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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



May 14, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

8:45 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The May 14th, 2015 Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors Membership Meeting was held at Leon's Family Dining, 29710 S. Wixom Road, Wixom Michigan and called to order at 8:45 PM by President Adolfo Castillo.

Note! Due to the meeting venue closing time of 9:00 PM the general membership meeting was hurried and did follow a standard format.

Adolfo Castillo opened the meeting stating that it is very important to increase the membership.

A list of current licensed individuals within the SE Chapter region was circulated to those in attendance to select two people to contact and invite to the meetings. The object of the contact is to expose them to the chapter and make them aware of what the chapter has to offer. The list contained the names and contact information for 30 individuals.

2. Treasurer's Report (Larry Feindt for Jim Hollandsworth)

Larry provided a report of the current assets and a summary of expenses since the last meeting.

3. State Highlights Report (Karol Grove and Craig Amey)

Karol and Craig provided an account of some of the highlights of the State Board of Directors meeting by memory.

2015 Michigan Construction Career Day was a huge success; the Surveyor Volunteers provided a compass Course and it was noted that the event was "a lot of fun". Karol added that next year more volunteers would be needed.

The Seminar Committee has a webinar planned May 28 with Jeffrey Lucas PLS will be presenting for the event the cost is \$35.00 for members.

State President Jim Hollandsworth is forming a membership committee to submit names for society members to be recognized as “member of the month” which will be published in the Presidents Report each month.

Other items discussed briefly – QBS Group looking for pro and con comments from Surveyors to appropriately represent them. State Board of directors is forming a committee.

LARA has cut a lot of rules governing Surveying.

It was mentioned smart meters for electric service to buildings have adversely affected the batteries on survey instruments when setup near the meters.

No recent complaints reported regarding surveyors. However, there are current existing issues being reviewed regarding unlicensed activity.

4. NSPS Report (Craig Amey)

Craig did not attend the latest meeting however he could report that Jan Folkens was elected to Vice President of NSPS.

John Matonich and Mollee Neff represented Michigan at the meeting.

There is an upcoming Fall Meeting which will be held in Sandusky Ohio. This will provide a great opportunity for anyone interested to attend and get a good idea of what NSPS is about and has to offer.

5. Committee’s and Reports

a. Golf Outing

Gary Chalice reported that Bruce Hills was contacted and that the golf outing will be held there again this year, June 12th.

b. 2015 Southeast Chapter Picnic

Jim Isaacs has tried to contact Greg Ash.

6. New Business

An award of appreciation and recognizing Craig Amey for his many years of dedication to the SE Chapter was presented by Adolfo Castillo.

Adolfo Castillo mentioned ideas for future meetings including an idea to have a meeting to play “Whirly Ball” to attract younger members to the Chapter Meetings.

A questionnaire created and distributed a few years ago regarding the SE Chapter meetings and events will be revived and revised with fewer questions to get a feel for what the membership may wish to see / hear / participate in, in the future.

SE Chapter committees will be reviewed to eliminate those not applicable, keep those currently useful, and to create those needed.

The 501 (c) (3) application form and instructions has been received.

7. Good of the Order

Larry O’Donnell mentioned that a Civil War reenactment group will be at Greenfield Village on Memorial Day.

Craig Amey mentioned that the Surveyors reenactment group would be at the Feast of St. Clair May 23 -24.

8. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Adolfo Castillo, seconded by Ray Donnelly. The meeting ended at approximately 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice