

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

Location: COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL, SEMINAR 0D0
Date: FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010, 6:00 P.M.

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions 6 Rion Myers
 - *President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 6 Rion Myers
 - *Anthony Leimeister accompanied Tim Riley of the Firelands Chapter. Also, Michael Kral was introduced as the new Vice President of the University of Akron Chapter.*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *No written authorizations were necessary for existing Alternate Delegates Lynn Snyder, Michael Kral, Joel Metzger and Ann Besch.*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
 - *6 of 6 Officers, 8 of 20 Delegates, and 1 of 2 Immediate Past Presidents (Bob Akins) were present at the beginning of the meeting. (Some Alternates arrived later. Chapters not represented were Askega, Cincinnati, Miami Valley, Muskingum Valley, Northwest Ohio, Scioto Valley, Thomas Hutchins, Treaty Lands.)*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin and Assistant Executive Director Jones were present.*
 - *It was determined that there was a quorum.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *None. A letter on monument preservation submitted by Tim Riley was deemed as fitting at Item 7.123.*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for September 2008, January 2009 - Jim Kenyon; for March 2010 6 Don Pickenpaugh
 - *Word was received from Jim Kenyon that minutes for the January 2009 and September 2008 meetings should be ready and presented for the July meeting.*
 - *Minutes of the April 9, 2010 meeting were submitted and **approved by voice vote upon a motion to accept by George Hofmann and second by Rose Coors.***
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for March 6 Dana Parsell
 - *A copy of the April, 2010 Treasurer's Report was distributed.*
 - *Not all Trig-Star contributions have been received to date. Emails have been sent to Delegates listing payment status.*
 - *President Myers accepted the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.*
- 4.0 Unfinished Business
 - 4.1 Surveyor of the Past Plaques - Barb Jones
 - *Barb learned Jeff Lee had been hospitalized. Plaques are at the vocational school to be drilled for plate installation. Project will be done by February meeting.*
 - 4.2 Website Proposal 6 Melinda Gilpin
 - *Melinda reported that numerous web updates have been uploaded this week. It takes about 48 hours for changes to propagate across the Internet. Next week emails will go out to Chapters explaining how to use Chapter email. She and Barb now have administrative access and have the ability to make changes to the site.*

- *The site was one of four submitted by our designer as part of a national communications and marketing competition and won a highest level platinum award for overall design work.*
- *The "Find a Surveyor" feature will be completed next.*
- *Rion noted this has been a lengthy process, and stressed the importance of Chapter email working properly.*

4.3 Soil Scientists Issues ó Dean Frederick

- *Dean met with John Greenhalge April 16 for a review. The four-hour meeting was also attended by Rion, Brad Kramer, Frank Snyder, Jim Pezar and Steve Roessner. John will generate a letter to the Board and then one to Health Departments, after final Board approval. Senator Schaffer (friend of PLSO) is on the committee for rule review. Language will be incorporated into new board of health rules. Dean recommended reviving the definition of surveying.*
- *Melinda mentioned a committee vote is set for next week on a possible substitute bill whose language is not now known. She communicated to Senator Schaffer that our concern is an exemption for soil scientists performing surveying work would get through.*
- *Rion advised it is in our best interest to bring up the definition of surveying once again. The definition was approved in 2004 after work by PLSO committee. Ohio Department of Health rules in OAC 3701-29-09.1 (b) 5 a-h are very similar to minimum standards for boundary surveys.*
- *Melinda explained their counter argument is they are not defining a property line, but are defining where a treatment system should go on the homeowner's property.*
- *Rion has charged Brad Kramer to resurrect the definition of surveying. The Ohio Attorney General's Office has stated that the Board has the authority to deal with issues related to engineering and surveying, even if multiple agencies are impacted.*
- *Additional wording should incorporate topics such as machine control and construction staking.*
- *Dean noted previously issued cease and desist orders are being ignored by both contractors and health departments.*
- *Barb noted the definition of surveying is on the PLSO web site at the bottom of the Calendar page.*
- *Bob Akins noted that the definition of surveying that was adopted in 2004 was intended to be incorporated into legislation once an opportunity presented itself. He also passed around plans from the Alliance Planning Commission showing property lines, pins, buildings; plans were prepared by a construction co-owner. Municipalities and county departments need to be made aware they are to accept plans only if signed and sealed.*
- *Melinda noted the lack of consistency across the State in County Health Department practices.*

