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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**May 9, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**(Preliminary)**

**9:00 pm**

The May Chapter meeting was held at De Carlo's in Warren, MI. The guest speaker for the evening, Jim Byrum from the Department of Agriculture, was unable to attend the meeting due to health issues. In place of the guest speaker, the meeting was an open forum to discuss surveying issues for the benefit of the membership. Thanks to Larry Feindt, Karol Grove, David Smith, and Joe Kapelczak for their presentations and discussion.

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

The May 9, 2013 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:02 p.m. by President Larry Feindt.

**2. Self Introductions**

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

**3. Review of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

**4. Treasurer's Report (David P. Smith)**

David Smith presented the Treasurer's Report.

11:08 AM  
05/07/13  
Cash Basis

## MI Society of Professional Surveyors S.E. Chapter

### Balance Sheet As of May 9, 2013

May 9, 13

#### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	50.00
219 - money available	
220 - General Checking	2,501.55
Total 219 - money available	2,501.55
222 - Chase Savings Account	25,587.71
Total Checking/Savings	28,139.26
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Accounts Receivable	-0.60
Total Accounts Receivable	-0.60
Total Current Assets	28,138.66
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>28,138.66</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 - Accumulated Funds	29,980.29
Net Income	-1,841.63
Total Equity	28,138.66
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>28,138.66</b>

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

#### 5. State Report (Craig Amey)

- The state report was presented by Craig Amey.
- The MSPS vote of NSPS joint membership passed by approximately 85%. An agreement document between MSPS & NSPS is being prepared. The additional \$40 for the joint membership will be reflected in next year's membership fees.
- The state board met on May 2, 2013.
- The 2013 Annual Meeting generated \$36,000 in net revenue. This was considered a good result and met the board's expectations.
- The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held in Manistee at the Little River Casino. Jeff Lucas will be the keynote speaker. The board is looking at possibly dropping the entertainment venue at the banquet due to low turnout the past few years.
- The Communications Committee is putting together a brochure entitled "Why you need a surveyor". This brochure is intended to educate the public about the needs for a survey. The board will be getting 10,000 brochures printed. It is asking each chapter to contribute \$85 for the cost of the brochures.
- The Legislative Committee is following Senate Bill #309. This bill deals with frivolous lawsuits and would limit our exposure. Act 74 revisions have been submitted for review.
- The "Standards of Practice" are now available on the MSPS website. You are encouraged to review the standards.
- The "Fundamentals" video is available to purchase. This is a good review video for those who will be taking the licensing exam.
- The continuing education issue is still moving forward.
- Unlicensed activity is continually being pursued.

- The board is in the process of hiring a new staff member. The position was advertised and the board received 150 applications. Fourteen individuals were selected for interviews. The interviews were held last week. Beau will be staying until August to help train the new staff member on the membership software.

## **6. Committee's & Reports**

### **a. Golf Outing for 2013 (Greg Ash & Chris Asiala, co-chairs)**

Chris provided an update. An email has been sent to the membership. A mailing has also been sent to those members without email addresses.

### **b. Detroit Boat Races for 2013 (Karol Grove & David Smith, co-chairs)**

Races are scheduled for July 13-14. Contact Karol or David if you are interested in participating. An email will be sent out in mid June to all those who are participating. The email will have all the details of the event. The boat races generate approximately \$2000 each year for the chapter.

### **c. Chapter Picnic (Greg Ash & Jim Isaacs, co-chair)**

Picnic is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>. An invitation is being prepared. Adolfo will be sending out an email to the membership with the invitation.

### **d. Wixom Founders Day – The Reenactors – Sunday, May 19, 2013 (Craig Amey)**

In addition to the Wixom Founders Day Festival, the reenactors will be participating on May 25-26 at the "Feast of St. Clair" in Port Huron and at another festival in Owosso the following weekend. Contact Craig Amey if you are interested in helping out.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **a. Update re Disposition of old survey records of James Potts – Potts Survey in Livonia** (records owned by Colleen Potts)

Jason Verran made contact with Colleen Potts. Much of the surveying records are hand drawn notes. There are approximately 4300 job files. The most current records available date back to 1990 when Mr. Potts retired. There is also some surveying equipment available. Contact Jason Verran for further details. Adolfo will be sending out an email to the chapter membership regarding the records and equipment available.

Gary Chalice was contacted by the widow of former surveyor Hester Hopman who passed away in February. She has some surveying equipment available if anyone is interested. Contact Gary for further details. Adolfo will be sending out an email to the membership regarding the equipment available.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

David Smith discussed possibly forming a committee to discuss the COR station upgrading and costs.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Coasting the Baseline Project (Marty Dunn)**

Marty Dunn discussed Coasting the Baseline Project. It is a project that involves setting monuments along the baseline across Michigan from Lake Michigan to Lake St. Clair. Mr. David Barr who is an internationally renowned sculptor & author is involved in creating these monuments. The monuments are funded through donations. Once enough funds are raised a monument can be created. Mr. Barr sets aside a portion of each monument to the cause of each donor. Mr. Barr promotes surveying a very positive light with this project. For more information about the project and making donations contact Marty Dunn.

## **10. Good of the Order**

Joe Kapelczak encouraged everyone to review a copy of the proposed revisions to Act 74. Contact him if you have any further comments to the revisions.

## **11. 50/50 Raffle**

Jason held the 50/50 raffle. The raffle collected \$18. The raffle was won by Joe Kapelczak.

## **12. Adjournment**

A motion was made by David Smith and seconded by Marty Dunn to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS  
Secretary