

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

Location: **EMH&T, 5500 NEW ALBANY ROAD, COLUMBUS, OH**
Date: **FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

ALL REPORTS WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING

- 1.0 Call to Order & Devotions – Ken Taylor
 - *President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.*
 - *President Taylor led the attendees in devotions.*
- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
 - *President Taylor led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- 1.2 Introduction of Visitors – Ken Taylor
 - *There were no visitors.*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Steve Cahill of Cincinnati represented his Chapter.*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
 - *Roll Call was taken. 5 of 6 Officers, 12 of 20 Delegates, and 1 Immediate Past President were present at the beginning of the meeting for a quorum of 18.*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin was present.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *No agenda changes were made.*

- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for March, 2016 – Don Pickenpaugh
 - ***A motion to accept the minutes for March 11, 2016 was made by Steve Cahill and seconded by Brian Bingham. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.***

- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for March, 2016 – Robert Patridge
 - *Copies of the March Treasurer's Report were distributed; review had been completed by the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.*
 - *An update for QuickBooks will be necessary to be able to continue online billing.*
 - *Melinda reported for Treasurer Patridge that we are in good shape. There are a few outstanding expenditures remaining from the Annual Conference.*
 - *President Taylor accepted the Treasurer's Report for Finance Committee review.*

- 4.0 Unfinished Business
 - 4.1 Discussion of PLSO EC meeting location and office space - Ken Taylor
 - *The office lease expires in October. We are looking for something with an adjoining classroom space that could be used for meetings and workshops, while avoiding double rent. A move is anticipated in November or December.*

- 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 New Members - Bob Akins
 - ***A motion to approve one affiliate member was made by Bob Akins and seconded by George Hofmann. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.***
 - *Brett Stricklett of the Western Reserve Chapter was accepted.*

- 6.0 Inter-Association Delegates
 - 6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle
 - *Not in attendance and no report; Steve McCall reported the CEAO Land Records Conference is scheduled for June 21, and is mainly attended by tax map people.*
 - 6.2 ODOT – Ray Foos

- *Ray Foos reported the Surveying & Mapping specifications are being revised, having gone through committee this week, and will go to the executive branch in May. Expecting changes this summer.*
- *There is not much information yet on the 2022 datum.*
- *Responding to a question of a single statewide zone, Ray reported ODOT is in the early stages of looking at a method that will help with projects and scale and ground to grid conversion.*

6.3 State Board of Registration - Melinda Gilpin

- *Melinda attended the Board meeting Tuesday.*
- *A letter from OSPE was written to the Board, asking for action against some CPD providers, citing possible non-compliance with Ohio law, and noting confusion over differences between correspondence and online courses.*
- *The Board requests PLSO's input.*
- *A 30 hour Ohio package being offered is **not** pre-approved by the Board as advertised.*
- *Comments were made that we need to make a statement and back up OSPE's position.*
- *There is still confusion between statements by the Board and CPD providers, despite some clarification.*
- *Requirements for CPDs include the identity and credentials of the instructor.*
- *Should we put a group together on this issue, study and analyze course offerings?*
- *Discussion ensued that the PS needs to be informed in a "buyer beware" market that claims of Board pre-approval are invalid; the onus is on the surveyor.*
- ***George Hofmann moved to write a letter of support on behalf of OSPE, and Brian Bingham provided a second. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.***
- *Our May meeting will be held in conjunction with the survey exam workshop – location will be at Crowne Plaza North.*
- *They want the EC to attend this meeting as part of a focus group.*

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *Nothing to report.*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Steve McCall

- *Steve reported the Political Action Fund balance stands at \$3,252.35.*
- *A Past Presidents meeting is anticipated later this fall.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *No report submitted.*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *No report submitted. A work schedule will be put together soon.*

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch

- *No report submitted.*
- *Melinda plans to attend the Fort Steuben Ohio Valley Frontier Days the first weekend in June with members of Ohio Valley and Western Reserve Chapters.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *The OSN is expected to be dropped to the Post Office Monday.*

7.3 NSPS Director - Robert Akins

- *Bob attended the NSPS Spring Meeting in Washington, DC, and will divide his report into three parts for three Executive Committee meetings. Part I, today, is Lobby Day; Part II will be Committee meetings, and Part III Board of Directors meeting.*
- *Bob attended a PAC breakfast on Capitol Hill, after a meeting the evening before on how to conduct yourself for Lobby Day.*
- *Four items of relevance were covered:*
- *One, FIRM reform (see handout).*
- *Two, Private sector utilization with government to provide business opportunities.*
- *Three, Shorelines and harbors, directed more toward continental coastal areas.*

