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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



September 12, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes
9:00 pm

The September Chapter meeting was held at Maggiano's in Troy, MI. Thanks to Adolfo for all his efforts and working through the challenges of obtaining a location for the meeting this month. The guest speakers for the evening were Kathy Coon a Broker/Owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate, Barron Hinsperger, President of Sterling Title Agency and his associate & abstractor Christine Rybski. The presenters provided handouts of current real estate statistics of southeast Michigan. The statistics indicate that the real estate market is improving. Mr. Hinsperger and Christine also discussed the data that is included in a title commitment and the work that is involved in obtaining it. The information presented was very interesting and provided some positive indicators for the economy and our profession.

1. Regular General Membership Call to Order

The September 12, 2013 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:28 p.m. by President Larry Feindt.

2. Self Introductions

Self introductions were completed with approximately 20 members & guests in attendance. It should be noted that one of guests at our meeting was Mr. John Hetzler, the Editor of the POB Magazine, who has been on the job for a few months and was interested in learning more about our organization.

3. Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Due to David Smith's absence, the Treasurer's Report was not presented.

5. State Report (Jim Hollandsworth for Craig Amey)

The state report was presented by Jim Hollandsworth due to Craig's absence at the state meeting.

It was noted that the state board meeting minutes are now available on the MSPS website. A link to them is also being included with the President's Report that is emailed to the membership.

The society now has a new executive director, Mollee Neff. She started at the state office in June. She is fitting in very well. She has a different skill set than the previous director. Her skill set is more in the financial and computer communication fields.

The state audit has been completed and was found to be in good order. Mollee will be an asset to the society in the area of audits with her financial background.

The southeast chapter has received 750 of the informational brochures put together by the communications committee and purchased by the state. See Craig to obtain the brochures.

Mollee is working on getting the new centralized membership data base software up and running.

Unlicensed activity is continually being pursued as new incidents are reported.

Donations for the unlicensed activity fund are always welcome.

The issue with regard to MDOT filing Act 132 surveys for Right of Way acquisition has been pursued by the society and is in its final stages.

The president's report is being sent via email with several links attached. Be sure to check out all the links. The board is attempting to be more transparent.

MSPS now has a signed contract with NSPS regarding joint membership. The dues will stay the same this year. There will however, be an additional \$40 cost for the NSPS membership. The professional surveyor dues will be \$340 this year.

Some possible new awards are being reviewed. The deadlines are approaching for submitting nominees for the awards for this year.

The state board will have three openings this year.

The continuing education requirement is expected to be passed very soon by the legislature. It could be as soon as October 2013.

New legislation is being reviewed that would allow electronically signed and sealed plans to be used for submittals.

It was reported that March 5, 2014, would be the next "Legislative Day". Mark your calendars.

MSPS is pursuing a bulletin board type page on the website.

Thanks to Ray Donnelly for his involvement in the design of the new information brochures.

There will be two seminars offered the last two weeks of October. There will also be a seminar in Lansing on November 1, 2013.

There was consensus that Don Ross's name will be submitted again for the Surveyor of Past Award this year by the chapter.

6. Committee's & Reports

a. Golf Outing for 2013 – Held June 7, 2013 (Greg Ash & Chris Asiala, co-chairs)

Chris reported that there were 31 in attendance at the outing. He also mentioned that there was interest in finding a more central location for the event next year.

b. Detroit Boat Races for 2013 – Held July 13-14, 2013 (Karol Grove & David Smith, co-chairs)

Karol reported that the races were a success. The chapter received a donation check a month ago. She is also working on an article on the boat races for the "Michigan Surveyor."

c. Chapter Picnic – Held July 27, 2013 (Greg Ash & Jim Isaacs, co-chair)

Greg reported that the picnic was a success. There were 20 in attendance. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed good food. He is working on writing an article for the "Michigan Surveyor."

d. Reenactors – (Craig Amey)

Craig reported that the group attended a new event this year in Ste. Sainte Marie. They will be attending two events in September, one in Grand Rapids and one in Bay City. They will be attending one event in October. The Reenactor's schedule is available on the website.

Larry O'Donnell also noted that he is involved in a type of historical reenactment if anyone is interested. Contact Larry for further information.

7. Correspondence

a. Act 74 Forms for Macomb County and Oakland County (Jeffrey Wright at Advanced Surveying Mapping)

Larry reported that there is currently no interest in moving forward on this matter.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

a. Macomb Community College – End of Surveying Program? (Craig Amey)

Craig reported that the numbers are down and that the program is being reviewed to determine a new direction.

b. SE Chapter Alternate Chapter Representative

Larry reported that Jason Verran has been elected the alternative chapter representative.

c. House Bill 4585 re Electronic Signatures & Seals (Jim Hollandsworth)

This bill is currently being reviewed at the state level.

10. Good of the Order

a. Remembrance of Gary A. Stanley

A moment of silence was given for the late Gary A. Stanley. Larry will be sending a card to the family on behalf of the chapter.

11. 50/50 Raffle

The raffle was not held this month.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS
Secretary