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I was reminded last Friday evening that I owed a President’s Comments for the upcoming newsletter, due by the following mid-week. Never one to get done early what I can put together near the deadline, I realized that I better get it in gear.

Sunday, September 11, 2016 I was brought to the realization that there were thousands who may have been under the same type of self-imposed deadline fifteen years ago; and now they were never able to finish the task. How many more were detrimentally affected by the events of the day and by decisions to “put off till tomorrow what I could do today”? How many family members, friends, and co-workers will never be able to say, “Honey, could you pick up some bread on the way home?” or, “Daddy, can we play catch?” or “Hey Ken, have you got that survey done yet?”

Perhaps I am only speaking to myself. Perhaps this principle hits too close to home. The facts are: We have no guarantees! We probably won’t be involved in a terrorist attack; however, health issues, crazy drivers, (or other unexpected events) can rear their ugly head at any time...emergencies come up ~ now where do our priorities lie?

We need to always take pride in our profession ~ how many depend on us to complete a project on time? We need to teach/encourage our staff (and those who observe us in our jobs) that the job that we perform is important to us, as well as our clients. It might be topo, research, staking, or representing our company at a Planning Commission meeting: It all boils down to the same thing...every aspect of our profession is important. Are we professionally dressed? Do we speak professionally, using plain English to help the listener understand...that just might be a helpful class in a future seminar! Not only consumers, but these principles are just as important in the teaching instruction of future Surveyors. While we may have a plan for completing a project on time, have we set aside time for unforeseen issues? Are we using a similar amount of time in training our employees and educating our clients/employers?

I’ve said a lot, and (maybe) talked in a few circles to attempt to get my point home. The issue as I see it: Remember how you got where you are, and always remember to take nothing for granted. None of us is invincible, and we all have others relying on us.

Be safe out there...put others first...make sure that you and your staff treat each project as if it’s the most important project you will have. You are making an impression every time you or your crew is in public.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Taylor
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PLSO welcomes new members
The following new members have joined PLSO since our last publication and been approved by the EC.
Welcome all new PLSO members and thank you for your support!

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COUNTY ENGINEER & PLSO CHAPTER RESTORE MONUMENTS

By Peter Zwick PE, PS, Lorain County Deputy Engineer

In Lorain County, Engineer Ken Carney PE, PS pronounced, “The Firelands Chapter made this project happen! Because of my Office’s good relationship with local surveyors, we contributed the labor to install two new monument boxes on County Road No. 1 (North Ridge Road, 66 ft. wide). The chapter donated the new monument box castings, with Doug Hasel PS (Firelands Treasurer), further donating his time to coordinate the research and to make the field measurements. “Funds for monumentation are scarce, but the enthusiasm of the Firelands members literally laid the groundwork for this project on our oldest County Road,” said Carney.

During the recent installation, a road crewman asked, “How did Doug know exactly where we should dig for the railroad spikes underneath years of asphalt buildup—how do surveyors do that?” After a brief history lesson, he went home to google “old survey monuments.”

Ken Carney and the Firelands Chapter hope to install a few more such monument boxes each year throughout the County.

About one range further south, at the Erie-Lorain-Huron Counties triple corner, the Engineers adjusted the monument box to grade in connection with a Township chip-and-seal project. The Lorain County Engineer administered the pavement maintenance construction contract, and obtained records from Erie County Engineer’s survey crew that referenced the old iron pipe. “I remembered that Erie had the records, because I once worked for the Erie County Engineer,” remarked Lee Tansey PE PS, who is currently Lorain County’s Bridge Engineer. Lee is also running unopposed in November for the office of Huron County Engineer—talk about ‘the right man for the job!’ Lee had the foresight to specify in the contract the construction of the new box at this important corner; and he reset a 1” steel rod to ensure its permanence.
PLSO Office Relocates

After a decade in our former office, PLSO has relocated to a space that better serves the needs of our operations as well as our members. In late October, the office moved to our new location. In addition to the increased space we need, the building has a conference room available for complimentary use to tenants. This space provides PLSO the ability to host both our Executive Committee meetings as well as workshops and other events. The new office also accommodates small group meetings for PLSO committees and officers, separate space for files and storage, and built-in counters perfect for the preparation of CPD conference materials.

We love visitors!
If you are in the area, of I-270 and US-23 in Columbus, please stop by!

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Everyone wanted in -- one of Lee’s assistants took it upon himself to temporarily shield the box with cardboard so that the added tar would not complicate the effort. In the photo below, his foot simultaneously steps into three counties:

All parties recognized the benefits to the public from their efforts, and noted the successful cooperation among the various organizations!

