

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

Location: **PLSO OFFICE, 150 EAST WILSON BRIDGE RD, WORTHINGTON, OH**
Date: **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017, 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 6:04 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
 - *Spouse of Delegate....Cindy Lutz*
- 1.3 Seating of Alternate Chapter Delegates (written authorization necessary)
 - *Michael Straub, Cleveland; Josh Mehilcic, Miami Valley.*
- 1.4 Determination of Quorum (over ½ of 28 member Executive Committee)
 - *Attendees introduced themselves. 4 of 6 Officers, 14 of 20 Delegates, and 1 Immediate Past President were present at the beginning of the meeting for a quorum of 19.*
 - *Executive Director Gilpin was present.*
- 1.5 Agenda Changes
 - *None.*

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

- 3.0 Treasurer's Report for October - December, 2016 – Robert Patridge
 - *A copy of the Treasurer's Report for October – December was distributed in the handout packet.*
 - *The Treasurer's Report was accepted for Finance Committee review.*

- 4.0 Unfinished Business
 - 4.1 None

- 5.0 New Business
 - 5.1 New Members - Bob Akins
 - *A motion to accept fourteen Professional members (three of which are Reinstatements), one Associate member and seven Student members was made by Steve Cahill and seconded by Jim Kenyon. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*
 - *Approved for Professional membership were as follows:*
 - *David Reynolds, Miami Valley*
 - *Scott Hawkins, Mohican-Killbuck*
 - *Adam W. Fowler, Central Ohio (Free Membership as new registrant)*
 - *Lee E. Tansey, Firelands*
 - *Wesley J. Meyers, Out-of-State*
 - *Douglas M. Kuypers, Central Ohio (Reinstatement)*
 - *Kenneth A. McCartney, Mohican-Killbuck*
 - *Brian P. McCartney, Mohican-Killbuck (Reinstatement)*
 - *Scott A. Andrews, Western Reserve*

- *Dean Silva, Firelands*
 - *Steven Walton, Central Ohio (Reinstatement)*
 - *Paul A. Kalosky, Thomas Hutchins*
 - *Tim Baker, Central Ohio*
 - *Douglas T. Harrison, ASKEGA*
- *Approved for Associate membership was as follows:*
 - *David L. Koontz, Western Reserve*
- *Approved for Student membership were as follows:*
 - *Johnathon Whitesell, Ohio State University*
 - *Blake Ashbrook, Ohio State University*
 - *Nicholas Del Valle, Ohio State University*
 - *Hayden G. Hatcher, Central Ohio*
 - *Matthew Macielewicz, Ohio State University*
 - *Justin G. Kish, Ohio State University*
 - *Jonathan B. Youmans, Ohio State University*
- *A motion to approve three Affiliate members was made by Brian Bingham and seconded by Tom Silva. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*
- *Approved for Affiliate membership were as follows:*
 - *Lawrence Fulton, Western Reserve*
 - *Isaac L. Yetzer, Western Reserve*
 - *Stuart E. Neal, ASKEGA*
- 5.2 Member of the Year Nominations – Charles Harkness
 - *Only one nomination was received for the Member of the Year nomination, signed by six members from the Cleveland and other Chapters.*
 - ***Brian Bingham moved to accept the nomination of Don Pickenpaugh for Member of the Year, seconded by Mike Nichols. The motion passed with one dissenting vote from the nominee.***
- 5.3 Surveyor of the Past Nominations – Charles Harkness
 - *No nominations were received for Surveyor of the Past.*
 - *Charlie encouraged nominations next time around to recognize the good works of surveyors in Ohio in the past.*
 - *Former recipients, their bio’s, and SOTP qualifications are on the “About Us” area of the website.*
 - *Melinda noted there is not an annual limit to the number for this nomination.*
 - *The deadline was in early December, which is necessary to allow sufficient time for the plaques to be prepared.*
- 6.0 Inter-Association Delegates
 - 6.1 CEAO - Dean Ringle
 - *The Committee was reminded of the National Association of County Engineers Conference April 9-13, 2017 in Cincinnati.*
 - 6.2 ODOT – Ray Foos
 - *Ray Foos had submitted a written report.*
 - *Ray will be attending the NGS Geospatial Summit in Silver Springs, MD, April 24-25, and presenting there.*
 - *Ray will also be presenting at the PLSO Annual Conference in February.*
 - *Two new CORS/VRS stations have been added in Ross and Pickaway Counties, with a third at the U of A in a couple of weeks.*
 - *In his report, he emphasized the need for establishing and using local Tier 2 Calibration Base Lines. NGS’s goal is one Tier 1 CBL per state.*
 - 6.3 State Board of Registration - Melinda Gilpin
 - *Board meeting last week did not involve much in the way of surveying items.*
 - *200 copies of the Ohio Surveying Laws books arrived Tuesday.*

- *Books will be available at the Annual Conference with order forms for a re-print if needed.*
- *The last publication was in 2005.*
- *Comments were made about the preference for a digital version.*
- *As was explained in November, this was looked at thoroughly, but the option was not do-able due to increased costs, the inability to produce a searchable version, and legal issues with the only company in the US now printing this type of book.*

6.4 OGRIP – Dean Ringle

- *Don heard earlier this week that OSIP3 is now official.*

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Special Committees

7.11 Political Action – Steve McCall

- *Approximately \$3700.00 is in the PAC account.*
- *There has been no activity recently.*

7.12 Standards - Brad Kramer

- *Brad was in Indiana and not present.*
- *Comments were made by Steve Cahill about over-zealous counties being inflexible on the 0.02 hundredths closure requirements for latitude and departure, even though a survey would close by 1:100,000 or better.*
- *Descriptions are being declined without use of good judgment; one survey was rejected for a 0.029 foot error – even though closure could be 1:150,000.*
- *Comments were made citing examples of the need for a surveyor reviewing new descriptions.*
- *The auditor tax map departments without PS review have too much power.*
- *Melinda cited the Board's opinion that tax mapping is a surveying function under Ohio law. Non-licensed people try to dictate to the PS.*
- *Another comment was counties not recording a plat of survey with the deed when the deed references an attached plat.*

7.13 State Line - Dean Ringle

- *No report*

7.14 Historic Review –

- *With the passing of Mike Besch, there is a need for a Chair for the Historic Review Committee.*
- *Anyone interested should contact Charlie Harkness or Melinda.*

7.15 2022 Survey Datum – Ray Foos

- *Report submitted as previously noted.*
- *Committee is coming together.*

7.2 Newsletter Editor – PLSO Staff

- *The Winter OSN went out.*
- *Jennifer Dinan, Graphics Designer, is assisting with the OSN setup for Melinda.*

7.3 NSPS Director - Robert Akins

- *NSPS has requested a \$200 donation from each society in the US toward the \$10,000 estimated cost of hosting the 4-year Boy Scout Jamboree on the East Coast.*
- *Scouts will be able to obtain the Surveying Merit Badge.*
- *The item was tabled, and a request made for a more detailed breakdown of the event's costs.*
- *The NSPS spring meeting is March 13-17, so action can be taken at the March 10 Executive Committee meeting. The Jamboree is held mid-summer.*
- *Ann Besch followed up on a request to help fund U of A student participation in the NSPS competition in March.*
- ***A motion was made by Steve Cahill and seconded by Isaac King to provide \$2000.00 to the University of Akron for the NSPS Student Competition. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Steve also recommended that Chapters donate in Mike's memory.***

- *The Firelands Chapter has donated significantly toward student registration for the Annual Conference. Central Ohio also has donated in the past.*
- 7.31 Trig-Star – Pat Leonhardt
 - *Report submitted. Generally 4-6 schools are involved.*
- 7.32 CST Coordinator – Robert Akins
 - *No 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
 - *Melinda met with Kevin yesterday, and we are ready to go.*
 - *Door prizes are needed for the Scholarship Raffle Thursday night 5:30-7:00 pm.*
 - *A progressive raffle will be held, based on the value of the item.*
 - *Donation forms are available on the website.*
 - 2018 – Sharonville Convention Center, Cincinnati
 - *Contract pending; awaiting construction.*
 - 2019 - 2021 – Hilton-Eastland, Columbus
 - *Contracts signed. No further updates.*
 - 7.412 Fall Seminar Updates
 - 2017 – Oct 12-13, 2017 – Hilton Polaris, Columbus, OH
 - *About half the speakers are lined up.*
 - 2018 – Hilton Garden Inn, Toledo, OH
 - *Set at Perrysburg.*
 - 2019 – North of Cincinnati at Marriott Mason
 - 2020 – Cleveland Airport Marriott
 - 2021 – University of Dayton Marriott
 - 7.413 Workshop Updates
 - *Workshops are being planned.*
 - *As this is a renewal year, there will probably be four workshops around the state after the Fall Seminar.*
 - 7.42 Membership - Bob Akins
 - *No report.*
 - 7.43 Interprofessional Affairs - A. J. Myers
 - *No report.*
 - 7.44 Education – Steve Cahill
 - *Steve mentioned efforts to create a Bachelor degree program at community colleges by legislation.*
 - *There will be an effort to do so in Southwest Ohio and asked for PLSO support.*
 - *Melinda recommended a written report be submitted to the Legislative Committee so the request can be formally acted on.*
 - 7.45 Legislation – Dean Ringle
 - *The Governor signed the ethics bill in January.*
 - *We will be watching state budgeting.*
 - 7.46 Finance – George Hofmann
 - *George is reviewing the recent financial reports in detail.*
 - 7.47 Past Presidents Council – Steve McCall
 - *No report.*
 - 7.48 Scholarship – Rocky Lomano
 - *No report.*
 - 7.49 Scholarship Fund Board – Frank Snyder
 - *No report.*
 - 7.50 Fundraising – George Hofmann
 - *There will be an effort for the PAC at the Annual Conference, as the scholarship*

raffle precludes PAC donations.

- 7.51 Communications Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *PLSO will continue a printed version of the OSN. There is a strong vocal minority wanting to retain the hardcopy product.*
 - *Charlie encouraged all to read the NSPS emails. It can be easier to ignore digital media, but we need to be purposeful in educating ourselves, and in reading professional magazines such as POB, American Surveyor, etc.*
 - *We need to be watching and be proactive, locally and nationally.*
- 7.52 Management Review – Ken Taylor
 - *No report.*
- 7.53 Nominations Committee – Charles Harkness
 - *The Historic Review Committee needs a Chair.*
 - *Again, Charlie encouraged nominations for Surveyor of the Past.*
 - *Charlie will continue contacting Chapters, seeking good candidates for the Executive Committee and Chairs, so the profession can be promoted.*

8.0 Chapter Delegate Reports

- 8.1 ASKEGA Chapter – Michael Jones
 - *No report.*
- 8.2 Central Ohio Chapter – Ed Miller
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.3 Cincinnati Chapter – Steve Cahill, Alt.
 - *Report submitted by Bob.*
- 8.4 Cleveland Chapter – Michael Straub, Alt.
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.5 Congress Lands Chapter - Isaac King
 - *The Chapter is having a steak dinner tomorrow night.*
- 8.6 Firelands Chapter – Rich Frederickson
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.7 Miami Valley Chapter – Josh Mehilcic, Alt.
 - *No report.*
- 8.8 Mohican-Killbuck Valley Chapter – Lynn Snyder/Jim Kenyon
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.9 Muskingum Valley Chapter – Mike Nichols
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.10 Northwest Ohio Chapter – Michael Lenhart
 - *No report.*
- 8.11 Ohio State University Student Chapter – Charles Kotten
 - *No report, but students have been very busy!*
- 8.12 Ohio Valley Chapter – Michael Austen
 - *No report, but a copy of the December minutes was provided.*
- 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 – Tom Silva
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.17 Treaty Lands Chapter – James Myers
 - *Report submitted.*
- 8.18 Tuscarawas Valley Chapter – Curt Deibel
 - *Report submitted. Met in November and elected Trustees, who in turn appointed officers, who will be inducted tomorrow night at a brewery in downtown Canton. There will be a*

speaker on the Lincoln Highway.

- 8.19 The University of Akron Student Chapter – Ann Besch
 - *No report.*
- 8.20 Western Reserve Chapter – Terry Allison
 - *Report submitted.*

- 9.0 President-Elect’s Report – Charles Harkness
 - *Charlie will be representing PLSO at the Michigan Conference in Kalamazoo, one week after ours.*

- 10.0 PLSO Staff Report – Melinda Gilpin
 - *Melinda and Kyle thanked the 2016 officers for their work this past year.*
 - *Office connectivity issues have been resolved.*
 - *Melinda is very pleased with Kyle Davis and his work ethic.*
 - *Annual Report is nearing completion, still lacking some Chapter reports. Has to go to print Monday.*
 - *Melinda thanked Rich Frederickson and the Firelands Chapter for their assistance with planning the Annual Conference this year.*
 - *The price a student pays to attend is lower thanks to support from the Firelands Chapter. The Chapter has also agreed to support the hospitality room.*
 - *A request was made for a re-order of PLSO fleece jackets.*

- 11.0 President’s Report – Ken Taylor
 - *Ken thanked Melinda for her diligent work for PLSO this past year.*
 - *It would be wonderful for more to be involved.*
 - *Ken said this has been a great year.*

- 12.0 Adjourn
 - *President Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.*

January 20, 2017 Minutes respectfully submitted by Donald E. Pickenpaugh, P.S., PLSO Executive Secretary, 2016.