

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

Location: **COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL**
Date: **FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions – President George Hofmann
 - *President Hofmann called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.*
 - *President Hofmann led the attendees in devotions.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – President George Hofmann
 - *President Hofmann led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance*
- 1.2 Introduction of Visitors – President George Hofmann
 - *Tim Schram, Sr. (Past President, 1997)*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Jay Olberding (Southwestern)*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum
 - *Roll Call was taken. 4 of 6 Officers, and 12 of 20 Delegates were present at the beginning of the meeting. 1 Delegates arrived after the meeting had started.*
 - *Executive Director Melinda Gilpin and Financial Administrator Donna Bates were present.*
 - *It was determined that there **was** a quorum at the start of the meeting with 16 voting members present exceeding the minimum 15 voting members needed for a quorum.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *Added 7.15 Constitution Review Committee*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for January 11, 2013 – Brian Bingham
 - ***A motion to accept the Secretary's Minutes from March 8, 2013. with a correction of section 7.14 spelling of Fort Steuben.***
 - ***Motion made by Thomas Snezek and Seconded by Charlie Harkness***
 - *No discussion presented.*
 - ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.***
- 3.0 Treasurer's Reports for March, 2013 – Bryan Ellis
 - *A copy of the Treasurer's Reports was distributed.*
 - *Treasurer Bryan Ellis presented the Treasurer's reports and briefly highlighted some items. Overall the budget looks good.*
 - *The Treasurer's Report for March was accepted for the Financial Committee Review.*
- 4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members – Robert Akins

- *Governor Akins presented twenty names for new membership*
 - *3 Professional - Richard P. Wenzel (Thomas Hutchins)*
Michael A. Kinnison (Scioto Valley) - Reinstatement
Jared N. Knerr (Central Ohio) - Reinstatement
 - *2 Student- Adam Beichler (University of Akron)*
Dalton Bischoff (Out of State)
- ***A motion to accept the new member applications of 1 Professional member, and 2 Student members***
 - ***Motion made by Charlie Harkness and Seconded by Lynn Snyder***
 - *No discussion was presented.*
 - ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.***
- ***A motion to accept the 2 Reinstatement Membership endorsements***
 - ***Motion made by Charlie Harkness and Seconded by Lynn Snyder***
 - *No discussion was presented.*
 - ***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

- *The State Board is still working on legislation to move to computer based testing. This will be necessary to allow NCEES to administer the fundamentals test. Many specifics still are being worked out. CBT for Fundamentals tests will begin January 2014.*

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Dana Parsell

- *No Report*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *No Report*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *No Report*

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch

- *Mike and Ann Besch and Mrs. Gilpin visited Fort Steuben April 6 and viewed the blockhouse they have set aside for surveying. They also saw the monument from 1930 that ODOT uncovered from recent construction and donated it to the museum. Melinda said that the museum is very well run but lacks some funding to develop the surveying area. Melinda reminded the board that money was available in the budget from the National Museum closing.*
- ***A motion to donate \$1500.00 to the Fort Steuben Museum for the development of the survey blockhouse.***
 - ***Motion made by Thomas Snezek and Seconded by Isaac King***
 - *No discussion was presented.*
 - ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.***

7.15 Constitution Review - Don Pickenpaugh

- *So far there have been no comments submitted by members, and only one response from a state committee chairman. A committee meeting has been set for May 3, 2013 at the PLSO office. The constitution requires 2/3 vote of the executive committee and then a majority vote from the membership. The Bi-Laws can be changed by a 2/3 vote by the executive committee. The planned timetable is for the past presidents Council to meet in June so something can be presented to the executive committee in July. This would allow time for review and hopefully a vote in September.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *OSN deadline is July 1, 2013. Articles should be submitted as soon as possible. The eNews is normally sent out the week following the Executive meetings.*

7.3 NSPS Governor – Robert Akins

- *Brian Bingham presented a written report from Mr. Akins. Mr. Akins was in Washington D.C. at the NSPS governor's meeting. The committee has met to review the MOU from NSPS concerning the 100% membership. The committee has some concerns with the effect of the decision on the increase and what the PLSO members will pay. The committee is also concerned without NSPS we would have no national presence in Washington D.C. dealing with issues such as Light Squared. Mr. Akins will bring information back from his meeting and plans on disseminating the information by the newsletter, eNews and also chapter meetings.*
- ***A motion that the executive committee's support of the membership committee's recommendation of PLSO to move forward with 100% membership of NSPS and to present the plan to the chapters and the membership. The motion was made by Brian Bingham and seconded by Charlie Harkness***
- ***A lengthy discussion concerning the process of voting and changing the Constitution was shared by many members. Clarification was made that this was only for taking the***

idea to the membership and that the NSPS membership was an additional collection not a PLSO dues increase.