- *Four, Work force in the light of the average age of surveyors (58).*
- *Asking feds for help in funding and sustaining university programs; developing a PR program. Where to start? The 6th-7th grade, Junior High level.*
- *NSPS is joining forces with Jeff Lovin of Woolpert; offers perspective between large and small size firms.*
- *Attendees met with staffers who are young, smart and who know the issues.*
- *Met with staff of Senators Brown and Portman, and some Representatives.*
- *Cordial reception, interested. Were advised caucuses are a tool to increase advocacy.*
- *Next month's report will cover committee reports.*
- *A question arose about the source of the statistic on the average age of surveyors (58). This is a Department of Labor statistic.*
- *Charlie Harkness is concerned with the softening of requirements to become a surveyor due to the age issue; we need to have the answers before we get the questions.*
- *Bob responded we should avoid being limited to just boundary surveying. Millennials expect instant riches.*
- *Charlie is also concerned that the public will complain about not being able to get a survey quickly enough, and take their complaints to elected officials.*
- *There was not a decrease in registrants when the BS requirement was added in Ohio.*
- *NCEES stats show testing numbers are dropping.*
- *Ken Taylor mentioned GIS technicians who desire another year of coursework so they can become PSs. Brian Bingham thinks this makes sense, likening it to the PE track.*
- *Steve Hill cited one-person surveying makes it difficult to vouch for others' experience.*
- *Steve McCall mentioned 2+2 educational programs.*
- *Melinda mentioned a lot of attendees at the GIS Conference in 2011 did not realize surveyors had to have a license after a degree program of study. Ohio is fortunate to have degree paths available, and numbers have been steady, contrasted to national numbers with significant decline.*
- *Bob said this is a hot, high-profile topic at NSPS.*
- *Charlie felt emphasizing the need to protect the public is more effective than the need to protect the profession. Don and Bob also stressed how our public image is important.*

7.31 Trig-Star – Pat Leonhardt

- *Written report received.*
- *May 21 is the deadline for test results.*

7.32 CST Coordinator – Robert Akins

- *Bob recommended paper tests be used over online tests.*
- *An MOA between NSPS and the US military is being forged, directing all construction technicians through the CST program (Fort Leonard Wood).*
- *Ohio is tenth in the nation with about 40 CSTs. We could push the CST program better.*
- *Melinda stated Patrick Ernst at Sinclair Community College in Dayton is offering to assist as available; Columbus State is looking at it.*

7.4 Standing Committees

7.41 Program – Kevin Stacey

7.411 Annual Conference Updates

2016 – Feb 10-13, 2016 – Marriott, Dayton

Miami Valley Chapter, Brad Kramer, Chair

- *Melinda reported we continue to receive requests to have the Annual Conference in Columbus, and move the Fall Seminar around the State.*
- *Vendors would like to see a larger facility and Exhibit Hall.*
- *There is one facility along the outerbelt with the capacity we need – Hilton-Easton.*
- *If we sign a multi-year agreement, room rates will be kept down; there is no parking fee compared to downtown.*
- *Could still have Chapter hosts for moderators and speakers.*

