

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

Location: **COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL, SEMINAR "B"**
Date: **FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions – President Dana Parsell
 - *President Parsell called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.*
 - *President Parsell led the attendees in devotions.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – President Dana Parsell
 - *President Parsell led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance*
- 1.2 Introduction of Visitors – President Dana Parsell
 - *Jim Deitrick (Ohio Valley Chapter)*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Ed Miller (Central Ohio Chapter)*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum
 - *Roll Call was taken. 5 of 6 Officers and 9 of 20 Delegates were present at the beginning of the meeting.*
 - *Executive Director Melinda Gilpin and Financial Assistant Donna Bates were present.*
 - *It was determined that there **was not** a quorum.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *Added item 5.4 – RISPLS request for NCEES Model Law revision*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for January 13, 2012 – George Hofmann (past Secretary)
 - *George mentioned an omission in the minutes – Motion to become a sustaining member with no concessions for PLSO to join NSPS as a state organization; motion made, seconded and passed.*
 - *George asked for questions or comments. None were heard.*
 - ***A motion to accept the minutes for January 13, 2012 was made by Tom Snezeck and seconded by Rose Coors. No official voice was taken.***
- 3.0 Treasurer's Reports for January and February, 2012 – Bryan Ellis
 - *A copy of both Treasurers' Reports were distributed.*
 - *Discussion on changes to Annual Conference budget line items to more accurately reflect all conference costs.*
 - *President Parsell accepted the Treasurers' Reports for January and February, 2012, subject to Financial Committee review.*

4.0 Unfinished Business

- *No unfinished business.*

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members – Robert Akins

- *Bob presented names for new members: 10 Professional, 1 Associate and 2 Student*
- *10 Professional - Daniel J. Jackson (Ohio Valley)
Patrick S. Finn (Cincinnati)
Adam M. Grove (Mohican-Killbuck)
Kevin W. Weaver (Miami Valley)
Anthony Maione (Cleveland)
Stephen J. Simmons (Miami Valley)
Brian J. Wise (Tuscarawas Valley)
Michael A. Fox (Ohio Valley)
Roy G. Henson (Cincinnati)
Lucas Underwood (Congress Lands)*
- *1 Associate - Bradley S. Kosco (Western Reserve)*
- *2 Students - John C. Slone (Ohio State University)
Sean F. Brolly (University of Akron)*
- ***A motion to accept the New Professional Members, New Associate Members and New Student Members by Bob Akins, Seconded by Dave Bodo. No discussion.***
- ***No voice vote was taken***

5.2 Review of Special Committees – Dana Parsell

- *President Parsell introduced the Special Committee Chairs for 2012*
- *Political Action, Don Pickenpaugh*
- *Standards Committee, Brad Kramer*
- *State Line, Dean Ringle*
- *Historic Review, Mike Besch*

5.3 Appointment of a Member to the Scholarship Fund Board – Dana Parsell

- *President Parsell announced that Don Pickenpaugh has been appointed to a 5 year term as a member of the Scholarship Fund Board*

- ***Jim Myers (Treaty Lands) arrived at 6:35 pm, giving the meeting a quorum.***
- ***A voice vote was taken on the previous Motion to accept the January 13, 2012 Minutes (Item 2.0)***
- ***Motion Passed***
- ***A voice vote was taken on the previous Motion to accept the new members (Item 5.1)***
- ***Motion Passed***

5.4 RISPLS request for NCEES Model Law revision – Melinda Gilpin

- *Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors is requesting PLSO to petition NCEES to remove the term “Engineering Surveys” from the NCEES Model Law.*
- *Melinda has learned that the voting members of NCEES are the State Boards, so petitioning NCEES will not be an affective tactic.*

- *This does not currently affect Ohio as we do not employ the Model Law, so Melinda suggests the Board not take a position on the issue at this time, but rather ask the Chapters to discuss and add to Unfinished Business for future discussion.*
- *Discussion on the reasons for RISPLS's request, the meaning of the term "Engineering Surveys" as it applies to the Model Law, and the relevance to Ohio and other states.*
- *President Parsell agreed with Melinda's recommendation and requested the Delegates take the issue to their Chapters for discussion.*

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates

6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

6.2 ODOT - Jim Kenyon

- *No Report*

6.3 State Board of Registration – Melinda Gilpin

- *Request from OSPE to help find sponsors for the Certificate Ceremony at the State House to help pay for refreshments, etc.*
- *Melinda suggested to OSPE that PLSO sponsor \$300 for this year's event, and that this would bring PLSO up to date for its share of all previous year's ceremonies that OSPE never sent invoices for, and the organizations will move forward together in the future.*
- ***A motion to sponsor \$300 to help OSPE pay for the 2012 Certificate Ceremony, making PLSO and OSPE even for all previous ceremonies was made by Rose Coors and seconded by Jim Myers.***
 - *Discussion on what the total cost of the ceremony is and what PLSO's share would be.*
- ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.***

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Don Pickenpaugh

- *P.A. committee is a separate legal entity from PLSO*
- *The benefit auction brought in \$1,037 for the PAC fund*
- *Ending balance of the PAC fund is \$3,198.35*
- *Melinda has amended and corrected several previous reports and PLSO is now current and correct with the State Attorney General's Office.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *No Report*
- 7.121 Preservation of Centerline and Right-of-way Monumentation
 - *No Report*
- 7.122 Revisions to Minimum Standards
 - *No Report*

7.123 GPS Standards – Jim Kenyon

- *No Report*

7.124 FEMA Flood Mapping

- *No Report*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch

- *No Report*

- *Melinda mentioned the display at the State House that PLSO and FCEO have put together that will be up through March.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *OSN will be printed Monday, March 19*

7.3 NSPS Governor – Robert Akins

- *Merger of NSPS and the other 2 organizations has fallen through.*

- *Discussion on the other M.O.s blocking because they want more voting influence even though they have far less members than NSPS.*

- *At the end of April, if a merger fails, NSPS will withdrawal from ACSM, and ACSM will be bankrupt.*

- *“GPS Day” will occur on March 24th.*

- *Asking for comments to NTIA and FCC to re-enforce the decision they made on the LightSquared issue.*

- *NSPS looking at different options to increase national membership*

7.31 Trig Star – Pat Leonhardt

- *No Report*

- *President Parsell requested we try to get more participation in the program*

7.32 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt

- *No Report*

7.33 Geocaching Coordinator - Robert Akins

- *No Report*

7.4 Standing Committees

7.41 Program – Dean Frederick

- *No Report from Dean*

- *Melinda gave some information about the conferences and seminars*

7.411 Annual Conference Updates

2012 - Central Ohio Chapter – Feb 8 – 11, 2012 – Kevin Stacy, Chapter Chair

- *Annual conference revenue is around \$19,000 (including \$3,000 paid to the host chapter.*

2013 – Feb 13 – 16, 2013 - Sharonville Convention Center, Sharonville, OH

Cincinnati and SW Chapters — Rose Coors and Gary Nichols, Chapter Chair

- *Program coming together*

- 2014 – Feb. 12 – 15, 2014 - InterContinental Hotel, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland, Cleveland Chapter – Dino Lustri, Chapter Chair
 - *Getting ready to do a facility walk-through*
 - *The committees are being put together*
- 2015 – Feb. 11-14, 2015 - Columbus, Central Ohio Chapter
 - *Committee still processing reviews of the 2012 conference before starting on 2015 planning*
- 2016 – Feb 10 – 13, 2016 - Marriott, Dayton, Miami Valley Chapter
 - *Facility contract signed and ready to go.*

7.412 Fall Seminar Updates

- 2012 – Oct 10 – 12, 2012 - Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, Toledo Chapter
 - *Finalizing details*
 - 2013 – Oct. 10 – 11, 2013 - Prichard-Laughlin Civic Center, Cambridge, OH
Program Committee
 - *Contracted*
 - 2014 – Oct. 16-18, 2014 - Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH, Program Committee
 - *Contracted*
 - 2015 – Oct.8 – 10, 2015 - Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
Program Committee
 - *Contracted*
- *Refresher courses will no longer be a part of the Annual Conference.*
 - *NCEES and the State Board have said that instructors of the Refresher Courses should not be the same people that are on the exam committee.*
 - *May be moving towards a study guide to be sold as well as a one day course, but looking into different options in the future.*
 - *Discussion on what days the conferences should cover; Wednesday, Saturday or both.*
 - *Refresher courses were very popular at the conference, but have lost money every other year.*
 - *Instructors, Committee and State Board will be coming together to discuss where to go with the courses in the future.*

7.413 Workshop Updates

- *URISA workshop is on May 9th*
- *PLSO and URISA handling their own registration separately.*
- *PLSO splitting the cost on this workshop with URISA.*

7.42 Membership - Robert Akins

- *No Report*

7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers

- *No Report*

7.44 Education - Dean Frederick

- *No Report*

7.45 Legislation – Bryan Ellis

- *HB 32 has passed with PLSO's amendment included*

- 7.46 Finance – Paul Dinan
 - *No Report*
 - *The FY 2012-2013 Budget was passed at the Annual Meeting.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Don Pickenpaugh
 - *No Report*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No Report*
 - *Bob Akins announced that a raffle is being raffled, drawing to be at the Fall Seminar. Bob requested that tickets be taken and sold at meetings, golf outings, etc. Proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund.*
- 7.50 Fundraising – Rion Myers
 - *2012 Annual Conference Benefit Social Auction totals:*
 - *\$1,037 for the PAC fund*
 - *\$2,664 for the Scholarship fund*
- 7.51 Communications Committee – George Hofmann
 - *George asked if there is still any interest in the PLSO logo being changed to let him know, otherwise no changes will made.*
 - *OSN has a list of Officers and Committee members names, but no contact info. Asked if we should have a method for members with no internet access to contact Officers and Committee members.*
 - *Melinda suggested that if members call the office, contact information will be provided, but that, in general, personal contact information should not be made public by PLSO.*
 - *Discussion about whether or not personal contact info will be included in the OSN.*
 - *Melinda was directed to leave the OSN as-is and not publish personal contact information.*
 - *Melinda discussed the process and costs for posting advertisements and job postings on the web site.*
 - *Don Pickenpaugh suggested that a standard article be created that anyone can submit to their newspaper for National Surveyors Week.*
- 7.52 Management Review – Dana Parsell
 - *No Report*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 Askega Chapter – William Loetz
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Jeffrey “Barney” Spontak
 - *Written Report Submitted*

- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter – Tom Snezek
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter – Steve Fox
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter - Tim Riley
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Stephen McCall
 - *26 members present at last meeting*
 - *They discussed the Montgomery County corner restoration project the County Engineer's office has been working on.*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter - Lynn Snyder
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Charlie Harkness
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Anthonia Ashiofu
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Allen Smith
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter –
 - *No Report Submitted*
 - *No Delegate, the Chapter is not meeting*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors
 - *Written Report Submitted*
 - *Bud Payne has canceled the Boy Scout Merit Badge Challenge at the State House scheduled for March 17th due of lack of interest, but will be proving one at a local school.*
 - *March 21st is the annual TSAB meeting.*
 - *Concerns about inaccurate school books with regard to surveying.*
- 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter - John Francis
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Tom Silva
 - *No Report*

8.18 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers

- *Written Report Submitted*

8.19 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Dave Bodo

- *Written Report Submitted*
- *27 members at last meeting*
- *Starke County Engineer GPSing section corners*
- *Carroll County in the Utica Shale area. 8 crews of surveyors from Texas have come into the state. 80 more crews or men to come later. Engineering firms coming in from out of state as well. One Ohio surveyor overseeing the out of state crews.*
- *Easements being created. Discussions on if this is plan stamping?*
- *Discussion on the ethics of bringing in out of state surveyors.*
- *It was discussed that this might be a good time to present some legislation providing standards related to easements and giving the issue to the Standards or Legislative Committees.*
- *Discussion on the ramifications this would have on all easements.*
- *Melinda suggested the language of PLSO's position that would be presented to the Legislators needs to reflect that we are looking not only to protect the working conditions of our members but that we need to protect the interests of the public.*
- *Discussion on where this should fall in the legislative priorities.*
- *Melinda mentioned that no legislation will be able to be introduced until Fall 2012.*
- *It was discussed if we should or should not team with the Farm Bureau on the issue.*
- ***A motion was made to move the Easement Standards issues to the Standards Committee by Dave Bodo, seconded by Bob Akins.***
- *No further discussion on the issue*
- ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.***

8.16 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Rob Valentine

- *No Report Submitted*

8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Mike Hudick

- *Written Report Submitted*

9.0 President-Elect's Report – George Hofmann

- *No Report*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin

- *Membership drop list to be finalized before March 19th*
- *Melinda worked on the State House surveying exhibit with the FCEO.*
- *Donna is working on the new member packets, to give new and better information.*
- *Working on e-news and OSN, CPD courses, and the Fall Seminar.*
- *Melinda is attending meeting of the Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Council.*
- *Melinda did a CPD workshop for the Central Ohio Chapter and has been invited to talk to some ODOT administrators to talk about ways PLSO and ODOT can work together to better disseminate information and create standards.*

- *Melinda has State Board meetings and March 22nd and 23rd Melinda and Donna are going to TSAB meeting and conference planning in Cincinnati.*
- *PLSO staff request that the board adopt a policy where in order to get the “member rate” for conferences and seminars, individuals must be current in their membership dues.*
 - *Discussion on the time frames of membership dues deadlines, payment plan deadlines and application dates for conferences and seminars.*
 - *It was requested that the PLSO staff put some language together that would enact this policy and it will be added to new business for discussion and approval at the next meeting.*

11.0 President’s Report – Dana Parsell

- *Written Report Submitted*
- *President Parsell attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors. He found that our neighboring states are discussing the same topics that we discuss and that we should use their experiences to help in our decisions.*
- *President Parsell discussed some of his impressions on the MSPS survey conference.*
- *President Parsell expressed his interest in seeing more MSPS members come to our conferences and more PLSO members go to theirs.*

12.0 Adjourn

- ***A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by George Hoffman and seconded by Stephen McCall.***
- *The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.*

March 9, 2012 Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian P. Bingham, PS, PLSO Executive Secretary-2012.