

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

Location: **HILTON EASTON, 3900 CHAGRIN DRIVE, LILAC ROOM, COLUMBUS, OH**
Date: **FRIDAY, JULY 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 6:05 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 present.*
 - 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Josh Meyer of Central Ohio, Patrick Ernst of Miami Valley, and Tom Silva of Toledo were present as Alternate Delegates.*
 - 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
 - *Roll Call was taken. 4 of 6 Officers, 10 of 20 Delegates, and 1 Immediate Past President were present at the beginning of the meeting for a quorum of 15.*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin was present.*
 - 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *No agenda changes were made.*
- 2.0 Acceptance of Secretary's Minutes for May, 2016 – Don Pickenpugh
 - ***A motion to accept the minutes for May 13, 2016 was made by George Hofmann and seconded by Bob Heidkamp. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.***

At 6:11 pm the Executive Committee was given a tour of the Hilton Easton meeting facilities by Lisa A. Hunt, National Sales Manager. Ms. Hunt got to know Melinda at Ohio Society of Association Executives events. Ms. Hunt showed the Committee the various sized meeting rooms, explained the AV arrangements, answered questions about their food preparation, Chef, and parking, and ended with a tour of the registration and office space for conferences. She noted the Hilton will be at PLSO's disposal with no other groups expected at that time of the year. The Executive Committee then returned to the Lilac Room and resumed at approximately 6:46 pm.

- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for May and June, 2016 – Robert Patridge
 - *Copies of the combined May and June, 2016 Treasurer's Report were distributed in the handout packet.*
 - *Melinda reported emails will be sent to all Chapter Treasurers next week requesting FY16 year-end reports for IRS reporting.*
 - *Melinda mentioned the year ended well at \$39k in the black.*
 - *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 search is continuing for different office space.*
 - *A real estate agent for corporate properties is providing services at no charge to PLSO.*
 - *A move is anticipated around November 1.*
- 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 New Members - Bob Akins
 - ***A motion to accept nine Professional members and one Affiliate member was made by Bob Akins and seconded by George Hofmann. A question was raised as to how PLSO***

learns of new registrants now that exams are offered during the year. PLSO relies on communication from the Board of Registration for addresses of new registrants, and then PLSO mails invitations for one year free memberships. Most of the new PLSO professional memberships being presented for approval today were already PLSO members. Motion to accept memberships passed by unanimous voice vote.

- *Approved for Professional membership were as follows (the latter eight being new registrants):*
- *Jeffrey M. Baird, Central Ohio*
- *Joseph R. Kolat, ASKEGA*
- *Caleb J. Galbraith, Mohican-Killbuck*
- *Kyle R. Danals, Western Reserve*
- *Michael P. Peecook, Central Ohio*
- *Brian L. Jimison, Southwestern*
- *Matthew W. Sermersheim, Western Reserve*
- *Derek A. Heitzman, Northwest Ohio*
- *Branden V. Battig, Cleveland*
- *Approved for Affiliate membership was Peter W. DeKrom, Central Ohio.*

6.0 Inter-Association Delegates

6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle

- *Dean reported on two items.*
- *One, CEAO has been meeting with ODOT concerning future budgets for road and bridge repair projects for 2018-2019.*
- *Two, CEAO met today in Cincinnati regarding the NACE Conference April 9-13, 2017. Most CPD's will be engineering-related; however, those on managerial and ethics topics would be appropriate for PSs. Ohio has the only County Engineers licensed in Surveying and Engineering. The Conference will be at the Duke Energy Convention Center downtown, with arrangements with three nearby hotels.*

6.2 ODOT – Ray Foos

- *No report.*

6.3 State Board of Registration - Melinda Gilpin

- *Dean is now the Chair, and the Board will meet July 19.*
- *Dean's work on the NCEES two-year task force exploring the number of surveyors entering the profession is complete. The group met January 16 to hear from those other than NCEES people. Close to 30 organizations were invited. Participants included representatives from NSPS, BLM, FIG, educational institutions, and publications POB, xyHt, and American Surveyor. Everyone who was invited came. A follow-up meeting was held in June. It looks like NSPS will now lead the group.*
- *Each State agreed that it is still important to test by individual State, as opposed to a national exam, due to the uniqueness of the legal principles and history in each State. Every State agreed to keep the exams State-specific, as Ohio has promoted.*
- *NCEES agreed to fund a competition for a \$10k annual scholarship award being made available to secondary educational institutions offering surveying programs, as they have done for engineering programs in the past. Applications have been mailed to all such schools. Hopefully Ohio schools will apply.*
- *Walid E. Gemayel, PE, has been added as the newest member of the Board this spring. A press release is expected soon. Ferzan M. Ahmed, PE, former DD of ODOT District 6, is also now on the Board. Of the five members, four are PEs and three are PSs (two are dual). The number of PSs should be good for surveying.*
- *All State Boards comprise the NCEES.*
- *The Board's office move has been delayed until August due to infrastructure work.*

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *A meeting is coming up (last meeting was canceled).*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Steve McCall

- *Melinda reported a PAC sponsorship for Representative Blessing at a Hamilton County GOP outing. Steve Cahill, President of the Cinci Chapter, has agreed to attend a golf outing. Rep. Blessing has been good for PLSO; he dropped the amendment (a good thing) for the Statue of Limitations, and sponsors the ethics bill.*
- *The Political Action Fund received contributions today, and the balance will be reported at the next meeting.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *No report.*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *A group worked on the northern portion of the PA line last month. Monument #3, three miles south of Lake Erie, was found damaged, and a repair party crew will return Friday August 19. Volunteers are welcome. Let Dean know.*
- *The Lake Erie bank is eroding rapidly. Twenty years ago NGS noted a monument 15 feet from the bank; it was three feet from the bank when recovered in 2007. Now the monument is in the lake. Erosion is due to wave action, not rising waters.*

7.14 Historic Review – Mike Besch

- *No report. Melinda attended Ohio Valley Frontier Days at Fort Steuben the first weekend in June. Mike and Ann Besch, Bob Akins, George Hofmann and Don Pickenpaugh also attended and staffed the surveyors blockhouse.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *PLSO has hired a new printer. The next OSN will include information on the recent Scholarship winners.*
- *A question arose about advertisers possibly not being happy in the absence of a published OSN for a long period. The Committee was assured the vendors are OK with it. Several have asked why we are printing at all. Melinda noted maybe 10 States in the US still print a hardcopy. Most have gone digital, including Cleveland Chapter's publication. PLSO has been short-staffed and has had printer issues.*
- *Communications Chair Charlie Harkness will be asking if those who receive a hardcopy OSN are really reading it. Dean recommended the committee compare both versions.*
- *It was mentioned a newsletter is part of the Constitution/Bylaws requirements at least quarterly, but the format is open. 49% of recipients open the eNews, which is a very good rate.*

7.3 NSPS Director - Robert Akins

- *Bob continued his NSPS report from the April meeting.*
- *The Great Lakes Council, composed of states touching a Great Lake, and states touching a state that touches a Great Lake, met. The Council is beneficial for our region.*
- *The average age of a surveyor is 58, and the number of those retiring and dying is larger than those being replaced.*
- *The national average of a person passing the test is 37. Schools do not have enough students to continue their programs. Subsidies are needed.*
- *Dean Ringle mentioned the main surveying publications agreed to publish on this topic.*
- *Dean also mentioned the average age of nurses is 58; however, they are getting the younger ones into the profession.*
- *East Tennessee State received seven applicants for a Surveying Department head; only one was a US citizen. Six could not speak English.*
- *One repercussion could be downgrading the license requirements.*
- *There are factions that challenge the four-year degree and even licensing altogether.*
- *Losing portions of the surveying industry, like location and topo, is a concern.*

- *A Joint Government Affairs report is available, and Bob encouraged all to look at it. Legislative activity of the last six months or so is listed. National issues are summarized in the report. [Secretary's note: The 62 page report can be found at https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.nspss.us.com/resource/resmgr/Govt_Affairs/2015_Spring_JGAC_Report.pdf.]*
- *There is a group advocating doing away with licensure, claiming it inhibits free trade.*
- *Ohio has 44 CSTs, 10th in the US. Florida has 278; Texas 149; Michigan and Minnesota >100. These other states require a CST certification for DOT employees.*
- *NSPS supports a CST program for military construction programs.*
- *The University of Akron won first place in the State Competition, 4-year division. Great Basin College in the two-year division.*
- *NSPS is looking at a certification program for geodetic surveying (AAGS). A 98% positive response was received of 1500 questionnaires.*
- *The 2022 FIG Conference will be in the USA.*
- *A question arose about the 2022 datum change legislatively. Dean Ringle said the Board will help PLSO with the legislative change.*
- *Bob reported a \$130k NSPS scholarship fund donation was received from an estate in California.*
- *The Young Surveyors National Conference had 39 States represented in Wisconsin. Mike Jones of the ASKEGA Chapter is excited about this initiative.*
- *There are two new Directors on the Executive Committee. There are four Directors, each with a two year term.*
- *Motions passed are to be reviewed at the next PLSO EC meeting.*
- 7.31 Trig-Star – Pat Leonhardt
 - *Written report received. Pat's report lists these as Trig-Star winners:*
 - *FIRST PLACE (\$250.00 prize) – Joel Niemi, Revere High School, Western Reserve*
 - *SECOND PLACE (\$125.00 prize) – Nicholas Perrin, Lake High School, Western Reserve*
 - *THIRD PLACE (\$75.00 prize) – Russel Ahsan, Revere High School, Western Reserve*
 - *FOURTH PLACE (\$50.00 prize) – Lucy Zhang, Revere High School, Western Reserve*
 - *Joel goes on to the national exam. NSPS grades the tests in mid-July.*
 - *Pat encourages more Chapters to contact local schools to stimulate interest in surveying.*
- 7.32 CST Coordinator – Robert Akins
 - *No further report.*
- 7.4 Standing Committees
 - 7.41 Program – Kevin Stacey
 - 7.411 Annual Conference Updates
 - 2017 – Feb 15-18, 2017 – Kalahari Resort and Conference Center, Sandusky, OH
 - *Emails are occurring regarding speakers.*
 - 2018 – Sharonville Convention Center, Cincinnati
 - *A contract is pending with the Sharonville Convention Center, when construction starts. Construction is not active yet.*
 - 2019 - 2021 – Hilton-Eastland. Columbus
 - *Conference will be the week after Valentine's Day.*
 - 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
 - *Registration will open July 18.*
 - 2017 – Oct 12-13, 2017 – Hilton Polaris, Columbus, OH
 - *The Hilton-Polaris contract is done.*
 - 2018 – Hilton Garden Inn, Toledo, OH
 - *Confirmed.*

- 7.413 Workshop Updates
 - *The spring workshops have been completed.*
 - *A December workshop is scheduled in the Cincinnati area.*
 - *Fall workshops will be in areas other than near Canton, site of the Fall Seminar October 13-14.*
- 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
 - *Bob had no additional information.*
 - *Melinda reported 1073 members were billed for dues this week.*
 - *885 were by email; 143 were mailed by request or for special circumstances.*
 - *Retired and life members can request a reduced NSPS rate.*
 - *45 Students are now on the books; the number will change with school starting.*
- 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *No report.*
- 7.44 Education – Steve Cahill
 - *No report.*
- 7.45 Legislation – Dean Ringle
 - *No additional information.*
- 7.46 Finance – George Hofmann
 - *George reported the numbers look good.*
 - *Budget talks will take place in August in preparation for presenting a budget at the September Executive Committee meeting (no EC in October this year due to Football Hall of Fame event).*
- 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Steve McCall
 - *Melinda reported a Past Presidents Council meeting will take place September 9, prior to the Executive Committee evening meeting.*
 - *The Strategic Plan will be reviewed. Location TBA.*
- 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *Rocky supplied a report, which was included in the handout packet.*
 - *PLSO and the Columbus Foundation came to the same conclusions this year on the scholarship recipients.*
 - *Rocky's report lists the following recipients:*
 - *Graham Ewing, \$2000 (UA)*
 - *Charles Kotten, \$1000 (OSU)*
 - *Jacob LaRue, \$2000, (UA)*
 - *Brian Williams, \$1000 (OSU)*
- 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No report.*
- 7.50 Fundraising – George Hofmann
 - *The Cleveland Chapter held a Putting for the PAC event, resulting in a \$140 donation which was given to Melinda today.*
- 7.51 Communications Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie asked, "How much longer do we hold on to a printed OSN?"*
 - *Charlie is asking for a response from the Chapters on how many of the holdouts actually read it. Charlie wants numbers.*
- 7.52 Management Review – Ken Taylor
 - *Ken reported a meeting was held a month and a half ago.*
 - *A couple of items on employee benefits were discussed.*
- 7.53 Nominations Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie is putting a list of names together to consider for State Office.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 ASKEGA Chapter – Michael Jones
 - *No report.*
- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Ed Miller

- *No report, no meeting. Golf outing will be July 22.*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter - Bob Heidkamp
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter – George Hofmann
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King
 - *No report.*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter – Rich Frederickson
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Brad Kramer
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter – Lynn Snyder/Jim Kenyon
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Mike Nichols
 - *No report submitted.*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart
 - *Not in attendance; no written report submitted.*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Charles Kotten
 - *Dean Ringle reported August 24 is the first day of class, with the first Chapter meeting in September. Officers were elected in the spring.*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Steven Hill
 - *No report.*
- 8.13 Scioto Valley Chapter – Brig Mitton
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.14 Southwestern Chapter – Eric Lutz
 - *No report.*
- 8.15 Thomas Hutchins Chapter – Tim Schram
 - *No report.*
- 8.16 Toledo Chapter – Terry Wright
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
 - *Report submitted; no meeting.*
- 8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter – Curt Diebel
 - *No report. Bob Akins mentioned they have met twice in the last ten days on Stark County's Highway Access Management program.*
- 8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Ann Besch
 - *No report.*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Tim Briggs
 - *Report submitted.*
- 9.0 President-Elect's Report – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie is asking for names for next year for committees. Volunteers are welcomed. Will be calling Chapters in next couple of weeks.*
- 10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin
 - *Billing of annual dues has taken place. The FY has been closed.*
 - *Melinda extended thanks to PLSO Chapters and members who expressed well-wishes for Valerie. Valerie is working to get back to five days per week.*
 - *Melinda will be off the week of August 8.*
- 11.0 President's Report – Ken Taylor
 - *Ken echoed Charlie's words regarding the Nominating Committee opportunities.*
 - *Ken thanked Melinda for her accomplishments in light of being short-staffed.*
 - *A new PLSO office location is anticipated for November.*

- *NSPS email states the FAA issued new rules in the last month which streamline the use of UAVs.*
- *Bob Akins' travel expenses for the last week of September to NSPS in Phoenix is in the budget already. As such, further formal action by the EC is not necessary for approval of these travel expenses.*
- *Melinda asked for confirmation that all are getting the NSPS News and Views.*

12.0 Adjourn

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

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