

MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS SOUTHEAST CHAPTER



May, 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2012, 8:30 pm

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The May Chapter meeting was held at the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, MI. Attendees experienced a guided tour of the facility. The tour guides provided detailed information about the many items on display at the museum. Many of the items were related to WWII and the Vietnam War. Due to a fire at the museum several years ago, the museum lost many of its items and the museum is much smaller in size. The museum is still rebuilding and refocusing its efforts since the fire. The facility did a great job in hosting our meeting.

1. Regular General Membership Meeting Call to Order

The May 10, 2012 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by President Chris Asiala.

2. Self Introductions

Self introductions were completed with approximately twenty-two members & guests in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was presented by Chris Asiala and approved by the membership.

4. Committees & Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by David Smith and approved by the membership.

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Balance Sheet As of May 10, 2012

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ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	50.00
219 · money available	
220 · General Checking	3,547.78
Total 219 · money available	3,547.78
222 · Chase Savings Account	25,549.45
Total Checking/Savings	29,147.23
Accounts Receivable	
1200 · Accounts Receivable	-52.60
Total Accounts Receivable	-52.60
Total Current Assets	29,094.63
TOTAL ASSETS	29,094.63
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 · Accumulated Funds	29,751.12
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	-52.60
Net Income	-603.89
Total Equity	29,094.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	29,094.63

B. State Report

- 1) Craig Amey presented the State Report.
- 2) Craig briefly discussed the Model Law used by NCEES that is being reviewed by state societies in protecting surveyor's work.
- 3) The state board has two new board members. Ginger Michalski-Wallace with Alpine Engineering and Michael G. an instructor at MTU.
- 4) Continuing Education requirement is being processed at the state level. The rules are currently being worked on. The approval of the rules is approximately set for September of 2012.
- 5) The board reported a profit of \$20,700 from the 2012 Annual Meeting hosted by the Southeast Chapter.
- 6) Karol Grove is the Seminar Chair for the upcoming year. A couple of possible seminars are being discussed. One is related to "Laws and Amendments in Michigan and Continuing Education". The other is related to the "Michigan and Indiana Border". Another possible traveling seminar would involve Realtors, Attorneys, and Surveyors.
- 7) Continuing Education at the NSPS Convention is also being discussed.
- 8) The board has established a "Legal Offensive Fund" in pursuit of unlicensed surveying activity in the state. Progress was made in the U.P. regarding a well driller who was certifying well locations with respect to property lines. The board is still looking for support for the fund as they continue their efforts. The typical cost in hiring an attorney to send letters to the individual involved in the unlicensed activity is around \$1500.
- 9) Tim Platz has met with MDOT to discuss the Act 132 requirements as they relate to land conveyance. Currently, MDOT does not follow the requirements of Act 132 as they relate to land conveyance and the board is making an effort to get this corrected.

- 10) There are two upcoming state bills that relate to Professional Surveyors. Members are urged to contact their local congressperson regarding the bills. One is Senate Bill 1038 which is the "Lien Law" bill. Currently, surveys and monuments are not considered improvements to property under the law and thus surveyors are unable to place liens on property. The other is House Bill 5466 which is the "Indemnity Law" bill. This bill is an effort to only hold the professionals involved in projects responsible for their part in the project, not for the work done by all professionals involved in the project.
- 11) MSPS will be voting on some Bylaw changes in June. One of the proposed changes involves allowing for Community College students to become student members of MSPS.
- 12) Craig also attended the recent NSPS board meeting in North Carolina. A couple items that are being discussed at the national level are the "Certified ALTA Surveyor" program and a joint NSPS and state membership program.

C. Golf Outing

The golf outing is scheduled for June 8, 2012, at Bruce Hills.

Chris will be sending out a reminder via email.

Greg Ash is the leading contender to be the chair for the golf outing next year.

D. Boat Races

The boat races will be held July 13-15 this year. The committee chairs Karol Grove and David Smith are looking for volunteers to work Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available for those interested in helping out. The boat races are a lot of fun for the entire family.

There will also be an air show at the races this year. This event is the largest annual fund raiser for the chapter. Chris will send out a volunteer sign-up sheet via email if needed.

5. Correspondence

None reported.

6. Unfinished Business

None reported.

7. New Business

The Livonia CORS station is still up and running.

8. Good of the Order

- 1) Craig Amey reported that the MSPS Reenactment Group is starting their 24th year in 2012 and will be in Port Huron on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.
- 2) Pat Bentley, MSPS President, will be our guest speaker at our September chapter meeting.

9. 50/50 Presented by Mitch – Winner also receives a free hat!

Mitch held the 50/50 raffle. The raffle collect \$56. The raffle was won by Karol Grove who donated her \$28 winnings to the scholarship fund. Three chapter caps were also given away. The winners were Rick Hofsess, Ralph Landini, and a guest.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm. The next meeting will be held in September.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS
Secretary