THE WESTERN RESERVIST
The Western Reserve Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio
May 2013

2013 Executive Committee
President: Mike Hudik, PS
President Elect & Chapter Delegate: John Francis, PS
Treasurer: Eric Hodgkinson, PS
Secretary: Leslie Froelich, PS
Past President: Peter Bell, PE, PS

MAY 2013 MEETING
Wednesday, MAY 29th
Alexandri’s Restaurant
2835 Medina Road
Medina, 44256
(Northeast corner of I-71 and Rt 18 intersection)

5:30 Happy Hour
6:30 Dinner
7:00 Meeting

Agenda for May 29th, 2013

1.0 Call to order 7:00 p.m.
   1.1 Determination of a Quorum
   1.2 Agenda Changes
2.0 Reading and Acceptance of Minutes
   Motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting by Bob Dorner, seconded by Peter Bell, motion passed.
3.0 Officer Reports
   3.1 State Delegate – Our chapter’s President-Elect John Francis reports from the Executive Committee meeting. Mineral rights’ transfer by the existing legal description was a new topic brought up, on which there will be further discussion at future meetings. The most important topic is the need to prepare for the decision regarding our organization’s 100% membership in NSPS by the end of the year. The movement to a 100% membership of PLSO in NSPS will require a change to our constitution, so therefore: Each member will be asked to vote on this matter by the end of the year, probably in November.
   Because an additional fee will be added to our PLSO membership dues, a ballot will be sent out to the entire membership for their vote on this topic by the end of the year.

There is a very good argument to be made for Ohio surveyors to belong to the national organization: NSPS. NSPS is the only group that would give Ohio surveyors NATIONAL REPRESENTATION in Washington, D.C.

Last year’s defeat of LIGHT-SQUARED, which was not only very helpful but vital to surveyors who use GPS, was accomplished by the national group: NSPS. In short: Benefits to PLSO members of a unified national organization will include: STRONGER INFLUENCE in dealing with federal and state legislators and agencies; GREATER RECOGNITION among other professional organizations; and INCREASED EFFICIENCY in building on past, present and future initiatives to strengthen the surveying profession. (quoted from the Memorandum Of Understanding proposed by NSPS: see the PLSO website for further details and information).

3.2 Treasurer’s Report – The balance in the chapter’s checking account is $8,137.54
4.0 Unfinished Business
   4.1 Upcoming Events
      4.11 Possible Joint meeting with other chapters: We
had Tom Snezak visit us today from the Cleveland Chapter to bring us an additional perspective for our discussion of the NSPS membership issue.

4.2 Next Month's Meeting: Will be held at a new venue for us: Alexandri's Restaurant in Medina. We hope to see many of our Medina County members there!

5.0 Old Business –
5.1 NSPS Proposal: See above discussion of the State Delegate’s report under item 3.1

6.0 Committee Reports -
6.1 Education - Mike Besch reports that his student chapter hosted a very successful seminar on How a Professional behaves in Court last month under the generous auspices of Judges Teodosio at the Akron City Court building. Ann Besch spoke about the new book by surveyor and PLSO member Jim Williams called "Blazes, Posts and Stones” and about the concerted effort to preserve the Rufus Putnam land office in Steubenville.

Please consult the PLSO website (ohiosurveyor.com) for more information about acquiring the book and about the preservation of this historical site in Ohio surveying history.

6.2 Public Relations – All members should be aware we need to encourage our colleagues to come to the chapter meetings and get more involved in PLSO.

6.3 Membership – Bob Dorner – No report

6.4 – Program Committee – No report

6.5 – Finance – Mike and Eric will discuss how our pending donation to the endowment created by Jack Gaydar will fit in to our next year’s budget. (see below: item 7.1)

6.6 Trig-Star – Information about the TrigStar program is on the NSPS website

7.0 - New Business –

7.1 PLSO Western Reserve Chapter member Jack Gaydar, (owner of Medina County’s Iron Pin Surveying) has created a scholarship and endowment in the memory of his late wife who was also his business partner. The endowment is called The Debora Lee Wootton Memorial Scholarship in Surveying and Mapping. The purpose is to help qualified, needy minority or female students become land surveyors by helping to fund their education at The University of Akron’s Surveying program. Jack is concerned because the baby-boomers are retiring and the ranks of surveyors are thinning, and today's high-school students don't know any thing about surveying as a potential career choice for them; and he hopes to address the problem that there are so few females and minorities among land surveyors. This is the contact information you need to donate to this scholarship fund:

Gifts can be sent to Ms. Carin Luli, Director of Development
Department of Development
The University of Akron
Akron, Ohio 44325-2603

Ms. Luli’s phone number is 330-972-7441
and her email address is: cluli@uakron.edu
Please contact Jack, or the University, or come to a chapter meeting to discuss the Debora Lee Wootton Memorial Scholarship in Surveying and Mapping with you fellow chapter members, and Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 29th – Meeting at Alexandri's
June 26th – Budget Review meeting
July 24th – Baseline Meeting – Portage Lakes
August 28th – Winery Event
September 14th – Family Fall gathering,
  Shady Hollow
October 30th – Regular meeting
November – no meeting
December 4th – Regular end of the year meeting

8.0 – Remarks for the good of the Order – none

9.0 Adjourn – Bob Dorner moved to adjourn; seconded by Peter Bell, meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.