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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



October 09, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The October 09, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo. Board members present were, Adolfo Castillo, Jason Verran, Gary Chalice, Donald DeKeyser, Larry Feindt, Karl Brandys and Dave P. Smith.

2. Review of Agenda

The meeting agenda was distributed by President Castillo and the agenda was approved by the board as presented.

3. Approval of September 11, 2014 Board Meeting minutes

The September membership meeting minutes were passed out and reviewed; the minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jason Verran for Jim Hollandsworth)

Jason reported the account balances provided to him by Jim Hollandsworth, (Account Balance Sheets Attached).

5. State Highlights Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

It was decided that the State Highlights Report would be given at the Membership Meeting. However Larry Feindt mentioned that the Camp Kett retreat was coming up and that anything which needs to be brought up should be brought up fairly soon. Larry further mentioned that there will be a change to the information requirement for an L.C.R.C. filed for remonumentation in which geodetic coordinates of the corner be reported with a minimum accuracy of 0.01 seconds of arc. Also, five positions are open on the State Board with presently only four people running. If there are no write in candidates provided during the voting an appointment will be made for the fifth position. Larry further mentioned that he will probably be elected to a position, so the southeast Chapter will need a Chapter Representative.

6. Committee's & Reports

a. Survey Best Practices Manual (Safety)

Adolfo reported that he had sent a letter to MDOT regarding the absence of safety practices during the occupation of section corners in the roadway. In the best interest of the profession Adolfo expressed the importance of the procedures DTE utilizes in the letter and stated that he hopes his input is appropriate with all in the Southeast Chapter.

b. NSPS Report

No NSPS meeting was held between the MSPS Southeast Chapter meetings.

c. Teller Committee

Jason Verran reported that there has been no response to the inquiry for committee members for a Tellers Committee and that Adolfo will have to appoint a committee. In response Don DeKeyser and Gary Chalice volunteered and will join Jason to fill out the committee. Jason will be the Chairperson.

c. Christmas Party

Cathy DeDecker will be asked if she will organize the Christmas Party again this year.

7. Correspondence

Carol Waite reported that her solicitation for mentors and speakers to promote the surveying profession provided no volunteers from the Southeast Chapter. There were questions raised regarding the signup sheet and no volunteers - Ray Donnelly stated that he had signed up for both requests so the sheets most certainly should have had his name included on the two sheets.

8. Unfinished Business

Nothing was brought up.

9. New Business

a. Southeast Chapter Bylaws

Adolfo has expressed his opinion regarding the inclusion of a more contemporary spectrum of personal attributes to Article 1 – Section 2 of the chapter bylaws, in particular the paragraph stating “No person shall be disqualified as a member by reason of race, color, religion or national origin”. Some discussion and agreement with Adolfo’s opinion had followed. Ray Donnelly mentioned that he had been asked to review the current state bylaws and since the chapter bylaws mostly emulate the state bylaws there may be additional changes to be addressed. It was decided that the board should wait for his report, which should be shortly following the end of this year.

b. Chapter Dues

The board had a discussion regarding the possibility of a change of date for chapter dues to coincide with the publishing and delivery of *The Michigan Surveyor* in October. It was mentioned that the date would have to be changed in the chapter bylaws as well. The discussion will continue next meeting.

c. Miscellaneous

Membership increase – how can we get more members? It was mentioned that the state has experienced a membership increase, credited to the continuing education requirement and that the Southeast Chapter will also experience an increase as more surveyors recognize the benefits.

A member has requested that we entertain an idea to have the next meeting on Wednesday November 12 as the firearm deer hunting season begins on the 15th. Moving the meeting up will allow those who were planning on leaving early for opening day make the next meeting. It was decided to bring this up at the Membership Meeting.

10. Good of the Order

Nothing discussed.

11. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Jason Verran, seconded by Dave Smith. The meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice