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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**January, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2013 9:00 pm**

The January Chapter meeting was held at Leon's Family Dining in Wixom, MI. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Chris Beland, P.S., Director of Land Survey & Remonumentation, at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Chris provided the attendees an overview of the operations of the department. He also discussed how he is directing his department to become more customer service oriented. He mentioned that the department contributes a quarterly article that is published in a publication called "Code Works". He also contacts MSPS when he has new information available for the surveying profession. He discussed the platting process and how long it can take to get a plat approved. The goal of his department is to get to the point where plats are approved within two submittals to his office. Theoretically, this process should take no longer than thirty days, provided they have everything required for their review when the plat is first submitted for review. After Chris's presentation he fielded several questions from the audience.

**1. Regular General Membership Call to Order**

The January 10, 2013 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:06 p.m. by President Larry Feindt.

**2. Self Introductions**

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

**3. Review of Agenda**

Karol Grove requested that the contest "Future City Competition" be added to the agenda.

**4. Approval of November, 2012 Board Meeting minutes**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Due to David Smith's absence, a formal report was not presented. Jason Verran received an electronic copy of the report from David and presented a brief overview of the report.

## 6. State Report

- Craig Amey presented the State Report.
- Two Hundred and Sixty-Three ballots were returned for the recent election of four state MSPS board members.
- The Annual Meeting committee is looking for auction items from the local chapters.
- There is a discount being offered this year to help promote the attendance of technicians. For each professional member registered they can sign up a technician to attend at one-half of the normal cost.
- The Thursday entertainment at the annual meeting will be “Dueling Pianos” and it will be open to everyone.
- MSPS will be chairing the AESLC Committee for 2013.
- Unlicensed activity is continually being pursued as the complaints are received.
- Two MSPS members have made presentations at Forester Groups in the U.P.
- Camp Kett will be held in the near future. During the meeting Acts 74, 132, & 345 will be reviewed.
- The new MSPS database software will be up and running very soon. It should be in use around the time of the Annual Meeting.
- The meetings that MSPS has been having with MDOT regarding the requirements of ACT 132 are making progress with the leadership of MDOT. A “White Paper” has been created by MDOT, which is another positive step in the right direction.
- The proposed MSPS & NSPS joint membership issue has been discussed at the local chapters with positive results. Nation-wide, sixteen states have approved the joint membership while another sixteen are in the process of approval.

## 7. Committee's & Reports

### a. Christmas Party Report

Cathy DeDecker will be providing a report of the Christmas Party.

### b. Scholarship Report

It was mentioned that the deadline for applications is next week.

### c. Golf Outing for 2013

Greg Ash & Chris Asiala will co-chair the Golf Outing.

### d. Boat Races for 2013

Karol Grove & David Smith will co-chair the boat race committee.

### e. Chapter Picnic

The tentative date for the chapter picnic will be July 27, 2013.

## 8. Correspondence

Craig Amey mentioned that he has received information regarding ALTA Surveys & re-certification requirements.

## 9. Unfinished Business

None.

## 10. New Business

### a. Ideas for Chapter Activities in 2013

None.

## 11. Good of the Order

Karol Grove discussed the “Future City Competition” which is sponsored by NCEES. The competition is to be held on January 28, 2013, in Novi. Students in grades 6-8 create future cities and they are judged as to how well they designed their cities with respect to surveying related issues. She is participating in the event as a judge and needed additional judges. The winner will win a “Surveying Excellence” award.

## 12. 50/50 Raffle

It was mentioned that Mitch is retiring from operating the raffle and Jason Verran will be taking over. Mitch was acknowledged for his service to the SE Chapter for operating the raffle benefitting the scholarship fund. The raffle collected \$54. The raffle was won by Steve Dunn. Two chapter caps were also given away. The winners were Ray Donnelly and Gary Chalice.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS  
Secretary