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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**October 09, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes**

**1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order**

The October 09, 2014 general Membership Meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 8:50 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo.

**2. Review of Agenda**

The meeting agenda was passed out by President Castillo.

**3. Approval of September 11, Membership Meeting minutes**

President Castillo mentioned that the September membership meeting minutes were reviewed; the minutes were approved by the board.

**4. Treasurer's Report (Jim Hollandsworth)**

Jim reported the account balances (Account Balance Sheets Attached).

**5. State Highlights Report (Larry Feindt)**

Larry reported on several issues, Larry's report is attached.

**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. The next NSPS meeting will be held in the third week of October.

**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. It was noted that 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. Jim Hollandsworth volunteered to assist Ray in the review if Ray would like. It was also noted that any proposed changes to the chapter bylaws would need to be submitted as a draft to the State Board of Directors of MSPS for approval.

**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.

**10. Good of the Order**

The date of the Detroit Boat Races is being moved to mid-August.

The question was presented, would we want to provide survey services for both the Detroit Race and Quake on the Lake since one will be in July and the other in August. It was noted that doing both could be a financial boost for the Scholarship fund or other activities.

Ray Donnelly mentioned the passing of Herb Avey, the membership observed a moment of silence.

Joe Bishop mentioned the passing of Don Piggot, the membership observed a moment of silence.

Jason Verran presented a motion to have the next meeting on Wednesday November 12 as the firearm deer hunting season begins on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Moving the meeting up will allow those who were planning on leaving early for opening day make the next meeting. The motioned was seconded by Don Dekeyser. The motioned passed.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting ended at approximately 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Chalice