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## October 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes (Preliminary)

October 11, 2012 9 pm

The October Chapter meeting was held at DeCarlo's Banquet & Convention Center in Warren, MI. Jacob Feindt, CTO/CFO at Advanced Geomatics, also the son of Vice President Larry Feindt, was the guest speaker for the meeting. Jacob provided a very informative presentation on the importance of backing up the various electronic data used by surveyors daily. He discussed how it is very important to establish a regular schedule for creating multiple backups of the data you use daily to prevent possible electronic loss. He discussed the various methods and hardware used to backup data. He also provided very helpful information, such as, hardware costs associated with the various methods used. He provided the attendees with a hardcopy of his presentation for reference.

### 1. Regular General Membership Meeting Call to Order

The October 11, 2012 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:01 p.m. by President Chris Asiala.

### 2. Self Introductions

Self introductions were completed with seventeen members & one guest in attendance.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The proposed agenda was presented by Chris Asiala. A motion was made by Jason Verran and seconded by Ray Donnelly to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

### 4. Committees & Reports

#### A. Treasurer's Report

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

9:51 AM  
10/09/12  
Cash Basis

**MI Society of Professional Surveyor S.E. Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of October 11, 2012**

Oct 11, 12

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**Petty Cash** 50.00

**219 · money available**

**220 · General Checking** 5,629.42

**Total 219 · money available** 5,629.42

**222 · Chase Savings Account** 25,565.27

**Total Checking/Savings** 31,244.69

**Accounts Receivable**

**1200 · Accounts Receivable** -0.60

**Total Accounts Receivable** -0.60

**Total Current Assets** 31,244.09

**TOTAL ASSETS** **31,244.09**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Equity**

**1110 · Accumulated Funds** 26,751.12

**3000 · Opening Bal Equity** -52.60

**Net Income** 4,545.57

**Total Equity** 31,244.09

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** **31,244.09**

**B. State Report**

- 1) Due to Craig's absence, Jim Hollandsworth presented the State Report.
- 2) The state board has adopted a budget which is \$20,000 less than just a few years ago.
- 3) The board is continually monitoring unlicensed activity.
- 4) There are about 13 states that are on-line with the proposed joint NSPS membership program.
- 5) It was reported that "Light Squared" has resurfaced and is being watched closely.
- 6) Gil Bonno and the Communication Committee, is working on putting together a brochure about the importance of hiring a surveyor that could be distributed to various organizations.
- 7) Tim Platz is continuing to meet with MDOT regarding PA 132 requirement for Right of Way conveyances. Tim is pursuing the confirmation of this issue with upper level MDOT officials.
- 8) There is a seminar coming up Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> in Clare. The presenter is Jeff Lucas.
- 9) Membership dues notices have been sent out. You should be receiving them soon.
- 10) There is an upcoming fund raiser for Howard Walker, P.S. who is running for the State Senate.
- 11) The 2013 Annual Meeting is being designed to have three sessions running concurrently.

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

The chapter web site has been updated.

**D. Christmas Party**

Cathy DeDecker is chairing the Christmas Party. It will be held at Pasquale's in Royal Oak on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Cathy will be sending out a flyer.

## **5. Correspondence**

None.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **7. New Business**

None.

## **8. Good of the Order**

The Livonia COR Station is being financially supported by a group of local surveyors through the efforts of Marty Dunn, and by the Southeast Chapter. Rick Sauve will be attempting to get additional support for the station. Marty will be putting together a report on the funding of that station.

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

Mitch held the 50/50 raffle. The raffle collected \$36. The raffle was won by David Smith who donated his \$18 winnings to the scholarship fund. Two chapter caps were also given away. The winners were David Smith and Marty Dunn.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS  
Secretary