

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

Location: **COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, NESTOR HALL**
Date: **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions – President Brian Bingham
 - *President Bingham called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.*
 - *President Bingham led the attendees in devotions.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – President Brian Bingham
 - *President Bingham led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance*
- 1.2 Introduction of Visitors – President Brian Bingham
 - *No guest visitors present*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Leslie Froelich, Western Reserve Chapter, Ken Taylor, Toledo Chapter, Brad Kramer, Miami Valley Chapter*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum
 - *Roll Call was taken. 4 of 6 Officers, and 13 of 20 Delegates were present at the beginning of the meeting. Past President Doug Kramer and Past President Dean Ringle were present.*
 - *Executive Director Melinda Gilpin was present.*
 - *It was determined that there was a quorum at the start of the meeting with 19 voting members present exceeding the minimum 15 voting members needed for a quorum.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *No agenda changes required*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for March 14, 2014 – Tom Snezek
 - *A motion was presented to accept the Secretary's Minutes from the March 14, 2014 meeting as amended.*
 - *Motion made by George Hofmann and Seconded by Don Pickenpaugh.*
 - *No discussion presented.*
 - *A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.*

3.0 Treasurer's Reports for March, 2014 – Melinda Gilpin

- *A copy of the March Treasurer's Reports was distributed.*
- *Treasurer Robert Patridge was not in attendance, Director Gilpin, reported that the financial status looks good. The accounts stand at a little over \$30,000 of projections with three quarter of the budget cycle completed. Advertising and Workshop revenues are still pending. The telephone expenses are balancing out as projected. A few Municipal invoices remain unpaid in relation to the Annual Conference but are projected to be resolved by the next budget review. Current balance is at \$37,798.00 with three months remaining. Director Gilpin thanked Financial Committee Chair, George Hofmann for his review.*
- *Director Gilpin introduced her new staff member, Valerie Worth, and indicated that starting next month she will be preparing the Financial Reports.*
- *The March financial report was accepted for Financial Committee Review.*

4.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business reported.

5.0 New Business

5.1 New Members – Robert Akins

- *Mr. Akins is in California for the N.S.P.S. Annual Meeting.*
- *Reporting for him was Director Gilpin.*
- *A new members list was distributed and reviewed. 3 new professional members, 1 student member and 1 reinstatement were nominated.*

New Professional members

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| <i>Alaina Krejci</i> | <i>- Tuscarawas Valley Chapter</i> |
| <i>Dave Schwieterman</i> | <i>- Cincinnati Chapter</i> |
| <i>Michael Ziska</i> | <i>- Central Ohio Chapter</i> |

New Student Members

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| <i>Jennifer Brown</i> | <i>- Scioto Valley Chapter</i> |
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A motion to accept was made by Ken Taylor and seconded by George Hofmann. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement

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| <i>Brett Boothe</i> | <i>- Scioto Valley Chapter</i> |
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A motion to accept was made by Tom Snezek and seconded by Dean Ringle. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates

6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle -

Mr. Ringle presented the Issue 1 signs for distribution to the membership. The issue is for the State wide vote in May for funding for Roads and Bridges. He further noted that this does not represent a new tax, but through the O.P.W.C., will secure the bonding for funds to support this effort.

This coming week will be the C.E.A.O. National Conference. Ohio will be hosting the National Conference in Cincinnati in 2017.

6.2 ODOT - Jim Kenyon -

Mr. Kenyon reported that the State will be loading new software for the V.R.S. System by late June. The connections for the C.O.R.S. 96 will be discontinued and everything will be on the 2011 datum. The potential for fees will be revisited and will be addressed by the end of January 2015.

O.D.O.T. is working on an updated cost proposal process for contracts. He is working on various committees which are meeting with the consultant community to standardize the fees and establish a range of hours for various complexities for projects.

He further discussed the loss of state concrete monuments to construction and utility projects and after discussion, indicated the need for the state to get updated positions on the monuments before to many more are lost.

6.3 State Board of Registration – Melinda Gilpin

- Dean Ringle reported that the next meeting will be on the 29th. Of April.

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle - No Report

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – George Hofmann

- No written Report –

Beginning balance = \$2117.35

Deposits of \$150.00 in donations received.

Ending Balance = \$2264.35

George Hofmann thanked those members who donated and asked that others step-up and donate to this worthy cause.

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- He reported that he continues to solicit input from the Chapter membership to offer any comments or suggestions to update O.R.C. Section #4733 which was last updated in 2003, (based on a five year rule review cycle). Director Gilpin added that one of the House members is putting together a bill on the O.R.C. #4733. The five year cycle is on the O.A.C. The bill may be out this fall. She would need the committee's comments by August.

Email comments to; bradkramer@kramer2000.com

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle –

- *Reported that the Toledo Chapter had a talk presented on the Michigan/Ohio line, more specifically the meridian and the intersection of the two between the states.*
- *Secondly, he reported that the O.D.N.R. is running low on two of the four volume set of the Ohio Topographic Surveys. Historically volume one, the Ohio/Michigan Boundary and volume three, the Ohio Land Subdivisions are reprinted but O.D.N.R. doesn't have the funds to pay for the reprints. The State Board, recognizing the importance of volume three as it pertains to the state exams for licensure, will work with them to get them reprinted and distributed. Volume four has never been reprinted, which actually has the state line information including the Pennsylvania/Ohio line. Efforts will be made to retrieve the originals and the plates with the intent to reproduce an updated a clear copy for reproduction.*

Discussion held regarding the cost and distribution of the books. It was reiterated that public records laws prevent governmental agencies from making a profit from the sales.

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch - *No Report*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *Director Gilpin asked the Chapters be sure to email her with their updated list of Officers. Dean Ringle stated that the University officers have been established and he will get them out A.S.A.P.*
- *Director Gilpin noted that the e-news is the best source of scheduled events updates.*

7.3 NSPS Governor – Robert Akins

- *Mr. Akins had no report. He is in California for the N.S.P.S. Spring Meeting.*

7.31 Nation Surveyor Week – Director Gilpin

- *Reported that Ohio was second in the county for reporting new points for the NOAA/NGS GPS benchmark campaign. We reported 9 while Pennsylvania had 13. Discussion on getting the date of Surveyor's Week sooner for next year so that we have time to get it out to the Chapters so they may plan events.*

7.32 Trig Star – Pat Leonhardt

- *Written report submitted. Several Tests have been sent out.*

7.33 CST Coordinator - Pat Leonhardt

- *Discussions between Mr. Leonhardt, the President and director revealed that if the program is to be continued the coordinator should be someone located in the state. It was further discussed that the CST program is more applicable and more readily applied in states that have employment categories within their D.O.T. organizations. It was recommended by President Bingham that the subject should be tabled until next meeting where the board will examine this issue in detail and try to determine if there is a need for this classification in our state.*

7.4 Standing Committees

7.41 Program – Kevin Stacy/Director Gilpin

- *Director Gilpin reported that she and Mr. Stacy met on Wednesday.*

7.411 Annual Conference Updates

- 2014 – Feb. 12 – 15, 2014 - Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
Cleveland, Cleveland Chapter – Ken Hejduk, Chapter Chair
A Conference summary report was distributed. Final results were slightly better than projected.
- 2015 – Feb. 11-14, 2015 - Renaissance Hotel Downtown, Columbus,
Central Ohio Chapter- Kevin Stacy, Chapter Chair
It's going well. They reviewed the schedule, speakers and programs. They will be putting together some specialized committees for smaller programs. Next week they will do a walk through at the facility.
- 2016 – Feb 10 – 13, 2016 - Marriott, Dayton, Miami Valley Chapter
- Brad Kramer, Chapter Chair
She and Brad Kramer will be getting together soon to discuss the event.

7.412 Fall Seminar Updates

- 2014 – Oct. 16-18, 2014 - Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH, Program Committee
*Two speakers remain to be confirmed. Registration starts July 1st.
She and Chairman Jeff Ellison did a walk-through of the facility last week.
There is no chapter committee needed.*
- 2015 – Oct.8 – 10, 2015 - Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
Program Committee will meet later to begin planning.
- 2016 - Location not chosen yet. They plan to have a location selected by the July meeting.

7.413 Workshop Updates

- *Director Gilpin reported she has two planned. One in May the other in June.
One at the O.D.O.T. auditorium in Columbus and the other somewhere in Marion, Ohio.*

7.42 Membership - Robert Akins

- *No Report*

- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
- *For Mr. Myers, Don Pickenpaugh reported that there is concern in some of the smaller county recorder's offices, especially where Oil and Gas operations are occurring, that their research facilities are overwhelmed. Users are often restricted to ten minutes of research time on the in-office terminals. Lines often form down the halls waiting for on line time. This is making it extremely difficult for surveyors and title companies to perform their required research. It was suggested the Mr. Myers contact the Ohio Recorder's Association to express our Concerns. This may be a temporary issue during the surge of well development in the individual counties.*
- 7.44 Education – Steve Cahill
- *No Report received.*
- 7.45 Legislation – Dean Ringle
- *Mr. Ringle thanked the Executive Committee for funding the lobbyist for the efforts to get the statue of limitations language finalized and to get it into the bill. After the Primary in May, a voting period may allow this bill to move forward. Discussion ensued that addressed the language of the bill. Attorney Thomas Schuck indicates that the regulation would provide a 4 year period for professional services beginning at the point of "completion of engagement" for a given project. He is working with the House to continue this effort and get it over to the Senate side. This will be a stand- alone section in the civil litigation section of the O.A.C.*
 - *He further discussed H.B. 515 regarding "Timber Harvesting". They just begun developing the concepts and language and the issue will be revisited for future meetings.*
- 7.46 Finance – George Hofmann
- *Reported that he reviewed the financials for March earlier today with Director Gilpin and everything is in good shape.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – George Hofmann
- *No Report – He stated that the council was established as an advisory board and stands ready to assist in that capacity and will meet on an "as needed" basis.*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
- *Written Report Submitted. Students have been reminded that they need to get their applications in by early May. Dean Ringle suggested next year moving the notice time period to start in March to facilitate the semester format.*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
- No Report*
- 7.50 Fundraising – Barney Spontak
- *No Report*

7.51 Communications Committee – Steve McCall

- *No report. George Hofmann noted the newspaper article recognizing Don Pickenpaugh from last month's meeting receiving the "Presidential Merit Award"*

7.52 Management Review – Brian Bingham

- *President Bingham welcomed in new employee Valerie Worth.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

8.1 Askega Chapter – Michael Jones

- *Written report submitted. Next meeting on May 6nd. At Kucera International with speaker John Daily talking on the interurban railways.*

8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Josh Meyer

- *No Report Submitted*

8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp

- *Written Report Submitted. Mentioned registered land issue up for public hearing in July.*

8.4 Cleveland Chapter – No Delegate

- *No written report submitted. Secretary Tom Snezek reported on recent social meeting and their continuing efforts to fill officer vacancies. George Hofmann added the receipt of three scholarship applications for review and approval by their committee.*

8.5 Congress Lands Chapter – Isaac King

- *Verbal Report. Next meeting is on May 7th.*

8.6 Firelands Chapter - John Hancock

- *No report submitted.*

8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Brad Kramer

- *Verbal Report given – Looking forward to hosting Annual Conference in Dayton.*

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

- *Written Report Submitted. Also reported they are working with the Firelands Chapter on the dedication ceremony for the calibration base line in New London, Ohio. Will meet next on May 17th. They plan to have a CPD session in the morning. They hope to have some media coverage on the event.*

8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Charlie Harkness

- *No written report submitted. Next meeting will be on April 17th.*

8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart

- *Written Report submitted. Held a CPD session with the P.L.S.O. President in attendance.*

8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Steven Ostrowski

- *Dean Ringle reported they will be hosting a seminar next week on NGS Bluebooking.*

- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Don Pickenpaugh
 - *Written Report Submitted. Updated Chapter Constitution up for vote in April.*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter – Brig Mitton
 - *No Report Submitted*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter – Eric Lutz
 - *Meeting on April 11*
- 8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter – Tin Schram
 - *No report submitted*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Mike Estep
 - *Written Report Submitted*
- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
 - *Written Report Submitted. Discussed a session they had addressing the geometry and measurement aspects of historic earthwork features and mounds in Ohio.*
- 8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter - Curt Deibel
 - *No Report Submitted.*
- 8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Jake Korngable
 - *No Report submitted*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Leslie Froelich
 - *No written report submitted. Reported that they will begin having regular CPD meetings. They will be using various alternates over the coming months. Expressed support for the U of A students going to the rendezvous coming up. Noted new access capabilities to the Summit County road records. Noted the Scholarship available for minorities and women at the University of Akron.*
- 9.0 President-Elect's Report – Steve McCall
 - *President-Elect McCall reported on his observations and the on-going learning process needed to be the next president. He will be working to develop those skills over the next few months and appreciates every ones help.*
- 10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin
 - *Reported that it's great to have a new staff member. She had a lot of dealing with other directors on the legislative side and with the NSPS side. Reported four new job postings to the member section of the web-site. E-news will go out on Monday. Re-negotiated the postal meter costs to \$400 per year, a 60% reduction. Requesting a tablet for office use. Offered everyone to take packets of the new brochures available on "Why you need a Surveyor".*

11.0 President's Report – Brian Bingham

- *Attended the certification ceremony on March 14th. Attended the Northwest Chapter meeting. He continues to work to support the Legislative Committee's efforts on the Statue of Limitation efforts.*

12.0 Adjourn

- ***A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Hofmann and Seconded by Doug Kramer.***
- ***No Discussion***
- ***The motion passed unanimously.***
- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.*

April 11, 2014 Minutes respectfully submitted by Thomas M. Snezek, PS, PLSO Executive Secretary-2014.