- *Kevin says discussion is needed, having received the same comments for years.*
- *Fall Seminars do not pose the challenge that the Annual Conference does.*
- ***George Hofmann made a motion to have the Annual Conference in Columbus from year-to-year. Steve Cahill seconded the motion. The motion was amended to have the Annual Conference in Columbus for three years, 2019, 2020 and 2021, and then re-evaluate. Steve Cahill provided a second for the amended motion.***
- ***The motion to hold the Annual Conference in Columbus for the three year period of 2019, 2020 and 2021 was approved by unanimous voice vote.***
- 2017 – Feb 15-18, 2017 – Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
 - *The Conference Chair for 2017 will be Rich Frederickson, current Firelands Chapter President.*
- 2018 –
 - *Location will be at the Sharonville Convention Center.*
- 7.412 Fall Seminar Updates
 - 2016 – Oct 13-14, 2016 – University Center at Stark Campus, Kent State, Canton, OH
 - Western Reserve Chapter, Leslie Froelich, Chapter Chair
 - *Speaking schedule is virtually complete.*
 - *Featuring the Football Hall of Fame.*
 - 2017 – Oct 12-13, 2017 – Hilton Polaris, Columbus, OH
- 7.413 Workshop Updates
 - *The April 15 workshop in the Cinci area is postponed to Fall.*
 - *April 29 in Toledo; including the State Board and the future of the profession; on target with registrations.*
 - *Next workshop after April 29 will be after Fall Seminar.*
 - *Ohio Valley is hosting a Jim Williams seminar April 29 in Marietta.*
- 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
 - *No further report.*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *Not in attendance and No Report.*
- 7.44 Education – Steve Cahill
 - *The Committee met today.*
 - *Would like to see improvements to the website, with interactive mapping, which appeals to young people. This is expensive. Could NSPS help fund it? Would advertising be allowed? See the KAPS site for an example.*
 - *It is difficult for colleges to get their websites updated with new programs.*
 - *Will the cost be met with comparative usage if developed?*
 - *We are seeing potential with STEM events. We can use help here - people and equipment!*
 - *The Committee’s goal is to create a statewide network. There are five “pods” now.*
- 7.45 Legislation – Dean Ringle
 - *No report. Elections are taking precedence at the Statehouse.*
- 7.46 Finance – George Hofmann
 - *Reviewed the March financial reports; all is in order.*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Steve McCall
 - *A meeting is being planned for late summer to fall to review the five year plan.*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *Melinda reported all students have received an email notifying them their applications are due to the Columbus Foundation May 2.*
 - *If your Chapter offers a scholarship, let the office know.*

- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No report.*
- 7.50 Fundraising – George Hofmann
 - *George reported Tom Snezek will be holding a “Putting for the PAC” at the Cleveland Chapter golf outing. Contact George if your Chapter has other fundraising ideas.*
- 7.51 Communications Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie encouraged all to write a small article for Surveyor Stories as requested by Michael Pallamary of La Jolla, CA.*
- 7.52 Management Review – Ken Taylor
 - *No activity at this time of year.*
- 7.53 Nominations Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie intends to ask each Chapter early on for the name of a member who could serve on the Executive Committee to gain Delegate experience. This is a means of giving back to the profession.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 ASKEGA Chapter – Michael Jones
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Ed Miller
 - *No meeting, no report.*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter – George Hofmann
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King
 - *No report.*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter – no delegate
 - *Hopeful will have a Delegate next month.*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Brad Kramer
 - *Steve McCall reported they met last month and had a speaker from OUPS.*
 - *A new locator company is coming to Ohio.*
 - *Underground Tech Committee operating by PUCO.*
 - *Melinda and Steve Cahill stressed a PS, perhaps a retiree, is needed on the committee that oversees the complaint process.*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter – Lynn Snyder/Jim Kenyon
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Jim reported a real estate attorney will present May 10 in Ashland for CPD credit.*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Mike Nichols
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart
 - *Not in attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Charles Kotten
 - *No report submitted.*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Steven Hill
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter – Brig Mitton
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter – Eric Lutz
 - *No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.15 Thomas Hutchins Chapter – Tim Schram
 - *Not in Attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Terry Wright
 - *Written Report Submitted.*

- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter – Curt Diebel
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Ann Besch
 - *Not in Attendance and No Written Report Submitted.*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Tim Briggs
 - *Written Report Submitted.*
 - *Stark County Regional Planning Commission providing surveying services under the GIS umbrella.*

- 9.0 President-Elect’s Report – Charles Harkness
 - *No report.*

- 10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin
 - *The Executive Committee is meeting next month is at the Crowne Plaza North in conjunction with the State Board meeting.*
 - *The EC will be part of a focus group on questions for the exam.*
 - *We meet at 2:30 pm May 13 at Crowne Plaza North.*
 - *Valerie will be on medical leave beginning April 20.*

- 11.0 President’s Report – Ken Taylor
 - *Ken, Melinda and John Greenhalge are going to the University of Akron program committee meeting at Akron April 20.*
 - *Ad and popup scenarios are being looked at for surveying and related businesses, such as attorneys, fence builders, real estate, education, drones, etc.*

- 12.0 Adjourn
 - *President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.*

April 8, 2016 Minutes respectfully submitted by Donald E. Pickenpaugh, P.S., PLSO Executive Secretary, 2016.