

**MINUTES OF THE  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF OHIO  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015 6:00PM**

**CEAO OFFICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO**

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions – President Steve McCall
  - *President McCall called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – President Steve McCall
  - *President McCall led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance*
- 1.2 Introduction of visitors – *None noted.*
- 1.3 Seating of alternative chapter delegates – *None noted.*
- 1.4 Determination of a quorum – Secretary Tom Snezek
  - *Roll call was taken by Secretary Tom Snezek.*
  - *6 officers and 12 of 20 delegates were present thus establishing a quorum with 18 voting members.*
- 1.5 Agenda changes – *No changes noted.*
- 2.0 Acceptance of secretary's minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting.
  - A motion was presented to accept the Secretary's Minutes of the October 2015 meeting with no noted changes.***
    - ***Motion made by Glen Gibson and seconded by George Hofmann.***
    - ***The motion passed by voice vote.***
- 3.0 Treasurer's Reports for October 2015 - *Robert Patridge with some comments by Director Gilpin.*
  - *October's report looks good and balanced.*
  - *Director Gilpin noted the some revenues from the Fall Conference are still outstanding.*
  - *Minor correction to the education column.*
  - *Budget is right where it should be at this point in the fiscal year.*
  - ***Accepted by President McCall subject to Finance Committee review.***
- 4.0 Un-finished Business –
  - 4.1 2016 Fiscal Year Budget-
    - *4.1 After open discussion, President McCall confirmed that with one minor correction the budget is ready for submittal to the general membership at the annual conference. Hearing no further comments President McCall asked for a motion to approve sending the budget to the General Meeting for a vote of acceptance.*
    - ***Motion made by Ken Taylor seconded by Bob Akins***
    - ***Motion carried by voice vote.***
- 5.0 New Business –

5.1 - New Members – Robert Akins

- **Mr. Akins introduced a motion to accept nine (9) Professional Members and six (6) Student Members.**

- *After review, the motion was seconded by Glen Gibson.*
- *Motion carried by voice vote.*

- *The new members are -*

**Professional-**

- *J. Alex Kelsner, Cleveland Chapter, (reinstatement).*
- *Dennis Whiting, Toledo Chapter, (reinstatement).*
- *Ramah Payne, Miami Valley Chapter, (reinstatement).*
- *Michael Keller, Central Ohio Chapter, (reinstatement).*
- *James E. Peterson, Cleveland Chapter, (reinstatement).*
- *Elton Cooper FM, Cleveland Chapter.*
- *Scott Horan, Cleveland Chapter.*
- *Brian Smart, Central Ohio Chapter.*
- *Terry Stowell Jr., Southwestern Chapter.*

**Student-**

- *Brennen L. Ott, University of Akron.*
- *Justin Moran, Ohio State University.*
- *Harper Craft, Ohio State University.*
- *Samuel Bollinger, Ohio State University.*
- *Dane Rihi, Ohio State University.*
- *Alex Dundore, Ohio State University.*

- **Mr. Akins introduced a motion to accept two (2) Associate Members.**

- *After review, the motion was seconded by Ken Taylor.*
- *Motion carried by voice vote.*

- *The new members are -*

- *Ryan King, Central Ohio Chapter.*
- *Gjorgi Kondev, Tuscarawas Valley Chapter.*

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates –

6.1 - CEAO – Dean Ringle,

- *Reporting for Mr. Ringle, President McCall noted that at a recent joint society meeting the subject of increasing licensed P.S. and dual licensed members was discussed.*

- *G.I.S. conference was held this past month and was very successful.*

6.2 - ODOT – Ray Foos,

- *Held meeting this past week on work flows and Lidar scanning specifications.*

- *Question from the floor - is ODOT still looking into a single zone State Plane Coordinate system? Response was that it is still under consideration with more to follow.*

6.3 - State Board of Registration – Dean Ringle,

- *Reporting for Mr. Ringle, Director Gilpin noted that she will be attending their meeting on Tuesday.*

- *We are awaiting their opinion on the “McKissock’s” and other on-line continuing education courses. The rule of 3 hours per year/6 hours per cycle is still very much in place. At the last meeting the P.L.S.O. encouraged the Board to come up with a stronger and more clarified definition of what on-line course should be. Much needs to be clarified on this issue and the Tuesday meeting is hoped to bring some answers.*

6.4 - OGRIP – Dean Ringle, No report received.

7.0 Committee Reports –

7.1 - Special Committees –

7.11 - Political Action Committee – Brian Bingham

|                                 |   |                                       |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Reported - Beginning balance of | = | \$3,570.35                            |
| Deposits                        | = | \$0.00                                |
| Disbursements                   | = | \$3.00 Bank Fees                      |
|                                 | = | \$250.00 State Rep Tim Schaffer event |
|                                 | = | \$350.00 Citizens to Elect Blessing   |
| Ending Balance                  | = | \$2,967.35                            |

7.12 - Standards Committee – Brad Kramer, *No Report Received.*

7.13 - State Line Committee – Dean Ringle, *No Report Received.*

7.14 - Historic Review – *No report received.*

7.2 - Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff, *Next issue out next week after state board meeting.*

7.3 - NSPS Governor – Robert Akins,

- *Mr. Akins reported on the success of the fall seminar and thanked the joint efforts put in by both PLSO and NSPS representation.*
- *The bullet points of the Joint Government Affairs packet were discussed.*
- *The progress of what is being put forward to congress was discussed.*
- *The subject of “Light-Squared” has returned to the table and will be a topic for further discussion.*
- *ALTA standards will go into effect on February 23rd.*
- *Discussion on interaction between NSPS on the national level acting on legislation under consideration where it may be in conflict with various state association’s similar efforts. It is envisioned that they will co-write or at the least work more closely together to match these efforts in hopes of avoiding any future conflicts.*
- *Announced Brian Bingham to represent Ohio to the FIG Young Surveyors group.*
- *Noted that there are 47 state associations who have joint membership with NSPS raising the individual membership over 17,000 and giving surveyors a much stronger voice in Washington. It was noted that California, Arkansas and West Virginia are the three remaining states to join the 100% membership program.*
- *Noted that NSPS has been recognized by ABET to be the professional organization for evaluating survey programs around the country.*
- *Discussion about addressing the now world-wide issue of bring young surveyors into the profession.*

7.31 Trigstar - Pat Leonhardt, *No Report Received.*

7.32 CST Coordinator - Robert Akins,

- *He discussed the issue with a representative of ODOT at the fall seminar about joining efforts to further develop the program.*

7.33 - Formation of the Young Surveyors committee, Brian Bingham

- *Newly appointed Chairman Brian Bingham discussed potential development ideas for This program.*

7.4 - Standing Committees –

7.41 - Program – Kevin Stacy, *No report received, reporting for him Director Gilpin.*

7.411 – *Annual Conference program for 2016 in Dayton is completed and she anticipates registration to start before Thanksgiving.*

- *Planning for 2017 is contracted at Kalahari.*

7.412 – *Fall Seminars for 2016 at University Center at Stark Campus in Canton is also*

*moving along. It was further noted to be sure to attend the Football Hall of Fame event at that seminar with a chance to meet and greet a Hall of Famer!*

- *Work continues on planning the 2017 Fall Conference which will be held at the Hilton Polaris Facilities in Northern Columbus. This will be a renewal year and attendance is expected to be high.*

7.413 - *Three workshops are scheduled between now and the end of December. One in Chillicothe, one in Cleveland and one in Columbus. On line registration is up and running.*

7.42 - Membership – Robert Akins, *No report received.*

7.43 - Inter-professional Affairs - A.J. Myers, *No report received.*

- *Director Gilpin reported on the success of the PLSO booth at the OTEC Conference.*

7.44 - Education – Steve Cahill, *No written report received.*

- *Director Gilpin reported on the approval of the new four year program by the state board. Discussion continued on the impacts and changes envisioned to Cincinnati State, Columbus State and other Ohio Universities.*