4.4 Proposed Removal of PS Requirement of County Engineer ó Dean Frederick

- *Dean stated there is a rumor that the proposed legislation will die as the sponsor has left his representative position and is now a judge.*
- *The Ohio Farm Bureau is supporting removal of the PS for County Engineer. OFB issues an annual policy statement. The 2010 policy is a 98 page document which devotes two lines to this position and recommends a civil or "construction" engineer for the position.*
- *Melinda explained Farm Bureau policy starts at the local, county level, then goes to the state level for review. Voting is then by either a blanket or line item method, and the blanket method is more expeditious.*
- *Melinda has contacted the State Farm Bureau. Current Farm Bureau members could contact their local county offices to let them know we are concerned. There is reason for caution as attention could be drawn to the issue with negative results, given OFB's power. She will work on standard language and email the same to Chapter Delegates.*
- *Dana Parsell asked for clarification on some points on CEAO's stance and current bill status. Melinda prefers a common posture from CEAO and PLSO for increased effectiveness.*

- 4.5 Statute of Limitations - Rose Coors
 - *Rose reported no activity has occurred.*
- 4.6 Trumbull County Tax Map Issue ó John Francis
 - *John was not present and there was no other news.*

5.0 New Business

- 5.1 New Members - Bob Akins
 - *Bob Akins referred to the list in the agenda for consideration of two Professionals, two Associates, and two Students for membership. There were no candidates for the Affiliate category.*
 - 2 Professional - Steven L. Brooks, Tuscarawas Valley
James Peter, ASKEGA
 - 2 Associate - Joshua N. Galbraith, Mohican-Killbuck Valley
Chad S. Snow, Central Ohio
 - 2 Student - Marcus E. Stenger. University of Akron
Elton K. Cooper. University of Akron

***Motion to Accept the New Professional, Associate and Student Members by Bob Akins
Second by Rose Coors
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees***

- *Bob Akins referred to the list in the agenda for consideration of one Reinstatement.*
 - 1 Reinstatement - Joseph Paulin, Tuscarawas Valley

***Motion to Accept the Reinstatement of a Former Member by Bob Akins
Second by Dean Frederick
Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote of the Attendees***

Bob felt it is important for Chapter Delegates to contact new members by voice and invite them to Chapter meetings and get them involved. Rion agreed.

- 5.2 Web Conferencing for Executive Committee Meetings ó Tim Riley
 - *Tim submitted a letter recommending we take a serious look at using GoToMeeting for Executive Committee meetings. Reasons include driving cost and driving time.*
 - *Melinda had contacted Columbus State College and learned there is no video in the room we are using. There are no IT technicians available on Friday evenings. There is a WebX conferencing service, but this is audio only and would require computer setup. Each user would also need WebX software and a high-speed broadband connection. Otherwise a toll charge call-in would be needed by users. Melinda and Barb could take a ½ day training session, but there would be no IT person for troubleshooting in the event something went wrong.*
 - *Word from Dean Ringle is that public groups cannot vote by phone or by voice only without video, or determine a quorum.*
 - *Bob Mergel arranges for us to use the meeting room, but will not be here a year from now.*
 - *Bryan Ellis said it will take time to investigate. However, meeting in person has value.*
 - *George Hofmann echoed the same sentiment, even with a drive from Cleveland.*
 - *Bob Akins noted he wants to see each person, the facial expression, and to hear the tone of voice to help judge the sincerity of the person speaking. Personal interaction is vital.*
 - *Don Pickenpaugh estimated 6,600 miles of travel for the 30 attending, but has had trouble with audio in GoToMeeting software training sessions using wireless Internet.*
 - *Rose Coors pointed out the reason for Chapter Delegates is to communicate PLSO business to the Chapter level.*
 - *Dean Frederick recounted his experience with webinars and noted the difficulty of remaining focused as it is easy to get distracted. Attendance keeps you focused.*
 - *Dominic Brigano suggested the Chapters help Delegates with expense if needed.*

- *Rion felt meeting in person is the only effective way to conduct a meeting and accomplish things in an effective manner. We are here because of a commitment to the profession.*

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates

6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle

- *Dean was not in attendance and no written report had been submitted.*

6.2 ODOT - Jim Kenyon

- *Written Report Submitted.*
- *Jim emailed that ODOT is getting close to a recommendation on monumentation. There will be a presentation at the July meeting to gather feedback.*
- *A surveyor hired to put monuments back can be reluctant to place a cap on the monument if a different surveyor was used to locate the monument before construction.*

6.3 State Board of Registration -

- *Melinda asked Bob Akins to convey recent news.*
- *Bob stated Frank Snyder has been appointed to the Board of Registration.*
- *Rion noted Fred Frecker had stepped down, and this was an opportunity to rectify the situation. We need to stay ahead of the game in the future.*
- *Dean noted the importance of maintaining good communication with the Board, which has been established in recent years. Most PS's on the Board are also PLSO members.*
- *Rion expressed thanks to Bob and others who worked hard so this result could be realized.*

6.4 OGRIP - Stu Davis

- *Not in attendance and no written report.*
- *Don reported he has spoken to OGRIP Forum and Ohio URISA officers about communicating with PLSO. They are willing to supply written reports for our meetings.*
- *Dean Ringle is the CEAO representative to the OGRIP Council.*
- *Rion noted he and Melinda will be meeting to discuss better communication with these and other professional organizations. Anything that could educate others and ourselves is good. Any ideas could be forwarded to Rion or Melinda. A March 2008 POB article on Massachusetts shows impressive working relationship with the State.*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action ó Dean Frederick

- *Dean reported the Political Action Fund balance on April 1 was \$3,957.85. Disbursement of \$100 was made for a Governor Strickland fundraiser. Current balance is \$3857.85.*
- *Melinda had opportunity to speak directly with the Governor and discuss the PE/PS situation. The Governor gave her contact information concerning this issue. Melinda also had the opportunity to meet guest Magic Johnson. The event was well worth the donation.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *Brad had called Rion and said he could not make the meeting. There was no discussion of Agenda Items 7.121, 7.122, 7.124, 7.125 and 7.126. Rion has charged Brad with re-opening the Definition of Surveying.*

7.121 Change in Law Regarding Metes and Bounds

7.122 Monumentation of Railroads

7.123 Preservation of Centerline and Right-of-Way Monumentation

- *Tim Riley distributed a letter recommending location of monuments prior to construction.*
- *One county requires GPS location and three reference points.*
- *Tim suggested local chapters contact county and city engineers to present guidelines and garner their support.*
- *SB 152 appears inactive.*

- *Rion requested Tim's letter be emailed to Melinda and forwarded to Chapter Delegates.*
- *Bryan Ellis noted the question is how to enforce monumentation preservation.*
- *Tim said the hope is to get some traction so that oversight will spread.*
- 7.124 Minimum Standards for Plat Revisions
- 7.125 GPS Standards ó Jim Kenyon
- 7.126 FEMA Flood Mapping
- 7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle
 - *Dean was not in attendance but informed PLSO dates will be forthcoming.*
- 7.14 Historic Review ó Mike Besch
 - *No activity; no report.*
- 7.2 Newsletter Editor ó PLSO Staff
 - *Melinda reported a 2-1/2 week timeframe from delivery to the printer to receipt by the members. A pdf version will be on the PLSO web site.*
 - *July 1 is the deadline for the next issue. It will go to print as soon as the scholarships are awarded.*
 - *Comments and suggestions on the new printed format are welcome.*
- 7.3 NSPS Governor - Mike Besch
 - *Mike Besch warned there are major issues confronting NSPS and gave an overview of the history of ACSM.*
 - *ACSM was formed in 1941 primarily by North American educators and became the national voice for surveying and mapping issues.*
 - *Specialty groups formed over the years, of which NSPS is one. Seven years ago NSPS became a stand-alone entity within ACSM. Membership was by one of the subgroups, or Member Organizations (MOs).*
 - *Other groups are the American Association of Geodetic Surveying (AAGS), Cartographic and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) and Geographic and Land Information Society (GLIS).*
 - *Almost two years ago the Cartography MO gave notice they would withdraw from ACSM. There is a two year period before separation is effective. They will become a part of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) shortly.*
 - *The 50 NSPS Governors have recently voted to withdraw also, feeling their interests are no longer served by ACSM.*
 - *If nothing is done NSPS will be its own entity in two years. It has 85% of all MO members and comprises 97% of all operating funds. This affects Trig-Star, CST and other programs. Each MO gets two votes in ACSM.*
 - *The GIS MOs have 90 members; AAGS 275 members; NSPS 4,100 members.*
 - *The NSPS Board of Directors passed the motion and sent it on to ACSM.*
 - *If ACSM goes away, there will be no national voice for surveying and mapping.*
 - *They will group with ESRI at their surveying specialty meeting the week before the ESRI Conference next summer. This group formed around Survey Analyst software.*
 - *NSPS will now partner with the photogrammetrists for the Fall Business Meeting in Orlando instead of meeting in Washington, DC. This affects Lobby Day just as it was gaining momentum.*
 - *We may have seen the last student competition – an NSPS event.*
 - *Mike presented a handout summarizing these events, and recommended PLSO attend the Fall meeting in Orlando.*
 - *Mike announced his resignation as NSPS Governor, citing life's complications and the need to cut back on some commitments. He stressed the need for NSPS to reinvent itself, emphasizing "the apathy has got to stop and support has to increase" or there will be no national voice for surveying.*

- *Rion thanked Governor Besch for his exemplary service to the University of Akron and PLSO. Rion appointed Bob Akins to the NSPS Governor position and noted the importance of sending someone to the Fall meeting.*
- *Bob Akins saluted both Mike and Ann Besch for educating the public and serving our profession so well in so many facets. A round of applause followed.*
- *Melinda pointed out Mike omitted he was the recipient of the ACSM Earle J. Fennell Award for distinguished educational contributions to ACSM and the surveying and mapping profession. The U of A team won first place in the student competition; Mike Kral was winner of an ACSM scholarship. OSU students won first place for surveying at a regional conference of Civil Engineers, and U of A placed third.*
- 7.31 Trig-Star ó Pat Leonhardt
 - *Melinda informed us that the competitions are completed and the top four winners in the State have been determined. National has been notified of the top winner for participation in the national competition. More information concerning national will be forthcoming at the July meeting.*
- 7.32 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt
 - *Melinda noted lack of movement on CST in Ohio. It is used heavily in Western States, as many DOTs require CST certification. There will be no CST component at the Fall Seminar due to lack of participation at past seminars.*
- 7.33 Geocaching Coordinator - Bob Akins
 - Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Bob provided a Geocaching brochure and spoke of an example at his office consisting of a mailbox and nearby key in a film canister. About 10 people per week stop by.*
 - *Bob wants to see a geocache in each county. Suggested places include parks, camps, surveying related locations such as along the Greenville Treaty Line.*
 - *Rion noted we need to push the Chapters to get involved, and instructed the brochure be emailed to Chapter Delegates.*
 - *Melinda said some geocaches involve riddles instead of trinkets.*
 - *Rose cautioned checking with park authorities first to make them aware of the geocache and to prevent undue alarm or suspicion from finding hidden containers.*
- 7.4 Standing Committees
 - 7.41 Program ó Dean Frederick
 - Dean met with Melinda in April in Findlay, and wants to get the Program Committee active once again.*
 - 7.411 Annual Conference Updates
 - 2010 ó Cincinnati Annual Conference
 - *Barb said final invoices have been received. All income and expenses are complete. Detailed final reports will now be generated.*
 - *Melinda reported after \$3,000.00 is returned to the Miami Valley Chapter, a \$16,245.29 gain is to be realized by PLSO.*
 - 2011 - Cleveland Chapter ó John Hoy
 - *George Hofmann said a meeting is coming up Monday.*
 - *Melinda has been working on speaker contacts, sponsorships and exhibitors information.*
 - *The Intercontinental Hotel near Cleveland Clinic is signed.*
 - 2012 - Central Ohio Chapter ó Kevin Stacy
 - *Melinda and Kevin have toured the facility and negotiations should be complete by the July meeting.*
 - *The location is the NorthPointe Conference Center, formerly the Nationwide training facility at SR 23 and Powell Road.*
 - *A 120 room hotel with very reasonable rates and free parking is available.*
 - 2013 - Cincinnati & Southwest Chapter ó Rose Coors
 - *Melinda is planning a June on-site visit to the Sharonville Convention Center, which is undergoing expansion.*

- 7.412 Fall Seminar Updates
 - 2010 - Firelands Chapter at Kalahari Resort, Sandusky - 10/7-10/8 ó Phil Rosebeck
 - *A handout of the final presentations was distributed.*
 - *Melinda reported in Rusty's absence that a Friday-Saturday Family Package will be offered, including Friday evening childcare, Saturday family breakfast and lunch buffet, as a separate registration.*
 - *Skeet and trap shoot will be offered Friday afternoon as a separate registration as well.*
 - *Registration payments will not be accepted until July 1 to match the fiscal year.*
 - 2011 - Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Bob Akins
 - *Bob reported the program is shaping up.*
 - *A contract has been signed with the McKinley Grand Hotel in downtown Canton.*
 - 2012 - Toledo Chapter ó Pat Leonhardt
 - *Bryan Ellis stated organization of Chairs is underway.*
 - *A contract is signed with the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg.*
- 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
 - Written Report Submitted.*
- 7.421 Membership Brochure- Bob Akins
 - *The membership brochure is at the PLSO office and will be mailed to all non-member surveyors in Ohio.*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *Rion noted previously discussed communications with other organizations.*
- 7.44 Education ó Dean Frederick
 - *John Greenhalge was holding off until a new Board member had been appointed. Action is now anticipated with Frank's term underway.*
- 7.45 Legislation - A. J. Myers
 - *Nothing than that which had already been discussed was brought up.*
- 7.46 Finance - Paul Dinan
 - *No Written Report submitted. A meeting is anticipated soon.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council ó Dean Frederick
 - *A meeting has been arranged for November 19 at the Franklin County Engineer's Office.*
 - *Dean is maintaining a list of potential topics.*
- 7.48 Scholarship ó Rocky Lomano
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Melinda reported the Committee will be meeting in July. Applications went to the Columbus Foundation as expected. Electronic copies will be distributed to the Committee members for consideration.*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board ó Frank Snyder
 - *No written report.*
 - *Barb mentioned they usually communicate in June via email or conference call.*
- 7.50 Management Review ó Rion Myers
 - *No report.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 Askega Chapter ó Jim Donathan
 - *No Written Report Submitted; Not in attendance.*
- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter ó Brian Bingham
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Written Report Submitted; Not in attendance.*

- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter ó George Hofmann
 - *Written Report Submitted – no additional comments.*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
 - *No one showed up at the last meeting.*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter ó Tim Riley
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Discussions took place on skeet shoot at the Fall Seminar, and monument preservation.*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter ó Chris Schaeffer
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter ó Lynn Snyder
 - *Written Report Submitted by Jim Kenyon.*
 - *General discussions included geocaching options and ODOT monument preservation.*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter ó Rob Lowe
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter -
 - *No Written Report Submitted, Not in Attendance.*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter ó Dominic Brigano
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Dominic extended thanks for support at the recent ASCE Conference.*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter ó Al Smith
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Al reported today's seminar was attended by 35 people in Cambridge.*
 - *Soil scientist mapping comments were submitted. The next meeting is June 24 at Belmont County E-911 to preview how they can help if there is an incident in the field.*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter ó George Seymour
 - *No Written Report Submitted - Not in attendance.*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter - John Francis
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.16 The University of Akron Student Chapter ó Mike Kral
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *New officers were elected. CST exam was discussed.*
 - *Thanks were extended for all the PLSO support for the surveying team; they took 1st place.*
 - *The team will present at Kalahari on Friday afternoon.*
- 8.17 Toledo Chapter ó Bryan Ellis
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.18 Treaty Lands Chapter - John Jauert
 - *No Written Report Submitted – Not in attendance.*
- 8.19 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter ó Joel Metzger
 - *Written Report Forthcoming.*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter ó Ann Besch
 - *No Written Report Submitted*
 - *Since there was no meeting last month, the team had opportunity for a dress rehearsal for their winning presentation in Phoenix.*
- 9.0 President-Elect's Report ó Brett Tieben
 - *Brett was asked by Rion to attend Chapter meetings, so he contacted Scioto Valley, and was told they had not met in a year and a half.*
 - *Melinda has met with the Chapter Officers to attempt to resolve any impasse.*
 - *A one day CPD event will be held in Chillicothe Friday, November 5, and another event is being planned.*
 - *Hopefully members will come together for the events and progress will result.*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report ó Melinda Gilpin and Barb Jones

- *Melinda continued discussing the CPD event for Chillicothe.*
- *The first four hours will be by John Greenhalge of the State Board on tips for new registrants. The Board will be doing promotional mailings for the event.*
- *The second four hours will be by Renee Shields on Height Modernization. This presentation was slated for the Annual Conference but weather prevented the speaker from traveling. Federal funds are available for all travel.*
- *Barb said emails went out to Chapter Presidents and Delegates regarding collection of dues and if amounts remain the same or not. PLSO will collect the Chapter dues unless otherwise notified. Emails also went out to Student Members, asking if their status as of July remains as Student or not.*

11.0 President's Report ó Rion Myers

- *Rion thanked everyone for attending and offered no further topics for consideration.*

12.0 Adjourn

- *Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM after a motion by Bob Akins and second by Joel Metzger.*

May 14, 2010 Minutes respectfully submitted by Donald E. Pickenpaugh, P.S., PLSO Executive Secretary, 2010.