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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



November 12, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The November 12, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo. Board members present were: Adolfo Castillo, Jason Verran, Gary Chalice, Jim Hollandsworth, Larry Feindt, Craig Amey, Donald DeKeyser, 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 October 9, 2014 Board Meeting minutes

The October Board meeting minutes were passed out and reviewed; Jim Hollandsworth motioned to approve the minutes as stated; the motion was seconded by Larry Feindt, the minutes were approved by the board.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim reported the current budget – year to date (copy attached). Adolfo had a question regarding how the chapter will receive the dues. It was stated that Mollee Neff will send a check. Jason Verran motioned to approve the treasurer's report as stated, the motion was seconded by Dave Smith and the treasurer's report was approved by the board.

5. State Highlights Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

There was no state meeting in October. Jim will mention some items that are currently being discussed during the membership meeting.

6. Committee's & Reports

a. Survey Best Practices Manual (Safety)

Adolfo reported that he has not received the latest draft of the manual from MDOT, but will send a copy to the board when he does. Adolfo also mentioned that the safety flasher he had developed was in the patent process, the DTE attorneys are handling the patent.

b. NSPS Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim reported that he attended the NSPS Fall meeting in Craig's absence. The issues that are currently being discussed are: the amendment of the bylaws, the re-alignment of directors, NSPS still does not have 100% of states participating, the need to establish a strategic plan, and the possibility of a change in the education degree required for licensure. For a complete view of the issues and other important information please visit www.nsps.us.com.

c. Scholarships

Kelly Fedele is going to head the Scholarship Committee again.

d. Upcoming SE Chapter Board of Director's election.

Adolfo mentioned that he liked the electronic voting ballot; however one concern was that upon casting the vote it did not confirm it had been completed. He also mentioned that 9 paper ballots were sent.

e. SE Chapter Christmas Party

Adolfo had contacted Cathy DeDecker and she has reserved Pasquales Restaurant in Royal Oak for the party. Invitations had been sent to the membership. The date of the party is December 12th; reservations for the party are desired by December 3rd.

7. Correspondence

Membership renewals are due and available formats for renewal include the form inside the Michigan Surveyor publication or on the MSPS website.

Invitations to the SE Chapter Christmas party had been sent by email to the membership.

8. Unfinished Business

A copy of the SE Chapter Bylaws had been emailed to Ray Donnelly by Adolfo to serve as a draft for possible changes and additions to Article 1, Section 2 having to do with the non-discriminatory / non-disqualifier clause.

9. New Business

Adolfo reported that we need to find a way to get more of the membership interested in the chapter meetings, committees, and positions on the board of directors and opened the meeting for discussion. Larry noted that 20 years ago attendance for meetings would include anywhere from 30 to 40 members with an increase to possibly 70 members when a controversial or hot topic was presented, whereas we now get about 20 or 25 members attending. More discussion followed regarding the Survey Technician Council and what happened to it. Don noted that the meetings are like an extension of work and perhaps it would be more appealing if meetings were like that. It was also mentioned that it did not seem that continuing education was having the trickle-down effect that it was supposed to, but it was stated that it still may be too early to make that determination. The question arose that it may be the content of the subjects that need be more interesting. The discussion ended with the idea that it will be brought up again and that ideas will be welcomed.

10. Good of the Order

Craig stated that the Macomb Community College Surveying Program is not doing well and was looking for help in ideas or opinion regarding should the program outline be updated to include the latest technologies, or should they keep the same outline as the 1990's, or should the program even continue? Some discussion followed, however nothing was determined at this meeting.

11. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Jason Verran, seconded by Don DeKeyser. The meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice