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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



March 13, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The March 13, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo. Board members present were, Adolfo Castillo, Jason Verran, Gary Chalice, Lawrence Feindt, Craig Amey, Donald DeKeyser, Karl Brandys and David Smith. Absent was Jim Hollandsworth.

2. Review of Agenda

The meeting agenda was passed out by President Castillo; prior to review Larry Feindt mentioned that Karol Grove had contacted him regarding adding the Teaching with Spatial Technology, (TwIST), program to the agenda. It was decided to discuss later during the board meeting or during the membership meeting. A motion was made by Jason Verran and seconded by Adolfo Castillo to approve the agenda; the motion passed and the agenda was approved by the board as presented.

3. Approval of January 16, 2013 Board Meeting minutes

The January meeting minutes were passed out and reviewed. A motion was made by Jason Verran and seconded by Adolfo Castillo to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report (Adolfo Castillo for Jim Hollandsworth)

Adolfo Castillo reported that Jim Hollandsworth had sent him several sheets of information regarding the current status of the Southeast Chapter's accounts. Adolfo stated he selected the sheets he felt were applicable to the information we are interested in and presented them to the board. (Account Balance Sheets Attached)

5. Elected State Representative Lawrence R. Feindt

On March 3, 2014 Jason Verran contacted the Southeast Chapter Board of Directors by email stating that he would be unable to fulfill the position of State Representative due to work schedule conflict. Larry Feindt indicated that he would be interested in the position if elected. The Board voted in majority support via email to elect Larry as our State Representative. It was discussed that the position should be added to the letterhead.

6. State Highlights Report (Larry Feindt)

Larry presented an outline report and offered it to the board as follows:

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- 2014 BOARD MEMBERSHIP
 - Jim Hollandsworth, President (Southgate)
 - Chris Lester, First Vice President (Traverse City)
 - Tim DeMumbrum, Second Vice-President (Muskegon)
 - Jon Wildrom, Secretary (Portland)
 - Kelly Fedele, Treasurer (Southgate)
 - Zak Stevens, Past President (Iron Mountain)
 - Jeff Autenrieth, Director (Jackson)
 - Karol Grove-Tomlinson, Director (Highland)
 - Gil Bonno, Director (Grand Blanc)
 - Carol Waite, Director (Cadillac)
 - Ron Brand, Director (Gaylord)
 - Max George, Director (Grand Rapids)
 - Pat Hastings, Central Chapter Rep (Ann Arbor)
 - Craig McVean, Northern Chapter Rep (Cadillac)
 - John Quine, Mid-Michigan Chapter Rep (Elsie)
 - Barbara Snyder, Saginaw Valley Chapter Rep (Saginaw)
 - Carl Kiiskila, Northeast Chapter Rep (Gaylord)
 - Larry Feindt, Southeast Chapter Rep (Novi)
 - Robert Burtch, West Central Chapter Rep (Big Rapids)

- GENERAL
 - Jim Hollandsworth attended the 2014 Association of Ontario Land Surveyors annual general meeting and presented a report.

- LEGISLATIVE
 - John Korr reported that Legislative Day held on 3/5/2014 in Lansing was a success.
 - Senate Bill 422 (Remonumentation) was officially passed on 3/6/2014. It now goes to the House.
 - Joe Kapelczak is looking into PA-346 remonumentation funding.
 - Senator Howard Walker is trying to get some of the \$15 million back which was taken by the State Legislature.
 - PA-74 proposed revisions were discussed. An agreement is needed with Chris Beland at LARA.
 - The Condominium Act has a lot of problems and proposed changes will take a while.
 - The OSLR Working Group chaired by Bill Karr is working with MARD (Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds).

- PA-132 was not discussed at this time.
- COMMITTEES
 - Annual Meeting
 - Carl Kiiskila reported on the progress re the 2015 Annual Meeting. Dennis J. Moulard, PLS has been chosen to be the Tuesday speaker as well as segments on Wed. or Thurs. Repeating concurrent sessions are being considered.
 - .Communications
 - Gil Bonno spoke about submitting the Michigan Surveyor publication to NSPS for entry in to the Excellence in Journalism Award contest.
 - The older MSPS brochures are to be reviewed and possibly updated.
 - Ad-Hoc Dealing with Unlicensed Activity
 - Zak Stevens held a meeting with the Foresters.
 - A letter was approved by the board to be sent to the Northern Michigan Land Brokers pertaining to a Blog re “Forestry Surveys”. The purpose was to clarify the Occupation Code as it relates to the practice of surveying.
 - Other ongoing situations were discussed, particularly as to the procedures which should be followed in the case of a failure of persons to respond to missive questions concerning potential unlicensed activity.
 - AESLC / Lobbyist
 - Discussed which condominium sheets should be signed by surveyors, engineers and architects.
 - Discussed certificates of merit performed by a Professional Surveyor to legitimize claims of improper activity.
 - Seminar
 - Karol Grove reported that a spring seminar at the MSPS office was planned. The speaker is to be determined.
 - Perhaps other areas could be considered for a fall seminar.
 - Please offer any ideas for seminars.
 - Is there any interest in a cruise seminar?
 - Ad-Hoc Dealing with Life Membership
 - The cost to MSPS associated with maintaining life members was reviewed. Should there be a cost assessed for life membership in the future?
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Karol Grove presented information re the TwiST (Teaching with Spatial Technology) program. This is a week-long workshop held in Vancouver, WA designed to teach grade 6-12 educators how to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in the classroom to create meaningful and challenging lesson plans for students. Karol is trying to raise the funds necessary to send three Michigan educators to this workshop to bring the program to Michigan.
 - Bob Burtch and Carl Shangra (Ferris reps) and Mike Drewyor (MTU rep) have all agreed to participate if the expenses were covered.

- The board approved routing the funds donated for TwiST through the MSPS organization. No direct money from MSPS was authorized to be allocated for this program, since the availability of extra funds for 2014 is presently uncertain.
- The possibility of creating a Geospatial Technology Committee was contemplated.
- National Surveyor's Week is from March 16-22, 2014. The program of measuring GPS coordinates on NGS bench marks by surveyors is being again promoted to help NGS improve the geoid model.

7. Committee's & Reports

a. Scholarship Report

A short discussion regarding disbursement was held and it was suggested that Kelly Fedele P.S. would fill in the details during the Membership Meeting.

b. 2014 Golf Outing

The committee has not met yet, however a meeting will be held soon.

c. Boat Races for 2014

Karol Grove will provide information during the Membership meeting.

d. Name tags ordered.

Name tags have been created and are ready to hand out.

8. Approval to destroy 2013 election ballots.

The 2013 election ballots have not been destroyed as of the date of this meeting. John Fenn P.S. (Tellers Committee Chair) was not sure that the board had approved this action. The meeting minutes from January 16, 2014 in which the board supported the motion to allow him to destroy the ballots will be provided to him.

9. Correspondence

- a. **Legal Offense Fund (Letter)** A thank you letter was received by Adolfo Castillo from Zak Stevens, Past State President, regarding the Southeast Chapter contribution of \$1,000.00.
- b. **Electronic correspondence from Leyla Ahmed P.S. seeking an instructor to teach basic surveying courses.** Adolfo Castillo stated that an email was sent to the Southeast Chapter Membership regarding the interest of Baker College in employing a part time instructor for surveying classes. It was mentioned that Dave Cole P.S. may be interested.
- c. **Updated Southeast Chapter member database from Mollee Neff (email).** A question was presented as to, "if all Southeast Chapter members are included in the database, or just the professional members?" Jason was going to look into this and make sure all members will be included on the mailing list.
- d. **73 Annual meeting speaker notes available at MSPS website.** A comment was made regarding how good it is that the notes are on the website.

10. Unfinished Business

Adolfo Castillo commented that he felt the Annual Meeting was good this year. Comment was also made that it was a nice gesture that the Leica and Michigan Surveyor Supply social events are offered each year. Further musing followed; regarding if one of the social events has any impact on the attendance of the banquet.

11. New Business

a. Committee Suggestions for 2014

No suggestions were made.

b. Ideas for Chapter Activities for 2014

No ideas were presented.

The following items were discussed but were not scheduled as "New Business" topics.

a. Change in speaker.

It was stated by Adolfo that the speaker change for the meeting was due to the death of Pat Brown's Father and that Rob Coppersmith was speaking instead. It was further stated the change of the speakers name was corrected by Jason Verran and appeared on the second meeting notice by Jason.

b. Continuing Education Requirements (Record Keeping)

Larry brought up the topic of the organization of tracking CEH's for the Southeast Chapter. Jason Verran stated he was on top of it.

c. Future presenters.

Mollee Neff is a tentative speaker for the May meeting and Jason Verran will call her. It was also mentioned that Ray Donnelly has sent suggestions by email.

12. Good of the Order

David P. Smith reported that he has been contacted by "Quake on the Lake Association" regarding layout of their boat race course. Dave mentioned that they had contracted with a firm last year which turned out to be an excessive expense for them. Dave felt that perhaps another firm or the Southeast Chapter may want to get involved. The Association is interested in a three year plan.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jason Verran and seconded by Craig Amey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice