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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



November 12, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Membership Meeting Call to Order

The November 12, 2014 meeting of the Membership of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by President Adolfo Castillo.

2. Review of Agenda

The meeting agenda was distributed by President Castillo; no additions or subtractions suggested.

3. Approval of October 9, 2014 Board Meeting minutes

The October membership meeting minutes were available at the door; Adolfo stated that the minutes were approved by the Board of Directors.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim reported the current budget – year to date (copy attached). Adolfo mentioned that \$2,000.00 had been budgeted for the Christmas Party and that it should be a “good one”.

5. State Highlights Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

There was no state meeting in October.

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. Jim mentioned that Craig Amey, John Fenn and Jan Folkens are candidates for positions in the NSPS elections. For a complete view of the issues and other important information please visit www.nsp.us.com.

c. Scholarships

Kelly Fedele is going to chair the Scholarship Committee again.

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

Adolfo mentioned that he liked the electronic voting ballot, 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. It was noted that the SE Chapter Bylaws will be revised and follows the same format as the State Bylaws.

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. The question arose that it may be the content of the subjects that need be more interesting. Adolfo delivered a passionate dialog regarding an effort needs to be made to increase involvement in the chapter and mentioned that he would even do a presentation on how to make salsa if it was thought that would help. He followed with " even if we are not successful at least we have tried"

10. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Dave Smith, seconded by Jim Hollandsworth. The meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice