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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



November 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes
(Preliminary)
9:00 pm

The November Chapter meeting was held at Picano's Italian Grille in Troy, MI. The guest speaker for the evening was not able to attend the meeting due to unknown reasons. The consensus was to have an open floor discussion on the CEU licensing requirements. Larry Feindt moderated the discussion with input from several members that are familiar with the requirements. There were several good questions that were brought up and addressed. It was mentioned that the board is looking into organizing the chapter meetings such that the members attending the meetings would qualify for CEU's when the speaker and topic meet the qualifications. The board is looking into possibly creating a certification form for the meetings that qualify that the members would sign and that could then be scanned in and posted on the web site in order to create a paper trail for future CEU reference. It was also mentioned that questions regarding CEU's could be brought up at an upcoming seminar, which will have a LARA representative attending. Adolfo Castillo also covered some changes that are being made with the Miss Dig law starting in April 2014.

1. Regular General Membership Call to Order

The November 14, 2013 meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 8:32 p.m. by President Larry Feindt.

2. Self Introductions

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

3. Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and a "Future City" item was added to item 9.

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

David Smith presented the Treasurer's Report.

10:21 AM
11/12/13
Cash Basis

MI Society of Professional Surveyors S.E. Chapter

Balance Sheet As of November 14, 2013

Nov 14, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Petty Cash 50.00

219 - money available

220 - General Checking 2,508.61

Total 219 - money available 2,508.61

222 - Chase Savings Account 25,607.01

Total Checking/Savings 28,165.62

Accounts Receivable

1200 - Accounts Receivable -0.60

Total Accounts Receivable -0.60

Total Current Assets 28,165.02

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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

1110 - Accumulated Funds 29,980.29

Net Income -1,815.27

Total Equity 28,165.02

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The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

5. State Report (Craig Amey)

There was no state meeting this month, thus, no report was given. Craig took the opportunity to inform the membership of some of the benefits of NSPS for those who were not members previously.

Craig mentioned that it is important for everyone to review their personal information on the MSPS web site as soon as possible. MSPS will be providing NSPS membership information using the online database.

Craig briefly explained the "News & Views" bi-weekly electronic brochure that NSPS sends out to the membership. He also mentioned that they hold a "Radio Hour" in which a surveying topic is discussed. NSPS meets bi-annually.

The state MSPS ballots have been sent out. Be sure to cast your vote.

MSPS will be holding a seminar on December 6, 2013. There will be 4-5 topics discussed. Vendors will also be in attendance. Be sure to sign up if you're interested.

6. Committee's & Reports

a. Legislative Report

i. Continuing CEU's-Discussion

This was addressed as an open floor topic at the beginning of the meeting since the speaker was absent. See opening paragraph.

b. Christmas Party Reminder (Cathy DeDecker, chair)

The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013, at Pasquale's in Royal Oak. Be sure to contact Cathy if you're attending so that she can get a count for the food.

c. Scholarship (Kelly Fedele, chair)

The SE Chapter scholarship form is available on the web site. Applications are due January 13, 2014.

7. Correspondence

None to report.

8. Unfinished Business

a. MSPS Awards

Don Ross has been nominated by the Southeast Chapter for the "Surveyor of the Past" award.

b. SE Chapter Board Elections for Terms beginning in 2014

i. The Election Committee is being chaired by John Fenn. Larry Feindt, George Ballard, and Greg Ash have terms expiring.

ii. There are three candidates running for the three open positions. The candidates are Larry Feindt, Karl Brandys and Don DeKeyser. The ballots have been sent out. Be sure to get your ballots sent in on time.

iii. Problems were encountered with the address list. Mollee Neff, Adolfo Castillo, and John Fenn were able to solve the problems and get the ballots sent out to the membership. It is important to visit the MSPS web site and update any personal information that is out of date.

9. New Business

a. "Future City" contest (Karol Grove)

Karol has been involved in this NCEES sponsored program for the past few years. She gave a brief explanation of the program and how she is involved in getting volunteer judges for determining the "Surveying Excellence Award" for the contest. She is looking for 5-6 judges. The judging is held in Novi on January 27, 2014. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer judge contact Karol.

10. Good of the Order

Visit the state MSPS web site and check to make sure your personal information is correct.

11. 50/50 Raffle

The raffle was not held due to Jason Verran being absent.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George J. Ballard III, PS
Secretary