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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**March 12, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes**

**8:30 pm**

**1. Membership Meeting Call to Order**

The March 12, 2015 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, followed with self-introductions by the membership.

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

Jim presented the account balances as shown on the attached statements. There was a recap of the board meeting discussion regarding the cost of the Southeast Chapter Website. Karol Grove expressed her opinion that she thinks the annual fee of \$239.88 may be too much. Questions regarding when the expiration date of the domain is and what the cost for changing sites or domains might be were asked. Karol will call Cathy **DeDecker** to find out more information regarding the site and fees.

It was also mentioned that we should be investing some of the savings into Certificates of Deposit (CD) or other investment. It was suggested that perhaps a committee for investment should be formed.

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

The State highlights report presented by Larry Feindt is attached to the meeting minutes. Larry asked Scott Roth if he could add information regarding the NSPS Young Surveyors Committee. Scott reported that he and other members may be meeting in Ohio and attempt will be made to try to get others involved.

**4. Committee's and Reports**

**a. Golf Outing**

Jim Isaacs and Gary Chalice will co-chair the golf committee this year. Gary will contact and reserve the course and date of the outing prior to the end of the month.

**b. 2015 Boat Races**

Karol Grove reported that the Detroit Gold Cup race has been canceled for this year.

### **c. 2015 Quake on the Lake Boat Race**

The Quake on the Lake boat races will be held July 16 through 19. Layout of the course would be on the 16th and racing occurring the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It is unknown if the Chapter can do the layout as it may have already been awarded to another group, however if we are asked we can decide at that time.

### **d. "The Future City Competition"**

Karol Grove reported that the event went very good and she elaborated on the presentations, mentioning that there is an excellence in surveying award that is given. Karol also emphasized that there was a good turnout of volunteer surveyors for this year.

## **5. Correspondence**

The surveyor's right-of-entry materials are now available on the State MSPS web site. Ray Donnelly provided an example of what the door hanger looked like.

Legislative Day will be held March 18<sup>th</sup>. There is an opportunity to meet with our Legislators regarding important issues that impact our profession. This year topics will be the Condominium Act, QBS, Certificate of Merit and the Lien Law.

Annual meeting CEU's are now posted on the State MSPS web site.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Ideas to increase membership**

Adolfo mentioned to the membership that the Board of Directors had some great ideas which were covered in the Board Meeting such as outreach and questionnaire feedback. Larry O'Donnell will be Chairperson for a committee to increase membership and attendance.

### **b. Survey Safety Best Practices by MDOT**

MDOT is about ready to publish the final draft, and if there are any suggestions they should be made known as soon as possible.

### **c. GUIDE (Geospatial Underground Infrastructure Data Exchange) update**

Adolfo reported that the pilot program conducted by the utilities was very successful. A data base of the collected information will be available soon. A second pilot program which will be run by MDOT for the next two years may result in a law for the positioning of new constructed infrastructure.

### **d. Michigan Construction Career Days**

Karol Grove spoke about the upcoming Construction Career Days in Howell May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Michigan schools, grades 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>, will attend for a "hands on" and informative day of construction trades activities. MSPS is to have a booth manned by volunteers. Karol will have more information regarding the event and number of volunteers needed at the April meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Review of 2015 Chapter Meeting Schedule**

Adolfo spoke about the upcoming meetings and that his schedule is not completely ready. If anyone has suggestions for speakers and venues for meetings let him know.

### **b. Update of Southeast Chapter Bylaws**

Ray Donnelly will provide the Southeast Chapter Board of Directors with a copy of the existing Bylaws and the suggested edits for the Bylaws update so they can be reviewed and discussed prior to the next Chapter Meeting. This way the Bylaws can be presented to the general membership and can be voted on during the May Meeting. Once the changes have been approved by the chapter, the Bylaws can be sent to the State.

## **8. Good of the Order**

Ray Donnelly spoke regarding the upcoming NSPS Elections. Ballots should have been received via email and voting must take place prior to April 6<sup>th</sup>. "Exercise your right to vote"! Karol Grove mentioned that the Chapter should send an email to the membership regarding voting. Jim Hollandsworth mentioned that Mollee Neff will be sending one.

Joe Bishop spoke of the recent passing of surveyors within the past couple of months and also expressed his gratitude for the condolences that he received for his Mother's passing.

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was made by Ray Donnelly, seconded by Jim Hollandsworth. The meeting ended at approximately 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Chalice