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Sept., 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes September 13th, 2012, 9 pm

The September Chapter meeting was held at DeCarlo's in Warren, MI. Attendees were provided an update by MSPS President Pat Bentley of the state board's current activities. Some topics of which included; Unlicensed activity, Possible future MSPS & NSPS joint membership, Purchase of new software to more efficiently manage the state databases and website, Updating of the state bylaws, The State budget, and Ongoing meetings with MDOT with respect to Act 132 compliance.

1. Regular General Membership Meeting Call to Order

The September 13, 2012 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by President Chris Asiala.

2. Self Introductions

Self introductions were completed with twenty-one in attendance. We had two guests from the state office, Pat Bentley and Julie DeBoer.

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 P. Smith and approved by the membership.

MI Society of Professional Surveyors S.E. Chapter

Balance Sheet As of September 13, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	50.00
219 - money available	
220 - General Checking	5,683.45
Total 219 - money available	5,683.45
222 - Chase Savings Account	25,562.34
Total Checking/Savings	31,295.79
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Accounts Receivable	-52.60
Total Accounts Receivable	-52.60
Total Current Assets	31,243.19
TOTAL ASSETS	31,243.19

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity	
1110 - Accumulated Funds	29,751.12
3000 - Opening Bal Equity	-52.60
Net Income	1,544.67
Total Equity	31,243.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	31,243.19

B. State Report

- 1) The State Report was presented by Craig Amey & Pat Bentley.
- 2) An important issue that was presented is the possibility of a future MSPS & NSPS joint membership. At an extra cost of \$40, MSPS members would also become NSPS members. This would be an enormous discount off of separate NSPS membership costs. The state board is reviewing this issue and attempting to get the word out to the membership of the pros and cons of this idea. They are also working on the many issues that need to be clarified. At this point, the board is planning to have a membership vote on this matter at the 2013 Annual Meeting. More information regarding this matter will be forth coming. There was much discussion on this matter.
- 3) It was discussed that much research has been completed to determine a more efficient method of managing several state databases as well as the state website. It was determined that a new software program will be purchased that will be able to efficiently manage all of these items. This will significantly reduce the amount of time state staff spends looking up data.
- 4) Jim Hollandsworth is chairing a committee that is working on updating of the state bylaws. They will be available on the state website when completed.
- 5) The State budget was briefly discussed. The state board has a lot of tough decisions to make with regard to a reduced budget.
- 6) Time Platz is continuing to meet with MDOT with respect to Act 132 compliance.

C. Golf Outing

Chris reported that the golf outing was a success and that the board is looking for a chair for next year.

D. Boat Races

Dave Smith and Karol Grove reported that there was good membership turnout at the boat races this year. They also received good reviews from the state board.

E. Web Site is in the process of updating by Cathy DeDecker

Chris reported that Cathy DeDecker has revised the chapter website. Check it out and let the board know if you have any comments.

5. Correspondence

None reported.

6. Unfinished Business

None reported.

7. New Business

None reported.

8. Good of the Order

State and Chapter elections are coming up. Contact Chris if you are interested.
The Re-Enactment Group is looking for new members. Contact Craig Amey if interested.

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

Mitch held the raffle. The raffle collected \$60. The raffle was won by Karol Grove who donated her winnings of \$30 to the scholarship fund. Two chapter caps were also given away. The winners were Karol Grove and Joe Kapelczak.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard, P.S.
Secretary