- Peter Zwick PE PS, Lorain County Deputy Engineer -- Sept. 28, 2016

The PLSO PAC Needs YOU!
The Political Action Committee representing the interest of Ohio’s surveying community—the PLSO PAC—needs your help! This fund is used to support the efforts of our Legislative Committee by contributing to candidates who have been helpful in advancing the PLSO legislative agenda, and fund representatives to attend events that help PLSO build relationships and advance our issues.

PLSO could not have accomplished goals like the recent passage of the Statute of Limitations for Ohio’s surveying community without the positive relationships with lawmakers built through PAC support.

The fund may accept donations from individuals and LLC entities only (no corporate gifts permitted). Changes to the 2014 conference fundraiser (moving to a raffle from a silent auction) were very successful, but they eliminated the ability to raise money for the PAC. All proceeds now support the Surveyors’ Memorial Scholarship fund.

The PAC is an important component of PLSO’s legislative efforts, and is in need of replenishing its funds for a busy year ahead. Please consider sending a small contribution to: PLSO PAC, 150 East Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085. Checks should be made payable to “PLSO PAC CP391”

**Together small contributions can make a BIG difference!**
Interested in being more involved in PLSO?

There are lots of ways to become more engaged with your professional organization! PLSO Chapters are looking for individuals to take on chapter offices, assist with events, and help represent the chapter as Delegates to the state Executive Committee. The state is always interested in volunteers to serve on committees and help represent PLSO.

Get involved! You’ll get more out of your membership when you do!

New Ohio Surveying Laws Book COMING SOON!!

PLSO has partnered with the State Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors to update the 2005 publication of the Annotated Ohio Surveying Laws. The book is essential for those taking the PS exam, and is woefully out of date in its current form.

The updated publication will be in a limited quantity, and is expected to be available in time for the PLSO Annual Conference in February 2017.

If the first print run of the publication sells out, prepaid orders for additional copies will be available.

Watch your email and the PLSO website for details coming soon!

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2017 PLSO Officers

President

Muskingum Valley Chapter

Charles R. Harkness, P.S.,

I hold an Associates Degree in Surveying (1976) from Muskingum Area Technical College (now Zane State). Originally licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor in 1984, and continually since. Continuing education has been a major focus in my professional career. Association with Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio began in 1975 as a Student Member. I’ve stayed active with the professional organization at the chapter and state levels, including committee work and teaching several continuing professional development subjects and refresher courses. I’m owner of Charles R. Harkness Surveying and Mapping, Inc. and have operated the surveying company from 1984 through the present. My family and church are the driving forces in my life. Married to Cathy in 1976 and have two sons and six grandchildren. Member of Market Street Baptist Church in Zanesville, Ohio.

President—Elect

Tuscarawas Valley Chapter

Curt Deibel, P.S.,

Curt has worked over 46 years in surveying related fields. Out of high school preparing to attend The University of Detroit, Curt landed a position working on a highway layout crew as a “rear chainman”. Applying his summer earnings to the study of mathematics, Curt continued to work part and sometimes full time on a crew for a local survey company specializing in housing subdivisions and boundary retracement as he continued his studies. After a brief time at The University of Akron he elected to study at Kent State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 1975. The work at the local subdivision surveying company became full time until 1978 when Curt took a position as a crew chief in northern Michigan working mostly in large boundary retracement. Curt moved back to Ohio receiving a “Certificate of Registration in Surveying” in 1979 taking a position for a construction company eventually becoming the “Chief Surveyor”. This experience involved multiple state travel with a variety of projects including the building of steel mills, airports, highways, dams, mines, power plants, and underground infrastructure. In 1991 leaving his position at the construction company, Curt founded Deibel Surveying Inc. Curt is currently the sole owner of this firm providing services such as construction layout, boundary, stockpile inventory, oilfield surveys, bathymetric surveys, etcetera. Recently celebrating Deibel Surveying’s 25th year in business Curt is proud to have survived the ups and downs of a small business. Curt is married to Barbara and together they share four children and five grandchildren with life getting more rich with each passing year. Two sons and a daughter-in-law work at the surveying company which is located in Canton where Curt and Barb own a home. Curt currently is the President-Elect of the Tus-

Immediate Past President:

Kenneth Taylor, P.S., Toledo Chapter

Ken will complete his three-year commitment to PLSO’s Executive Committee this year as Immediate Past President by chairing the Past Presidents Council and the PLSO PAC.
carawas Valley Chapter of PLSO having served twice before as President also serving on the Executive Committee for PLSO as a chapter delegate for two years.