- ***A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.***

7.31 Trig Star – Pat Leonhardt

- *Director Gilpin reported that local tests have been given by several chapters. Anyone wishing to administer the test can notify the office. The next national meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio.*

7.32 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt

- *No Report*

7.33 Geocaching Coordinator - Dana Parsell

- *No Report*

7.4 Standing Committees

7.41 Program – Dean Frederick

- *No Report*

7.411 Annual Conference Updates

2014 – Feb. 12 – 15, 2014 - InterContinental Hotel, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland, Cleveland Chapter – Ken Hejduk, Chapter Chair
- *Committee meeting was held in Cleveland March 22. Currently waiting on Program chair regarding potential speakers and topics.*

2015 – Feb. 11-14, 2015 - Renaissance Hotel Downtown, Columbus,
Central Ohio Chapter- Kevin Stacy, Chapter Chair

2016 – Feb 10 – 13, 2016 - Marriott, Dayton, Miami Valley Chapter
- Brad Kramer, Chapter Chair

7.412 Fall Seminar Updates

2013 – Oct. 10 – 11, 2013 – Cherry Valley Lodge Newark, OH, Program Committee
- *Program is almost completed, registration will be available July 1st and will be in the summer edition of the Ohio Surveyor's News*

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

- *April 5 workshop in Marietta featured Jim Williams and the premier of his book. Due to some complications with the publisher, special softbound copies of the book were printed for the workshop. The workshop was well attended.*
- *Looking at scheduling a workshop in June.*

- 7.42 Membership - Robert Akins
 - *Report Submitted –*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *Report Received –*
- 7.44 Education - Dean Frederick
 - *No Report*
- 7.45 Legislation – Bryan Ellis
 - *State Board is working on gaining sponsors for the Computer Based Testing which will start January 2014 for the fundamentals portion of both the PE and PS. Many items are still being worked out concerning NCEES and how the approval will work the State of Ohio.*
 - *The House of Representatives removed the section about collecting a 5% sales tax for all surveying services from the Governor's proposed budget. This could be placed back in the budget by the Senate, but there is a lot of discussion on this controversial topic.*
- 7.46 Finance –
 - *President Hofmann and Brian Bingham visited with the office and reviewed the budget with the office and everything looks good. The Committee will meet in July to review the end of the fiscal year.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Dana Parsell
 - *No Report*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *Report Received- Invitations to students to apply were sent out again*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No Report.*
- 7.50 Fundraising – Barney Spontak
 - *No Report.*
- 7.51 Communications Committee – Brian Bingham
 - *Met with the membership committee and discussed how to deal with the affinity programs request and their offers to our membership. Will work with the membership committee on setting up a policy or guidelines for these programs.*
- 7.52 Management Review – George Hofmann
 - *President Hofmann presented a new title for Donna Bates to be changed to "Financial Administrator" also looking at possibly changing Lynn's title.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 Askega Chapter – Michael Jones
 - *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 - John Hancock
- *No Report*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Brad Kramer
- *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter – Lynn Snyder/Jim Kenyon
- *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Charlie Harkness
- *No Report*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart
- *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Steven Ostrowski
- *No Report*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Vince Dowdle
- *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter – Brig Mitton
- *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter - Rose Coors
- *No Report*
- 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter -
- *No Report*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Ken Taylor
- *No Report*
- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
- *Written Report Submitted*

8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Curt Deibel

- *Written Report Submitted*

8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Rob Valentine

- *No Report*

8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – John Francis

- *No Report*

9.0 President-Elect's Report – Brian Bingham

- *President-Elect Bingham has been working on the policy for handling affinity programs and also reviewing the MOU for the NSPS membership.*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin

- *Executive Director Gilpin thanked Donna for her work with setting up the online dues payment. This will require a QuickBooks update and training for Donna next month. This change will help streamline the accounting process and Donna is doing a great job.*
- *Staff is very busy with workshops and preparing for the next annual conference.*
- *Lynn is finalizing the eNews.*

11.0 President's Report – George Hofmann

- *President Hofmann attended the Certificate ceremony March 16, 2013; March 22 attended the Cleveland conference committee meeting; attended the workshop in Marietta April 5 and on April 17 plans on attending the programming advisory committee meeting at the University of Akron.*

12.0 Adjourn

- *A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Snezek and Seconded by Isaac King.*
- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.*

April 12, 2013 Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephen McCall, PE, PS, PLSO Executive Secretary-2013.