

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

Location: **COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL, SEMINAR "B"**  
Date: **FRIDAY, March 11, 2011, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions ó Donald Pickenpaugh
  - *President Pickenpaugh called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.*
  - *President Pickenpaugh led the attendees in devotions.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
  - *President Pickenpaugh led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- 1.2 Introduction of All In Attendance ó Donald Pickenpaugh
  - *President Pickenpaugh asked that everyone introduce himself or herself since there were a number of new delegates.*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
  - *Jay Olberding (Southwestern). Existing Alternate Delegates present were Pat Leonhardt (Toledo).*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
  - *Roll Call was taken. 5 of 6 Officers, 14 of 20 Delegates, and 2 Immediate Past Presidents were present at the beginning of the meeting. Past Presidents in attendance were Brad Kramer, Bud Payne and Rion 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 January, 2011 ó George Hofmann
  - *President Pickenpaugh stated that these minutes were taken by him and upon review had a couple typos, The Cleveland delegate was changed from George Hofmann to Tom Snezek.*
  - *A motion to accept the minutes for January, 2011 was made by Pat Leonhardt and seconded by Rion Myers. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*
  
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for November and December, 2010, January and February, 2011 ó Dana Parsell
  - *A copy of the Treasurer's Reports was distributed.*
  - *President Pickenpaugh accepted the Treasurer's Report for November and December, 2010 and January and February, 2011, subject to finance committee review.*
  
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
  - 4.1 Surveyor of the Past Plaques - Barb Jones
    - *Barb Jones said the plaques were completed, one was used at the 2011 conference in Cleveland and she has 19 additional plaques. Cost per plaque was approximately \$124. Tom Snezek reported that the William Stinchcomb plaque was given to the Cleveland Chapter by the family and is being displayed in the Cuyahoga County Tax Map office.*
  - 4.2 Website Proposal ó Melinda Gilpin
    - *The web site received a first place trophy (Hermes Award) in an international competition for web site design. The trophy will be on display at the PLSO office. George Hofmann asked if firms listed on the find a surveyor web site needed to have a certificate of authorization. Melinda Gilpin responded that no they did not they only need to be a member.*

4.3 Soil Scientists Issues ó Dean Frederick

- *Melinda Gilpin reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of H.B. 32 was received by the PLSO office*
- *Melinda Gilpin, Dana Parsell and Dean Frederick met with Representative Amstutz*
- *They talked about him needing to consider the needs of the surveying profession.*
- *We gave him the definition of surveying, and he seems receptive to working with us.*
- *We agreed that clarification was need in the surveying code and we would like him to consider our definition that follows the NCEES model.*
- *On 3-11-2011 we received back language that they our looking at using our definition of surveying as we proposed it as an amendment to the bill.*
- *We will sit down with the representatives aid after we have reviewed the bill*
- *Rion Myers and Dana Parsell both reported that Melinda did an excellent job representing us.*

4.4 Statue of Limitations - Rose Coors

- *No Report.*

4.5 Request for support of FIG Congress Representative

- ***A motion was made by Rion Myers and seconded by Dave Bodo to donate \$200.00 Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.***
- *Curt Somner asked that the check be made to the ACSM Trig Travel Fund.*

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members - Bob Akins

- *Bob presented one name for Professional, one Affiliate, and nine names for Student status.*

*1 Professional - Troy J. Erickson, Cleveland*

*1 Affiliate - Mark E. Hummel, (Out-of-State)*

*9 Students - Amanda J. Verhoff, OSU  
Thomas M. Knott, OSU  
Patrick C. Mead, OSU  
Anthonia I Ashiofu, OSU  
Dana W. Rose, OSU  
Peter Erak, U. of Akron-Cleveland  
Julie Nitzsche, U. of Akron-Western Reserve  
Martin J. Farkas, Toledo  
Patrick Magill, Cincinnati Miami Valley*

***Motion to Accept the New Professional, New Affiliate Member and Student Members by Bob Akins  
Second by Rion Myers***

***Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees***

- *Bob referred to the list of one candidate for reinstatement membership.*  
*1 Reinstatement - Patrick T. Ginnetti, Thomas Hutchins and Central Ohio*

***Motion to Accept the Reinstatement of Former Members  
by Bob Akins***

***Second by Rion Myers***

***Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees***

- 5.2 Review of Special Committee- Donald Pickenpaugh
  - *Special committees will be continued*
  - *Bob Akins reported that it is time to appoint a committee to review by laws.*
- 5.3 Appointment of a Member to the Scholarship Fund Board- Donald Pickenpaugh
  - *Don reported that the board consists of five members, with five-year terms each. Every year one member's term expires this year Frank Snyder Jr. term expired. President Pickenpaugh asked that Frank accept another term on the board and he has accepted. .*
- 6.0 Inter-Association Delegates
  - 6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle
    - *No Report*
  - 6.2 ODOT - Jim Kenyon
    - *Written report submitted*
  - 6.3 State Board of Registration - Melinda Gilpin
    - *They are working on bi-annual registration, 100% computerize.*
    - *Rise in testing for P.S.*
    - *Working on examinations.*
    - *Lynn Snyder reported that they are looking at complete computerized testing by 2012-2013*
  - 6.4 OGRIP ó Dean Ringle
    - *President Pickenpaugh reported that they would be dividing state into quarters and start flying this spring. It will take four years to do the entire state*
    - *Many counties are doing their own.*
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- 7.0 Committee Reports
  - 7.1 Special Committees
    - 7.11 Political Action ó Rion Myers
      - *Rion reported the Political Action Fund had a \$50.00 contribution for January, and the balance is \$3,277.85. February there was one disbursement to Senator Schaffer for \$350.00. The remaining balance is \$2,927.85*
    - 7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer
      - 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
    - *Brad Kramer said he would combine his standards report as follows*
    - *Reviewing definition of surveying.*
    - *ALTA standards went into effect Feb. 23, 2011*
    - *HUD has accepted certification*
    - *Railroad monumentation is still being looked at, Brad has asked that anyone having examples of Railroads being abandoned and monumentation not being preserved*
    - *Bob Akins reported that the railroad monumentaion may be attached to a transportation bill.*
    - *Brad Kramer is looking for suggestion for plat reviews*
    - *Jim Kenyon is looking for suggestions for GPS Standards*
    - *Information can be forwarded to Brad at [bradkramer@kramer2000.com](mailto:bradkramer@kramer2000.com) or to Melinda Gilpin at the PLSO office*
    - *FEMA web site has a simple software application that will download the flood layers to Google Earth*

- 7.14 Historic Review ó Mike Besch
  - Barb Jones reported that the State Association Flags are on displayed at the national museum. Museum had their grand opening on March 19.
- 7.2 Newsletter Editor ó PLSO Staff
  - Melinda Gilpin reported that the deadline for the next issue of OSN will be April 1,2011.
- 7.3 NSPS Governor - Robert Akins
  - Governor Akins reported that there are issues with some grasslands out west, some government agencies are not following the Brooks Act.
  - There is an article in the December Issue of the ACSM bulletin called the Savy Surveyor.
  - This is about our national organizations, reorganization thoughts.
  - FCC is considering a request for telecommunication band, which is close to the band of our GPS receivers.
  - ACSM has a radio show on Mondays at 11:00 A.M. that can be downloaded from [www.americaswebradio.com](http://www.americaswebradio.com)
  - Survey USA will be March 19,2011, Governor Akins asked if any chapters were doing anything. He has heard from Ohio Valley, Thomas Hutchins, and Tuscarawas Valley.
  - Melinda reported that she received a press release from Tim Riley who said that they are using Survey USA to kick of all new benchmarks for Norwalk.
- 7.31 Trig-Star ó Pat Leonhardt
  - Pat reported that anyone doing Trig-Star needs to get him the results by April 18
  - E-mail results to Pat at [ptlohsurveyor7303@comcast.net](mailto:ptlohsurveyor7303@comcast.net).
  - Four highest scores for each school to be reported
  - National competition winners get 3,000.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$2,000.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$1,000.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Teachers of the winning student will receive \$2000.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$1,000.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$500.00 for third place.
  - Melinda Gilpin reported that the National Trig-Star committee gives a \$5,000.00 scholarship to a college freshman who is going into surveying and has participated in Trig-Star, they do not have to be a winner to qualify. It can be for a two year or four year program. This is a national scholarship. Last year there were only two applicants.
  - Pat reported that the State winners receive \$250.00 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 125.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$75.00 for third and \$50.00 for 4<sup>th</sup>. .
- 7.32 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt
  - No report.
- 7.33 Geocaching Coordinator - Robert Akins
  - No 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
        - Tom Snezek reported that there were a lot of good comments received regarding the conference . George A. Hofmannn reported that Conference Chair John G. Hoy has submitted his report.
      - 2012 - Central Ohio Chapter ó Kevin Stacy, Chapter Conference Chair.
        - Location is the Conference Center at NorthPointe, the old Nationwide training facility north on US 23. Parking is free.
        - It will be The 200 Anniversary of Columbus
        - Melinda Gilpin and Kevin Stacey are tweaking a couple speakers to finalize the program

- 2013 - Cincinnati & Southwest Chapter ó Rose Coors, Chapter Conference Co-Chair
  - *The final contract with the Sharonville Convention Center has been signed.*
  - *Will meet on March 23 for conference committee meeting*
- 2014 ó To be held at the Inter Continental in Cleveland
  - *Tom Snezek reported that the Cleveland Chapter has offered to host the conference. Referred to program committee.*
- 2015 ó To be held at the Northpointe in Columbus
- 7.412 Fall Seminar Updates
  - 2011 - Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Bob Akins
    - *Program is set*
  - 2012 - Toledo Chapter ó Pat Leonhardt
    - *To be held at the Garden Hilton at I-475 and I-75.*
  - 2013 - Available
    - *Melinda looking for someone to host.*
- 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
  - *Bob asked about free membership offered to new registrants.*
  - *Initiation fee of \$10.00. Reinstatement fee is \$20.00*
  - *Barb Jones reported that the letter does not say free. It states that PLSO would like to offer you a membership from dates that apply..*
  - *Bob stated that his feeling is that these fees should be dropped.*
  - ***A motion was made by Bob Heidkamp and seconded by Rion Myers that we drop the fees for initiation and reinstatement for new registrants.***
    - Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.***
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
  - *No report.*
  - *President Pickenpaugh reported that West Virginia offers an allied membership category and suggested maybe we should consider reciprocal memberships with other organizations*
- 7.44 Education ó Dean Frederick
  - *No report*
- 7.45 Legislation - A. J. Myers
  - *No report*
- 7.46 Finance - Paul Dinan
  - *No Report*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council ó Rion Myers
  - *Rion reported that something's have been sent out, especially John Hoys e-mail, which should have been sent to the program committee in his opinion, not to the executive committee or past presidents council. The one comment he made that stirred up a lot of discussion needs to be looked at by the Past Presidents Council. Rion will set up a meeting to be held in April.*
- 7.48 Scholarship ó Rocky Lomano
  - *Written report submitted.*
  - *Columbus Foundation will review applicants*
  - *The changes that were made by the board in January have been incorporated*
  - *The OSU students enrolled in a minor in surveying will be eligible to apply to \$1,000.00 level scholarships*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board ó Frank Snyder
  - *No report*
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7.50 Management Review ó Don Pickenpaugh

- *Review to be scheduled in September and October.*
- *Fund raising committee raised \$1,556.00 for the PAC and \$2,021.50 for Scholarships.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

8.1 ASKEGA Chapter ó Jim Donathan

- *Written Report Submitted.*

8.2 Central Ohio Chapter ó Brian Bingham

- *Written Report Submitted. Brian reported that Fairfield County was requiring Easements be pinned. Don Pickenpaugh asked that a letter be written regarding the issue and sent to Melinda Gilpin. She will forward it to the State Board.*

8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp

- *Written Report Submitted.*

8.4 Cleveland Chapter ó Tom Snezek

- *Written Report Submitted. Reported on the new Cuyahoga County government.*

8.5 Congress Lands Chapter ó William Stillions

- *Report not submitted. Annual dinner meeting was held in January.*

8.6 Firelands Chapter ó Tim Riley

- *Written Report Submitted.*

8.7 Miami Valley Chapter ó Andy Shahan

- *Written Report Submitted. Meeting in January. Chapter considering hosting a fall seminar.*

8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter ó Jim Kenyon/Lynn Snyder

- *Written Report Submitted. Met on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Chapter is considering holding a one day seminar or establishing a calibration line*

8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter ó Rob Lowe

- *Written Report submitted.*

8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter -

- *Not in attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*

8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter ó Cody Beucler

- *No Written Report submitted. Dean Ringle spoke to them about scholarship and job opportunities.*

8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter ó Larry Gardner

- *Written Report Submitted. Chapter will participate in Survey USA.*

8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter ó George Seymour

- *No Report.*

8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors

- *Written Report Submitted.*

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 Matt Hildebrant

- *Not in attendance No Report Submitted*

8.17 Toledo Chapter ó Bryan Ellis

- *Pat Leonhardt reported they had a representative from City Blueprint of Toledo give a talk about a new Trimble instrument. Next meeting Will be 14<sup>th</sup> on Personal Finances*
- *The Toledo Chapter would like to thank Rion Myers for the honor given to Fred and Julia Berning*

8.18 Treaty Lands Chapter ó James Myers

- *Written Report Submitted.*

- 8.19 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter ó Dave Bodo
  - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter ó Peter Bell
  - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 9.0 President-Elect's Report ó Dana Parsell
  - *Dana reported that he was honored to be elected to this body and he is looking forward to helping Don.*
- 10.0 PLSO Staff Report ó Melinda Gilpin and Barb Jones
  - *Refresher course was given last Saturday*
  - *Next Saturday Melinda will be working the certificate ceremony at the Statehouse, Barb will be working the 2<sup>nd</sup> refresher course. 3rd will be on April 2nd. Next year the refresher course will be offered at the annual conference*
  - *May 6<sup>th</sup> CPD seminar at Belmont County on emergency planning issues, abandoned mines , Flood plains.*
  - *Barb has been updating Chapter officers on Web site.*
- 11.0 President's Report ó Don Pickenpaugh
  - *Don attended West Virginia Conference*
  - *Bob Akins attended the Kentucky Conference*
  - *Brad Kramer attended the Indiana Conference*
  - *Rion Myers attended the Pa. Conference*
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- 12.0 Adjourn
  - ***A motion was made by Bob Akins and seconded by Rion Myers to adjourn***  
***Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote***
  - *Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.*

March 11, 2011 Minutes respectfully submitted by George A. Hofmann, P.S., PLSO Executive Secretary, 2011.