**Secretary**

Brian Bingham, P.S., Central Ohio Chapter

Born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio, Brian graduated from high school in 2000. Attending Ohio University – Lancaster on a path to become a civil engineer, in 2002, he transferred to The Ohio State University, to study surveying in the Geomatics Engineering program where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in 2005. Brian interned at the Franklin County Engineer’s Office during college, worked as an SIT at MS consultants, Inc., until 2008 then moved on to American Structurepoint, Inc., as the company’s first land surveyor in their Columbus branch. For eight years he helped build and grow American Structurepoint’s surveying practice in Columbus. Brian is currently the Survey Operations Manager for Ohio, a licensed Professional Surveyor in Ohio since 2009, and in North Carolina since 2015, an active member of PLSO since 2003, having held offices for OSU Student and Central Ohio Chapters with positions on the Executive Board. He is Past President for 2014. Brian spends his free time with his loving wife Maggie and their two-year old son, Dominic.

**Treasurer**

Josh Mehilcic, P.S., Miami Valley Chapter

Mr. Mihelcic was born and raised in Chesterland, Ohio, a suburb east of the City of Cleveland. He attended St. Anselm for grade school and Gilmour Academy for high school. His college search led him to attend the University of Dayton, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering in 2004. While attending UD, he met his wife Nikki. They are currently settled in the Township of Bethel, in Miami County, raising their two wonderful children, Lillian (9) and Eli (6). Prior to graduating UD, Mr. Mihelcic accepted a position with Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI) and has been with the company since. Over this time frame, he has been involved with a number of transportation projects, and specializes in the areas of roadway design, drainage, traffic control, maintenance of traffic, and right-of-way design. On past projects for ODOT and other local agencies, he has completed services for every phase of the design process, from topographic survey and establishment of the existing conditions, to development of the final design plans. He has performed control, topographic, utility and boundary surveys, construction staking, property surveys, and become proficient with GPS work. His specific right-of-way experience includes courthouse research, right-of-way determination and property line resolution, right-of-way plan preparation, legal descriptions, closure calculations, and monumentation. Early on during his time with NCI, Mr. Mihelcic took part in topographic surveys and assisted with other surveying tasks. These surveying tasks provided an opportunity for Mr. Mihelcic to become more interested in pursuing this path. After taking additional course work through Sinclair Community College and Cincinnati State, Mr. Mihelcic took and passed the required tests to become a licensed professional surveyor. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio and got involved with the local Miami Valley Chapter. Since 2012, Mr. Mihelcic has served on the executive committee for the chapter and is currently the

**NSPS Director**

Robert L. Akins, P.S.

Tuscarawas Valley Chapter

Mr. Akins serves as Ohio Director on the NSPS Board and has also been elected to the NSPS Executive Committee as an At-Large Representative.
THE RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER

‘ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS’
“WHAT’S THE ISSUE?”

If a client should request that professional services be rendered upon a project site which has been contaminated with environmental hazards or which may reasonably expect to contain such hazards, then there is a risk for possible claims against the professional. Environmental hazards create unique risks to any professional which may not have proper insurance or at the very least limited coverage. In addition, most professionals are not generally in a position to manage environmental exposures and should not attempt in any way to do so, as the responsibility rests with the Owner.

THE ‘RISK MANAGEMENT’ RESPONSE

When a professional agrees to accept an engagement for a project which could potentially involve environmental hazards, it is reasonable to expect that the Owner or Client afford the professional with special protection in order to facilitate the completion of the engagement. If there is an environmental hazard on the project site which could generate claims by third parties, then the Owner or Client should be willing to consider the following:

‘Indemnify the Professional’– The professional should be provided with the protection of defense and indemnity for a claim which arises from the environmental hazard when the professional has not performed a wrongful act which has caused or contributed to a claim.

‘Additional Compensation’ – The professional should be provided additional compensation for the increased risk of loss or exposure created by environmental hazards on a project site.

‘Allocation of Risk’ – If the professional services will be rendered on a project site in which there is a contractor, then the professional should ensure that the contract or Professional Services Agreement clearly states that the professional will not assume any responsibility for the removal and or transfer of hazardous material.

‘Limitation of Liability’ – If the professional has not adopted a ‘limitation of liability’ clause in its Professional Services Agreement, then this would be the perfect time to consider incorporating such language to ensure that liability is limited.

CLOSING COMMENTS

While professionals do not need to necessarily avoid engagements that could include hazardous or environmental exposures, it is important to exercise extra due diligence in identifying potential environmental hazards and to implement strategies to transfer the risk to parties which are responsible for managing the exposures.

