

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

Location: **2012 FALL SEMINAR - HILTON GARDEN INN, PERRYSBURG, OHIO**
Date: **THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 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 6:01 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
 - *Merlon Butler*

- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Tom O'Hara (Askega)*
 - *Bob Dorner (Western Reserve)*
 - *Anne Besch (University of Akron)*
 - *Ron Wentling (Northwest Ohio)*

- 1.4 Determination of Quorum
 - *Roll Call was taken. 6 of 6 Officers, 2 of 2 Immediate Past Presidents and 8 of 20 Delegates were present at the beginning of the meeting.*
 - *Executive Director Melinda Gilpin was present.*
 - *It was determined that there was a quorum at the start of the meeting with 16 of the minimum 15 voting members present.*

- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *None*

- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for July 13, 2012 – Brian Bingham
 - *No copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting so acceptance of the minutes was tabled until November.*

- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for September, 2012 – Bryan Ellis
 - *A copy of the Treasurer's Report was distributed.*
 - *Treasurer Ellis presented the Treasurer's reports and briefly highlighted some notes pertaining to those.*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin discussed the Fall Seminar numbers and dues collection.*
 - *The Treasurer's Report for September was accepted for Financial Committee Review.*

4.0 Unfinished Business

4.1 Request for Funding from National Museum of Surveying

- *Discussion moved to 7.14*

4.2 Electronic Elections Proposal

- *Executive Director Gilpin presented information she prepared for on-line voting.*
- *The E.D. recommended that we try out the e-voting system once and see how it goes, but only if a contested ballot exists.*
 - *This will give two options of voting using the traditional mailed ballots or on-line ballots.*
- *Some discussion was held on past levels of response for balloting and how much traffic the member's only section is seeing.*
- *The fee presented in the proposal is a per-election fee.*
 - *Customers that purchase a package this year will get a free conference app for next year.*
- *Anyone that does not have an email address set-up will receive paper ballots (approx. 20% of members)*
- ***Motion to allow for Electronic Ballots if a contested election exists***
 - ***Motion made by Robert Akins and Seconded by Tom Snezek***
 - *Discussion on the possible benefits we might lose for next year (i.e. the conference app) if we do not use the e-balloting program this year due to an uncontested ballot.*
 - *E.D. Gilpin does not think we will lost out on too much if the e-ballots are not used this year but tried next year.*
- ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.***

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members – Robert Akins

- *Governor Akins presented thirteen names for new membership*
 - *6 Professional - Brian Pcionek (Western Reserve)*
Patrick A. Luginbihl (Toledo)
Todd W. Long (Cincinnati)
James R. Fouts (Tuscarawas Valley)
Joseph E. Shaw (Toldeo)
Kerry D. Osborn (Central Ohio)
 - *1 Sustaining - Trimble*
 - *6 Student - Austin Davis (OSU)*
Kyle D. Parker (OSU)
Jacob P. Schroeder (OSU)
Andrew T. Jordan (OSU)
Christian P. Goodrich (OSU)
Steven Ostrowski (OSU)
- ***A motion to accept the new member applications of 6 Professional members and 6 Student Members***
 - ***Motion made by Robert Akins and Seconded by Dave Bodo***
 - *No discussion was presented.*
 - ***A voice vote was taken and the Motion passed unanimously.***

- ***A motion to accept the 1 Sustaining Member***
 - ***Motion made by Robert Akins and Seconded by Bryan Ellis***
 - *Some discussion was held about increasing the cost for sustaining membership.*
 - *Sustaining members are blocked from pulling member lists*
 - *Suggested that this be re-visited during the constitution and by-law revisions.*
 - ***A voice vote was taken and the Motion passed unanimously.***

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

- *No Report, next meeting postponed to Nov. 1*

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *No Report*
- *Don Pickenpaugh discussed some highlights of the GIS conference.*
 - *One of the main points of the workshop was to promote cooperation and trust between the surveying and GIS communities.*
- *Don discussed the County Pilot Parcel Project the state is proposing, and that it is not apparent if a surveyor will be involved in that or not.*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Don Pickenpaugh

- *Current balance \$2,610.85*
- *reflects changes after Sen. Burk's event*
- *Reminder that the PAC fund is a separate entity with its own board.*

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*
- 7.125 Easement Standardization and the oil/gas industry
 - *No Report*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch

- *Request for funding from National Museum of Surveying*
- *Mike gave a brief history of the museum, including Mr. Ingram and Mr. Church's involvement, the museum's move from Michigan to Illinois, and the museum's debts.*
- *Mike acknowledged that the museum is a worthwhile endeavor, but that it may have become a liability that PLSO should maybe not become involved with it.*
- *Mike does not recommend a recurring pledge, but a one-time donation may be more appropriate.*
- *Mike recommends if the organization would like to support a local in-state group, that we look at the Fort Stueben historic site.*
- *Mike detailed briefly the history of the fort and its objectives, including the block-house that has been used for surveying displays, which the fort would like to make permanent.*
- *Anne Besch discussed an 1830's stone monument in Jefferson County that is about to be displaced, and could be relocated to Fort Stueben. PLSO could be involved in helping to relocate the stone to the block house at Fort Stueben- possibly at the \$500 level.*
- *More discussion was held on the National Museum's request and the level of response they have gotten so far.*
- *Anne, as one of the directors of the Surveyor's Historical Society, discussed some of the donations that organization has made to the museum.*
- *Some questions were brought up and discussed about what, if any, business plan the museum is using or has made public.*
- *Gov. Akins mentioned that the museum had asked NSPS to extend their support, NSPS opted not to extend what they had originally agreed to.*
- *An anonymous donor will match funds up to \$200k for any commitments made by the end of the year.*
- *More discussion was held about all of the unknowns of the situation, including the deadline dates and if donations given will do any good towards saving the museum.*
- *It is unlikely there is any more information that will be given out by the museum.*
- *Some discussion was held regarding where in the budget possible donations would come from.*
- *The museum asked for a 3-5 year commitment of \$2500 per year.*
- *It was suggested we make a commitment of \$1000 and ask for additional information before any other commitments are made; the pros and cons of this idea were discussed further.*
- *Discussion on committing money each year only if the museum is still viable and open each year.*
- *Several drafts of the following motion were presented before the final was settled upon.*
- ***A motion to send \$1000 to the Abraham Lincoln National Museum of Surveying after January 1, 2013 if the museum is solvent on January 1, 2013 and PLSO will have the option to revisit future donations pending a more detailed business plan from the museum.***
- ***Motion made by Mike Besch and Seconded by Anne Besch***
- *Further discussion was held on the language of the motion, when and how much PLSO will commit to the museum, and requests for further information from the museum.*
- *Further discussion was held on the impact of the budget.*
- ***A hand-count vote was taken and the motion passed by a count of 13 to 3.***
- *The Executive Director was directed to draft a letter to the museum, the letter to be approved by the officers before being sent.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *OSN goes out after fall seminar*

7.3 NSPS Governor – Robert Akins

- *Gov. Akins attended the Governor's meeting.*
- *E.D. Gilpin and Brad Kramer attended the lobbying sessions.*
- *The 100% membership is still the big issue.*
- *Two states have signed the memorandum of understanding, six states have approved the 100% membership but have not signed, six states are moving towards approving the 100% membership.*
- *Governor Akins and E.D. Gilpin still need to look at the details before presenting a recommendation.*
- *Gov. Akins needs to get some answers before information will be presented to the Chapters.*

7.31 Trig Star – Pat Leonhardt

- *Trig Star license has been paid for the year.*

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

- *Working on a one-page process for putting together conferences, seminars and workshops.*

7.411 Annual Conference Updates

- 2013 – Feb 13 – 16, 2013 - Sharonville Convention Center, Sharonville, OH
Cincinnati and SW Chapters — Rose Coors and Gary Nichols, Chapter Chair
 - *Working on conference registration materials, speaker bios.*
- 2014 – Feb. 12 – 15, 2014 - InterContinental Hotel, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland, Cleveland Chapter – Dino Lustri, Chapter Chair
 - *Looking at programs*
- 2015 – Feb. 11-14, 2015 - Renaissance Hotel Downtown, Columbus,
Central Ohio Chapter
 - *Contract finalized and signed.*
 - *Valet Parking part of room rate.*
- 2016 – Feb 10 – 13, 2016 - Marriott, Dayton, Miami Valley Chapter
 - *Contracted*

7.412 Fall Seminar Updates

- 2012 – Oct 10 – 12, 2012 - Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, Toledo Chapter
- 2013 – Oct. 10 – 11, 2013 – Cherry Valley Lodge Newark, OH, Program Committee
- 2014 – Oct. 16-18, 2014 - Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH, Program Committee
- 2015 – Oct.8 – 10, 2015 - Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
Program Committee

- 7.413 Workshop Updates
 - *Updates on the website next week.*
- 7.42 Membership - Robert Akins
 - *No Report.*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *No Report.*
- 7.44 Education - Dean Frederick
 - *Continuing with CPD programs.*
- 7.45 Legislation – Bryan Ellis
 - *No Report*
- 7.46 Finance – Paul Dinan
 - *The proposed FY2013/2014 budget passed out for review.*
 - *Paul discussed the details of the proposed budget and the reasoning behind some of the proposed budget line item changes on both the revenue and expense sides.*
 - *Some discussion was held about possible dues increases in the future.*
 - *The proposed budget needs to be adopted before the annual meeting in February, 2013.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Don Pickenpaugh
 - *No issues to be brought before the Past President’s Council at this time.*
 - *John Daley has received very little response from past presidents for his book.*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *No Report.*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No Report.*
 - *Riffle-raffle going very well.*
- 7.50 Fundraising –
 - *No Report*
 - *Still need a chair.*
- 7.51 Communications Committee – George Hofmann
 - *George commended the office staff on their hard work.*
- 7.52 Management Review – Dana Parsell
 - *No Report.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 Askega Chapter – Tom O’Hara (Alt.)
 - *No Report*

- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Jeffrey “Barney” Spontak
 - *No Report*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter – Tom Snezek
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter – Isaac King
 - *No Report*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter - Tim Riley
 - *No Report*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Stephen McCall
 - *No Report*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter – Jim Kenyon
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Charlie Harkness
 - *No Report*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Ron Wentling (Alt.)
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter –
 - *No Report Submitted*
 - *New officers elected.*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Allen Smith
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter –
 - *No Report*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors
 - *No Report*
- 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter - John Francis
 - *No Report*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Tom Silva
 - *No Report*
- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
 - *Written Report Submitted*

8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Dave Bodo

- *Written Report Submitted*

8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Anne Besch (Alt.)

- *No Report*

8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Bob Dorner (Alt.)

- *Written Report Submitted*

9.0 President-Elect's Report – George Hofmann

- *President-Elect Hoffman attended the shrimp boil at Western Reserve Chapter.*
- *Still need nominations for officers.*
- *Ballots need to be out by Nov. 15.*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin

- *No Report.*

11.0 President's Report – Dana Parsell

- *President Parsell thanked everyone for coming.*
- *Re-iterated that we need more nominations for officers.*

12.0 Adjourn

- ***A motion to adjourn the meeting.***
- ***Motion made by George Hoffman and Seconded by Bryan Ellis.***
- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.*

October 11, 2012 Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian P. Bingham, PS, PLSO Executive Secretary-2012.