7.45 - Legislation – Dean Ringle, *No written report received.*

- *Director Gilpin reported on the Ethics Bill moving through the House and on to the Senate.*

- *7.451 Legislator of the Year nominations and ratification.*

- ***After discussion of the nomination of State Representative Louis Blessing as the Legislator of the Year a motion made by George Hofmann, and seconded by Brian Bingham resulted in his unanimous ratification by voice vote.***

7.46 - Finance – George Hofmann,

- *Reported that he reviewed the September and October Financial Reports and with only some minor correction, all is in good shape.*

7.47 - Past Presidents Council – Brian Bingham, *No written report received.*

7.48 - Scholarship – Rocky Lomano, *No written report received.*

7.49 - Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder, *No written report received.*

7.50 - Fundraising – George Hofmann,

- *Reminded all to work with their chapter's to plan for the annual conference. Donations will be needed for the raffle and other fund raising events.*

7.51 - Communication Report – Ken Taylor, - *No written report received.*

7.52 - Management review – President Steve McCall, *No written report received.*

7.53 - Nominations committee – Ken Taylor,

- *Reported that they do not as yet have nominations for the “Surveyor of the Past” or “Member of the Year” awards. The deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## 8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports –

8.1 Askega Chapter – Michael Jones

*No written report submitted. Meeting planned for Monday.*

8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Josh Meyer

*Written Report Submitted. Meeting planned for December 10<sup>th</sup>.*

8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp

*Written Report Submitted.*

8.4 Cleveland Chapter – George Hofmann

*Written report submitted. Discussed recent meeting and CPD class.*

8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King

*No written report submitted. Held meeting last Wednesday.*

8.6 Firelands Chapter – John Hancock

*No written report submitted.*

8.7 Miami Valley Chapter - Steve McCall

*No written report submitted. There will be a meeting next week.*

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

*Written report submitted.*

8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Charles Harkness

*No written report submitted. Will have a seminar meeting next week on the baseline and GPS navigation.*

8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart

*Written report Submitted.*

8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Kyle Parker

*No written report submitted.*

8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Mike Austen

*Written report submitted.*

8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter – Brig Mitton

*Written report submitted. Next meeting on Tuesday.*

8.14 Southwestern Chapter – Eric Lutz

*No written report submitted. On Monday they will have an 8 hour CPD class.*

8.15 The Thomas Hutchins Chapter – Tim Schram

*No report submitted.*

8.16 Toledo Chapter – Terry Wright/Mike Estep

*No Written report submitted.*

8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers

*Written report submitted.*

8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter – Dave Bodo Sr.

*Written report submitted.*

8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Ann Besch

*No written report submitted.*

8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Glen Gibson

*Written report submitted. Held meeting last Wednesday.*

9.0 President-Elect's Report – Ken Taylor

- *He discussed the frequency of our meetings and the potential use of "Go-to" meeting formats. Discussion from the floor continued to explore the various options. Indications are that until we have a larger office at our disposal this idea would not work very well.*

- *Reminded all of the deadlines for applications for surveyor of the past nominations and member of the year nominations. December 11<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline for all applications.*

10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin

- *Director Gilpin noted continued work on the web-site.*

- *She will be out of the office until Monday after Thanksgiving.*

11.0 President's Report – Steve McCall

- *He noted he attended OTEC and various Joint Society meeting last month.*
- *He reminded all to be aware of the nomination deadline to seek the “Surveyor of the Past” and “Member of the Year” candidates.*
- *He challenged the membership and staff to be attentive to the needs of our profession.*
- *Noted the need for new office space coming up next year.*
- *Discussed the CPD concerns and our continued efforts to offer more classes and seminars.*
- *Discussed the continuing need to develop young surveyors.*

12.0

Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn by Glen Gibson, seconded by Tom Snezek. The motion passed by voice vote.**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.*

*November 13, 2015 Minutes respectfully submitted.*

*Thomas M. Snezek, PS,  
PLSO Executive Secretary*