‘INDEMNITY’
“WHAT’S THE ISSUE WITH ‘INDEMNITY’?”

In the course of considering an engagement for professional services, the surveyor could be presented with a written agreement from a client which requires the surveyor to defend the client from any claims which arise as a result of an error by the surveyor while rendering professional services and to indemnify the client for any and all costs, losses or damages which could also develop. While a contractual obligation to indemnify a client for its loss is a customary expectation and basic remedy under common law for negligence, any demand to provide ‘indemnity’ should be still carefully reviewed. It is important to understand whether the legal duty is being extended beyond the common law obligation and whether an extra financial burden is being created, particularly with providing defense to another party. Moreover, the over extension of a legal duty could affect whether a Professional Liability insurance policy will respond.
THE ‘RISK MANAGEMENT’ RESPONSE

It is important for a client to understand that the common law legal duty does not include providing indemnity for losses which are not created directly from the rendering of professional services. In other words, the legal duty does not generally extend to those parties with who the surveyor is not normally liable. In some cases, however, the professional may agree as a business decision to accept an obligation to provide defense and or indemnity beyond the customary legal duty. In doing so, it would be wise to understand how a Professional Liability insurance policy will treat a claim which asserts that a loss was incurred by a party which did not receive the direct benefit of your professional services. In all likelihood, the Professional Liability insurance policy will not be obligated to indemnify you for the loss from such a claim. But moreover, it is important that your client understand that your legal duty does not exceed the obligation to indemnify the client for losses caused by your negligence and that your obligation can be financed by a Professional Liability insurance policy. In order to clarify the obligation of the professional, the following clause can be proposed to a client:

“The Surveyor shall indemnify the Client for costs, losses, and damages to the Client to the extent that they are caused by the negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Surveyor in providing professional services on the project.”

CLOSING COMMENTS

If the client insists on indemnity provisions which exceed the legal duty of the professional, then it is reasonable to ask for extra compensation and for the client to provide a complimentary provision which will protect the professional from the negligent acts of others which are involved in the project. As in all cases, if there should be questions of a legal and risk management nature, it is wise to consult an attorney and an insurance professional, respectively.

‘INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS’

“What are the Issues with a Client’s Insurance Requirements?”

It is common for clients to present insurance requirements before ‘professional services’ can be rendered. For example, many clients want to be named an ‘additional insured’ on the Commercial General Liability insurance policy of the Land Surveyor. While this is a good risk control strategy to transfer the risk of loss from the vicarious liability exposure of the client to the Land Surveyor and can typically be accommodated, the insurer may charge the Land Surveyor an additional premium for the increased exposure of adding another party as an ‘additional insured’. But, any request to name a client as an ‘additional insured’ on the Professional Liability insurance policy of the Land Surveyor is inappropriate, reflects a general lack of understanding of the nature and scope of professional liability insurance, and is contrary to the interests of the client.

In addition, it is not uncommon for a client to request a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of compliance with certain requirements; but, some requirements for insurance can lead to other issues. For example, the list of parties who wish to be named an ‘additional insured’ can sometimes extend beyond the immediate client and these parties may not have an immediate insurable interest. By accommodating this request, the exposure is increased to the insurance company. The client may also require a written advance notice of up to thirty (30) days if the insurance is cancelled, non-renewed, or materially changed. A Certificate of Insurance needs to be carefully prepared so that it does not purport to amend or alter coverage which could include the provisions for the cancellation of insurance. Moreover, it is administratively impossible to advise a client of changes in coverage, particularly, when the insurance requirement for notification does not typically clarify what constitutes a ‘change’.

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Legislative Update:

Ethics Education Requirement Passes Ohio Legislature

Ohio House Bill 236, sponsored by Representative Louis W. Blessing, III, P.E. (R-29) and Representative Al Landis (R-98) passed the House and Senate unanimously in the final days of the 2016 legislative session. This bill requires Ohio engineer and surveying registrants to obtain two CPD hours per renewal cycle (1 hour per year) related to ethics or rules/standards. This will take effect beginning January, 2018, and the first renewal requiring this education will be December 31, 2019. The text of the legislation, as passed unanimously by the House and Senate, is below with the changes underlined.

O.R.C. Section 4733.151.
(C)(2) Beginning with registrations expiring on or after the last day of December 2017, a person registered as a professional engineer or professional surveyor shall complete at least two of the thirty hours required under division (A) of this section on professional ethics or rules relevant to the practices of engineering or surveying.
(D) A registrant is exempt from the continuing professional development requirements of this section during the first calendar year of registration.
(E)(1) A registrant who completes more than thirty hours of approved coursework or activities in a biennial renewal period may carry forward to the next biennial renewal period a maximum of fifteen of the excess hours. (2) A person registered as a professional engineer or professional surveyor may carry forward up to two hours on professional ethics or rules earned in excess of the requirement under division (C)(2) of this section as part of the fifteen hour maximum.

Trig Star Season Coming Soon!

PLSO Chapters are again invited to participate in the upcoming 2017 NSPS Trig-Star competition. The testing window is quickly approaching, and now is a good time for chapters and individual members to contact area high schools to encourage participation in the program. The Trig-Star Program Contest is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors based on the practical application of Trigonometry. The program recognizes the best students from high schools throughout the nation. For more information on starting a Trig Star program in your area, please contact Patrick Leonhardt, P.S., PLSO Trig Star Coordinator, at ptl_surveyor@att.net—who can assist—or visit the NSPS TrigStar page at:

http://www.nsps.us.com/?page=TrigStar

**THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIG-STAR PROGRAM:**

- To promote the study of trigonometry in high school and to promote excellence in the mastery of trigonometry by honoring the individual student who has demonstrated superior skill among classmates at the High School level.
- To acquaint the high school trigonometry students with the use and practical application of trigonometry in the surveying profession.

To build an awareness of surveying as a profession among the mathematically-skilled high school students, career guidance counselors and high school math teachers.

**TRIG-STAR CONTEST LEVELS:**

- Level 1 is given at local high schools. There is one winner from each participating high school.
- Level 2 is the national test. The state winner from each participating state is eligible to compete for the National Trig-Star title

**LOCAL AWARDS**

Local awards are provided by the local chapter or sponsors.

**STATE AWARDS**

PLSO provides awards for students placing in the state-wide competition from First Place ($250) through Fourth Place ($50)

**NATIONAL AWARDS**

Provided by the National Society of Professional Surveyors

- First place winner - $2,000.00 award - Teacher - $1000.00 award
- Second place winner - $1,000.00 award - Teacher - $500.00 award
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THE ‘RISK MANAGEMENT’ RESPONSE

The request to name a client as an ‘additional insured’ on a Professional Liability insurance policy does provide a unique opportunity to educate the client and or its advisors. It is quite likely that they do not understand the purpose of a professional liability insurance policy and may assume that they are entitled to the direct benefits of such insurance. But, it is important they understand the true nature and scope of a professional liability insurance policy. It actually exists to defend the Named Insured, or by point of reference in this article the Land Surveyor, who is providing ‘professional services’ against allegations of substandard performance and to indemnify the Named Insured for what it is legally obligated to pay others for injury, costs, and the losses of others who receive the benefit of the ‘professional services’.

The policy is designed to correct the damage which is caused from a ‘wrongful act’; commonly considered the negligence or an error or omission that is committed by the Land Surveyor and or from others who provide ‘professional services’ on behalf of the Named Insured. The client needs to understand that the policy will ‘pay on behalf of’ the Named Insured and ‘not necessarily to’ some other third party. In addition, a professional liability insurance policy contains an exclusion to coverage which states in effect that one Insured cannot file a claim against another Insured. So, if the client wants to be named as an ‘additional insured’ on the Professional Liability insurance policy of the Land Surveyor, it is important to emphasize that the request is actually contrary to the interests of the client and cannot be accommodated by the insurer.

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CLOSING COMMENTS

The best approach to address the special insurance requirements of a client is to forward them to the insurance professional for review. If the requirements are onerous, then it would be better for the insurance professional to contact the client and help explain what can be accommodated while trying to keep in balance the interests of the Land Surveyor and its client. As in all cases, if there should be questions of a legal and risk management nature, it is wise to consult an attorney and an insurance professional, respectively.

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Background on the consultant list:
The consultant list is a 2 year program, the new biennium will start July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2019 and has a maximum capacity of $250,000.00 in design fees including reimbursables per each consultant. This program is geared towards smaller projects. Several consultant list agreements in the past were 4-10K. On average, the contracts are about $50-75K.

Please note, if you are awarded a Consultant list project, the online database/software OAKS CI is a requirement to use on these projects.

Other Information:
Visit the OFCC home page: http://ofcc.ohio.gov/ and join the mailing list (Middle Right of the page) to keep up-to-date on all announcements and opportunities. You can submit on other opportunities on the website; you don’t have to be pre-qualified on the consultant list to submit on these future opportunities.

ONLINE OFCC Resources for Project Proposals
With regards to the website, check the Opportunities page, and look under all the tabs:

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