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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



January 16, 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes
9:00 PM (Preliminary)

The January Chapter meeting was held at Mama Mia's Restaurant in Livonia, MI. The speaker for the evening was Adolfo Castillo PS. The topic was the proposed requirement of utility companies to accurately survey location and position of new installations. Presented were the proposed standards of the survey, possible problems and solutions and data reporting of the information.

1. General Membership Meeting Call to Order

The January 16, 2014 General Membership Meeting of the Southeast Chapter of Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo.

Self Introductions

Self-introductions were completed with 24 members in attendance.

2. Treasurer's Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim presented an accounting report of the account balances as of January 16, 2014. The balance sheet is attached to these minutes.

3. State Highlights Report (Craig Amey)

Craig reported on the progression of Remonumentation Bill, SB 472. The Bill has been moved to the Senate.

The Annual Meeting packets are available on-line. There is an apparent program glitch with the on-line registration in which the program is charging non-member prices to members. If anyone is experiencing problems they may contact Mollee and she will correct the problem.

The state budget looks good and should be running in the positive. The board is continually working to utilize the money in the best interest of the membership.

The Michigan Surveyor Magazine is larger in content and will now be published 3 times a year.

Communication to the membership is progressing by the use of email and constant contact means.

The State Board is working hard and has realized success in its efforts to reign in unlicensed activity. The most success has been in regard to Foresters. Craig mentioned that a letter had been prepared and is published in the forestry publication regarding litigations. The committee for Lobbyist / Unlicensed Activity is seeking donations from the chapters for the legal offense fund.

The state board elections received 209 ballots and resulted in which the following members from the Southeast Chapter have been elected. Jim Hollandsworth was elected President and Kelly Fedele as Treasurer, Karol Grove as Director .

There has been a rise in new membership applications. Craig mentioned that generally the past few years the increase has been about two new members a year, however recently it has increased to fifteen.

- **MSPS role in continuing Education**

It was stated that Continuing Education is the responsibility of each licensed individual to meet the expected amount of continuing education credits as well as document and account for these credits. It is also the individuals' responsibility to determine if what is presented as a continuing education credit will satisfy an audit by L.A.R.A. It is suggested that each surveyor should examine the law in order to make the determinations. L.A.R.A. may utilize M.S.P.S. as an advisor or seek opinion at some point however that has not yet been decided.

- **Should Life Members whose license has expired be allowed to vote?**

A lively discussion was held in which several thoughts both pro and con were presented, and a review of the Bylaws regarding the Life Member status was reviewed. Also discussed was the idea to table the issue until more is known. Kelly Fedele spoke regarding discussion of the board of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors in which an emeritus status for those who have retired will provide an avenue to regain their status should they decide to return to the workforce.

Craig Amey stated that the issue may come up at the next State Board meeting in which he may have to vote and would like direction from the Southeast Chapter membership. David P. Smith motioned for the vote and Karol Grove seconded, that the vote will be on the following. A yes vote would mean that NO the life members who have expired licenses will not be afforded a vote. A no vote would mean YES, the life members who have expired license will be afforded a vote. And a third option was that the issue would be tabled. The majority voted **Yes**, in which the life members who have expired licenses will **not** be afforded a vote.

- **Should the Southeast Chapter donate to the Legal Offense fund?**

A motion was made by David P. Smith and seconded by Karol Grove to make a donation of \$1,000.00 to the legal offense fund. The motion passed with a majority vote.

- **Who will represent the Southeast Chapter in the Snow Shoe race at the Annual Meeting?**

Jason Verran volunteered to represent the Southeast Chapter in the snowshoe race event at the Annual Meeting.

4. Other Discussion

The Ethics Committee will remain in effect and stay with the same format.

Don Ross has been selected as the Surveyor of the Past.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Adolfo Castillo and seconded by David P. Smith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice