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MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS **SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



January 15, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Regular Membership Meeting Call to Order and self-introductions

The January 15, 2015 Membership Meeting 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 presented by President Castillo.

3. Review of 2014 Year in Review Report

The Year in Review Report has been provided to Mollee Neff.

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 the overage was less than projected.

State Highlights Report (Larry Feindt)

Larry Feindt presented the report (copy attached).

NSPS Report (Jim Hollandsworth)

Jim reported that NSPS has not had a recent meeting and stated that the Michigan Surveyor magazine sums up the NSPS activities. Jim continued to state that in April the NSPS Convention will be held in Washington D.C. 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.

c. Golf Outing

It was reported that the outing was fun and that volunteers for the 2015 Golf Outing Committee are needed.

d. 2015 Boat Races

The Detroit Boat Race will be held later this year, sometime in August. Quake on the Lake was brought up for discussion regarding that this event could bring in additional money (\$3,000.00) 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. Adolfo asked if it would be a good idea to send out an email regarding the Quake on the Lake and it was decided it would be.

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. Karol explained the concept and what would be the Surveyors involvement. A volunteer sheet was passed around.

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 has 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. Larry O'Donnell volunteered to be the Southeast Chapter Representative and his acceptance was approved by acclamation.

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.

Purchase of raffle tickets

Adolfo Castillo mentioned that the Board of Directors approved a motion to purchase \$500.00 in raffle tickets at the Annual Meeting.

12. Good of the Order

Joe Kapelczak P.S. stated that LARA will be presenting the revised LCRC form which will now be 3 pages to replace the old form.

Martin Dunn P.S. mentioned that there has been discussion regarding Register of Deeds offices in the tri county area considering a single fee per recording. Fees could be in the \$30.00 to \$70.00 range regardless of the number of pages to be recorded.

Craig Amey, member of the MSPS State Annual Meeting Committee, had the floor and raised a question regarding the MSPS Annual Meeting Banquet and whether or not the members present had any opinions about the manner in which the banquet has taken place in past years. Jason Verran stated that he has not attended the banquet in recent years because of the cost and the length of the introductions and awards. Joe Kapelczak stated that the meeting planners could do away with a lot of the B.S. at the banquet. Ray Donnelly stated that the banquet was an opportunity for the society to recognize those surveyors, past and present, who serve the profession and that the banquet was a great forum for honoring those individuals in front of their peers and invited dignitaries from surrounding states, NSPS and political office.

13. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Martin Dunn, seconded by Larry Feindt. The meeting ended at approximately 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gary M. Chalice