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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



January 15, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

5:30 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The January 15, 2015 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, Jim Hollandsworth, Larry Feindt, Donald DeKeyser, Karl Brandys and Karol Grove.

2. Review of Agenda

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

3. Review of 2014 Year in Review Report

The Year in Review Report had previously been distributed to the board members via email from President Castillo. There were no significant comments regarding the report.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim reported the current budget – (copy attached). Jim reported that the budgeted amounts for 2014 were in the red. This was expected however and the overage was less than projected. Karol Grove presented a question regarding if there should be a committee audit of the accounts. Discussion followed regarding that auditing was conducted in the past but has not been done in recent years. No action was implemented.

5. State Highlights Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Larry Feindt will present the report during the Membership Meeting.

6. NSPS Report

Jim reported for Craig Amey and simply stated that the Michigan Surveyor magazine sums up the NSPS activities. Also, keep up with NSPS by visiting www.nsps.us.com.

7. Committee's and Reports

a. Scholarships

Kelly Fedele will provide the names of the students to receive the Southeast Chapter Scholarship awards later.

b. SE Chapter Christmas Party

Adolfo Castillo reported that there was a small turnout for the party, but it was a good time. Karol Grove mentioned that the date of the party was listed wrong on the Southeast Chapter website and that some people were confused by that.

c. Golf Outing

Adolfo Castillo wondered if a different course should be chosen to find a better rate and if the tee time should be earlier. It was stated that an attempt at finding a different course last year could not find better pricing and that the tee time seems to be fine as it gives people the opportunity to get some business done in the morning prior to attending the outing.

d. 2015 Boat Races

Adolfo questioned if the Detroit event was going to take place this year. Karol said it would be and it was to be at a later date than last year. Quake on the Lake was brought up for discussion regarding that this event could bring in additional money to the chapter. The interest of laying out the course outside the chapter has not been good and the Quake organizers would welcome the chapter involvement. The topic will be brought up at the Membership Meeting.

e. "The Future City Competition" Looking for participation.

The Future City competition will take place January 26, 2015 at the Novi Expo. Karol Grove is looking for 5 or 6 Surveyors from the Southeast Chapter to volunteer to be judges for the competition.

8. Budget Discussion for 2015

No discussion, the budget was covered in the Treasurers Report and will be the same for this year.

9. Correspondence

Adolfo mentioned that there is a meet and greet with the Oakland County legislators on January 21, 2015.

The Senate Bill 1043 to amend P.A. 74 of 1970 is passed.

10. Unfinished Business

Adolfo reported that the latest draft of the MDOT Best Practices manual does not include the safety flasher developed by DTE, but it will be recommended they do so.

Larry Feindt will be a Director of the State Board for MSPS. The question was presented if Larry was going to continue as Southeast Chapter Representative as well? Discussion followed in which it was stated that the Chapter would benefit should someone become the Chapter Representative whereas it would give the Chapter another voice at the State level. The subject will be brought up at the Membership Meeting.

11. New Business

a. Welcome new Board Members

Adolfo Castillo, Scott Roth and Karol Grove were congratulated and welcomed as the new elected board members. Adolfo will continue as President, Scott and Karol are Directors.

b. Review 2015 SE Chapter Meeting Schedule

Adolfo Castillo presented the 2015 meeting schedule he had put together. He tried to move the meeting locations around. Discussion followed regarding trying new venues. Karol Grove suggested the possibility of a joint meeting with another chapter. Jason Verran stated he felt we should base locations on closeness to the speakers in order to make it easier for them. Adolfo stated that the meetings he has slated will be utilized for continuing education credits. Jason suggested that perhaps a program for the use of Adobe as pertaining to the surveyor might be a good topic.

c. Lawrence R. Feindt, P.S. for lifetime membership.

Jason Verran motioned that the SE Chapter Board of Directors acknowledge and request of the State Board of Directors that Lawrence R. Feindt is eligible for Lifetime Membership. Jim Hollandsworth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Board Action

Adolfo Castillo motioned that the Treasurers Report be approved, Larry Feindt seconded and the Treasurers Report was approved by the Board of Directors.

e. Ideas to increase Chapter Meeting attendance.

No new ideas were presented.

f. Chapter Awards & Name Tags

Discussion regarding the ordering of plaques for David P. Smith and Craig Amey to show appreciation for their commitment and service to the SE Chapter ensued. The cost would be approximately \$100.00. Also discussed was if we want to continue to purchase name tags at \$17.00 per tag. Adolfo motioned that we order the plaques for Dave and Craig and continue to provide the name tags. The motion was seconded by Jason Verran and was passed by the Board of Directors.

Karol brought up that we should recognize outstanding members with special awards. All present seemed to be in agreement. Discussion of putting together a History of the Southeast Chapter Board of Directors might be a good idea. All present seemed to be in agreement. Jason Verran said he would do the research.

12. Good of the Order

The special awards discussion should continue and also should be put on the next meeting agenda. After brief discussion regarding the purchase of raffle tickets and that if the Southeast Chapter won, how the money would be utilized would be decided at that time. Jim Hollandsworth motioned that we purchase \$500.00 worth of raffle tickets, Larry Feindt seconded and the motion was passed by the Board of Directors.

13. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Jim Hollandsworth, seconded by Don DeKeyser. The meeting ended at approximately 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice