toledo Chapter ó Pat Leonhardt
 - *A meeting in November focused on speakers and topics.*
 - *Dave Andrus is working with Melinda on some interesting topics.*
 - 2013 - Available
 - *Jim mentioned the new ASKEGA Chapter President is kicking the idea around.*
- 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
 - *Bob composed a questionnaire that will be handed out at the Conference.*
 - *A request has been received by some out-of-state members requesting consideration for forming a Chapter in their area.*
 - *The PLSO Constitution requires Chapters be within the State of Ohio. A change in the Constitution would be required.*
 - *There is concern that such action may be detrimental to PLSO's good relationship with societies in those states.*
 - *The request is not from a neighboring or nearby State.*
 - *Melinda suggested the Membership Committee could review the request and come back with a recommendation.*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *No report.*
- 7.44 Education ó Dean Frederick
 - *The State Board did vote on some of the coursework for the 24 hour credits at the November meeting.*
 - *Ohio University is questioning why some of their courses were not approved.*
 - *There will be more discussion at Wednesday's Board meeting.*
- 7.45 Legislation - A. J. Myers
 - *Legislation issues had been adequately discussed earlier in the meeting.*
- 7.46 Finance - Paul Dinan
 - *No additional items.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council ó Dean Frederick
 - *No additional items.*
- 7.48 Scholarship ó Rocky Lomano
 - *The Scholarship Committee received a letter from the OSU student Chapter officers and was also signed by Dr. Merry, Mr. Ringle and Mr. Mergel.*
 - *The Chapter is requesting PLSO to change the scholarship guidelines as there is no longer a four-year geomatics program being offered to new students.*
 - *The current rule specifies a goal of at least three \$2,000 scholarships to students enrolled in a four-year bachelors program and a goal of at least three \$1,000 scholarships for fulltime students in a two-year associates program.*
 - *This year we awarded three \$2,000 scholarships and no \$1,000 scholarships.*
 - *The OSU Chapter requests changes so students pursuing the minor in surveying are*

- *eligible for scholarships.*
 - *They recommend a goal of at least two \$2,000 scholarships for fulltime students enrolled in a four-year bachelor's program, a goal of at least two [\$1,000] scholarships for fulltime students enrolled in a surveying minor program, and a goal of at least two \$1,000 scholarships for fulltime two-year students.*
 - *This would apply to post-secondary educational institutions other than OSU, such as ONU or maybe OU.*
 - *Rion noted the Chapter's arguments are valid. We have an opportunity to continue and increase student Chapters, and to support dual registration.*
 - *Rocky noted some committee sentiment included discomfort at reducing the number of four-year scholarships, and sentiment that perhaps those in a minor should compete for the \$1,000 scholarships instead of the \$2,000 amounts.*
 - *Melinda said the guidelines are available on the web site. Any changes approved by the EC will be forwarded to the Columbus Foundation and implemented this year.*
 - *Dean Ringle added there are probably two years left in the surveying degree program. He felt the three scholarship categories helped to differentiate among the four-year, minor and two-year associates programs. The scholarships should be limited to those in a Civil Engineering major with the surveying minor, as per Board requirements for sitting for the exam.*
 - *OSU wanted to eliminate small degree programs, and surveying was just one of maybe 40 small degree programs eliminated. The Civil Engineering Department is supporting the surveying minor program.*
 - *Bob Mergel mentioned an increase in a demand for surveying courses in the past five or so years. They fought very hard for a major, but that went nowhere*
 - *If action were taken tonight, there would be time to implement the changes for upcoming scholarships.*
 - *Rocky recommended a motion to accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.*
 - ***Frank made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.***
 - ***Dean Ringle seconded the motion with the qualification that students had to be enrolled in the Civil Engineering program with a minor in surveying.***
 - ***The motion passed with one opposing vote.***
 - *The Scholarship Fund Board evaluates the amount of funds available and determines how many scholarships are awarded.*
 - *None applied for the \$1,000 scholarships last year, but several applied for the \$2,000 award.*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board ó Frank Snyder
- *Frank noted the report states a balance of \$78,028.00.*
 - *Frank urged support and donations for the upcoming Benefit Auction, including the purchase of items at the Benefit Auction.*
- 7.50 Management Review ó Rion Myers
- *No report.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

8.1 ASKEGA Chapter ó Jim Donathan

- *Written Report Submitted. Check the PLSO web site for a January 31, 2011 seminar.*

8.2 Central Ohio Chapter ó Brian Bingham

- *Written Report Submitted. Fairfield County is requiring setting of pins for easements. The concern is these pins could be easily confused with boundary pins along a five foot lot line easement. George mentioned a municipality in Cuyahoga County requires easement corners in a subdivision to be pinned with a different cap. Frank said the idea is to assess more taxes for a double use - on the owner and the user of the easement. Rion said this*

- should be an agenda item for future discussions.*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.4 Cleveland Chapter ó George Hofmann
 - *Written Report Submitted. The Chapter's annual meeting will be January 27 with installation of officers. Tim Feller will be honored as member of the year.*
 - 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King
 - *Report not submitted. At tomorrow's annual meeting there will be installation of officers.*
 - 8.6 Firelands Chapter ó Tim Riley
 - *Written Report Submitted. Officers have been installed.*
 - 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter ó Andy Shahan
 - *Written Report Submitted. Next meeting is January 26 when officers will be installed.*
 - 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter ó Lynn Snyder
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter ó Rob Lowe
 - *Written Report not submitted as there was no December meeting.*
 - 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter -
 - *Not in attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter ó Justin Ginnetti
 - *Written Report to be submitted tomorrow morning.*
 - 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter ó Larry Gardner
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter ó George Seymour
 - *Not in attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *The Chapter's December 13 eight hour seminar on local survey customs had 64 attending, which helps fund the scholarship program. Rose thanked A.J. for making the drive.*
 - *A quick survey of why people attended showed the main reason was the topic.*
 - *A Boy Scout merit badge challenge for four high schools in the next two months is in the works.*
 - 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter - John Francis
 - *Not in Attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.16 The University of Akron Student Chapter ó Ann Besch
 - *The Chapter is meeting this week. Eleven students will be at the Conference and will be available for helping out as needed.*
 - 8.17 Toledo Chapter ó Bryan Ellis
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.18 Treaty Lands Chapter ó James Myers
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - 8.19 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter ó Dave Bodo
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *A joint banquet with the Western Reserve Chapter will be tomorrow night. The Director from the Akron-Canton Airport will be guest speaker.*
 - 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter ó Beth Pearson
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Ann provided a flyer on "Military Surveying: Then and Now" announcing an eight hour seminar set for Saturday, June 11 at the Ohio National Guard Armory, Newton Falls. The Chapter is establishing a relationship with the Ohio National Guard 290th Surveying Detachment based at the Ravenna Arsenal. The Unit will be deployed to Afghanistan late summer. Profits from the seminar will go to the Unit's Family Readiness Group. There is a 40 person limit for the current facility. Security measures will be in place. Barb will post the event on the PLSO web site.*

9.0 President-Elect's Report of Brett Tieben

- *Brett announced he will be taking a new job which involves shift work, so he will not be able to serve as President as he will not be able to attend the meetings. Brett did not feel it was fair to PLSO to retain the position of President and not be able to put the necessary time into the position.*
- *Rion noted the PLSO Constitution states that in this situation the Secretary shall fill the remaining term of the President-Elect. The Secretary will then be sworn in as President.*
- *Rion wished Brett well in his responsibilities as a husband and father of four children.*
- *Rion appointed George Hofmann to the vacated Secretary position.*
- *Rion expressed confidence in both men and thanked them for stepping up to the plate.*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report of Melinda Gilpin and Barb Jones

- *Melinda had nothing more to add as the meeting served as an example of the many things with which they have been busy.*
- *Barb asked Chapters to send in their Annual Reports listing new officers and when terms begin so PLSO knows when to change to whom Chapter communications are addressed.*
- *Barb reminded everyone to sign tonight's sign-in sheet.*
- *Jim Kenyon asked for a report on how the workshop in Marion turned out December 10.*
- *Melinda said it was very successful, with 96 registrants and a revenue of over \$4,000.*

11.0 President's Report of Rion Myers

- *Rion stressed the need for monetary donations and items for the Benefit Auction coming up in Cleveland.*
- *Rion mentioned that his has been a busy year. Melinda and Barb have a lot on their plates.*
- *Rion said being PLSO President has been the greatest honor of his life.*
- *Rion fought back the emotions, and said he takes great pride in PLSO, an organization started by his grandfather.*
- *Rion thanked everyone for the support rendered by all during his term.*

12.0 Adjourn

- *Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.*

January 14, 2011 Minutes respectfully submitted by Donald E. Pickenpugh, P.S., PLSO Executive Secretary, 2010.