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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**October 8, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

**5:40 pm**

**1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order**

The October 8, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 5:40 PM by President Adolfo Castillo. Board members present were: Jason Verran, Larry Feindt, Donald DeKeyser, Karl Brandys, Karol Grove, Larry O'Donnell and Gary Chalice.

**2. Review of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed by the board members and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Jason Verran and seconded by Karol Grove. The motion was approved by the board.

**3. Review of September's Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes for September were reviewed by the board members and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Feindt and seconded by Jason Verran. The motion was approved by the board.

**4. Treasurer's Report (Adolfo Castillo for Jim Hollandsworth)**

Adolfo provided a brief report of the current assets and a summary of expenses supported by an outline and budget report prepared by Jim Hollandsworth, (attached)

**5. State Highlights Report (Larry O'Donnell)**

To be presented during the Membership Meeting

**6. NSPS Report**

No report this meeting.

## 7. Committees and Reports :

**Boat Races;** David P. Smith received an award from the Detroit River Regatta Association for his continued involvement in management of the course layout.

**Nominating Committee;** Three Board of Directors terms will expire at the end of this year. Adolfo has contacted John Fenn to inquire if he would again volunteer to solicit candidates for the upcoming election and coordinate with the Tellers Committee. Mr. Fenn replied with an email that he would and provided several suggestions as well as a message of urgency to begin as soon as possible.

## 8. Correspondence:

Adolfo Castillo and Rick Sauve will be speaking to Spanish students at Western International and Cesar Chavez High Schools regarding the Surveying Discipline and Surveying Education October 21. Karol Grove inquired as to what will be presented and suggested that they may want to acquire and handout pamphlets that are available at MSPS State Office and also utilize the surveying video which is also available from the MSPS State Office.

## 9. Unfinished Business

**Whirly Ball Meeting** - Karol Grove provided the flyer for the meeting. It was noted that the picture on the flyer may have a copyright prohibiting our use, Karol assured that it was okay. Karol stated that she would require a \$250.00 check for a deposit. She will follow up with individual contact to get people to attend and urged the board to do the same.

David P. Smith will be awarded an award at tonight's membership meeting for his service to the southeast Chapter.

501 (c) (3) status - the changes in the bylaws and other unanswered questions that affect the status are being addressed at the state level of MSPS.

**Chapter Bylaws** –The chapter bylaws will mimic the State. The chapter bylaws committee will be updated regarding the issues as they become known.

**Macomb Community College Surveying Program** – There are two routes that are currently in place in the surveying curriculum at Macomb, field and office. Adolfo did some research to see if there are any classes in Southeast Michigan available that cover Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He noted there wasn't much of anything and stated if this is something Macomb should consider. Ray Donnelly mentioned that there is a Macomb Advisory Committee meeting October 29<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that a person is needed who can "sell the technology and the program" with an order of ideas and objectives to assure continuation if that is desired!

## 10. New Business

Adolfo reviewed the remaining schedule for this year which consists of two meetings – the Whirly Ball fun night and the Christmas / Holiday Party. The question was brought up if anyone knew if Cathy DeDecker had booked the venue for the Christmas / Holiday Party yet. Karol mentioned that this is usually done quite a while in advance and will contact Cathy to see if it has been done.

Larry Feindt mentioned that a prospective speaker for the January 2016 meeting could be Ed Martel with the topic regarding the other side of the fence regarding wetlands.

There has been discussion regarding changing the requirement for Life Membership at the state level. Larry Feindt will send an email to Adolfo Castillo regarding the same.

Has anyone who renewed their license been audited yet? This was a question brought up – and then it was stated that the understanding is that no audit will take place prior to December 31, 2015.

#### **11. Good of the Order**

There was no topic discussed this meeting.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was made by Jason Verran, seconded by Karl Brandys. The meeting ended at approximately 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Chalice