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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



October 8, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

9:00 pm

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The October 8, 2015 membership meeting was brought to order at 9:00 PM by President Adolfo Castillo. The meeting was held at Picano's Italian Grille in Troy, Michigan. The speakers for the program were Ashley Prew, Esq. of Williams & Knack, PC speaking on legal tips for business owners and estate planning. The second speaker for the evening was John Avendt of Northwestern Mutual and he spoke on life and medical insurance.

2. 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)

3. State Highlights Report (Larry O'Donnell)

The 2016 budget was approved.

A new Technology Committee was established – details to come.

A discussion was held regarding retired surveyors education requirements to keep license active. Also discussed was if a retired surveyor chooses to let their license lapse they will not be eligible to vote in MSPS or Chapter elections, however if they have obtained Life Membership status they will retain that status.

501 c-3, some chapters have filed for the status, however there are problems with the society corporation papers that need to be ironed out.

Legislation Day was March 16, 2015 – very good turnout.

No member of the month had been designated to date. Ray Donnelly has made 3 or 4 recommendations for selections.

Karol Grove is continuing to get the T.W.I.S.T. program going. Karol is now the Chair Person for the committee and has not given up yet.

Larry Feindt spoke regarding the five options presented for possible change in Life Membership requirements. The options are as follows and will be made available to the Southeast Chapter membership for selection and comments which will allow Larry O'Donnell to report to the State which option was most popular.

Options:

- 1) Raise the age to 70 in three increments as follows:
 - 66 years and 20 total years of membership beginning in 2017
 - 68 years and 20 total years of membership beginning in 2021
 - 70 years and 20 total years of membership beginning in 2025
- 2) Leave the age at 65 and require 25 total years of membership beginning 2017
- 3) Raise the age to 70 and the number of membership years in three increments as follows:
 - 66 years and 21 total years of membership beginning in 2017
 - 68 years and 23 total years of membership beginning in 2021
 - 70 years and 25 total years of membership beginning in 2025
- 4) Following Social Security Guidelines
 - 65 years of age and 21 total years of membership beginning in 2017
 - 66 years of age and 23 total years of membership beginning in 2021
 - 67 years of age and 25 total years of membership beginning in 2025
- 5) Leave the age at 65 and the number of required years of membership at 20, and impose a reduced membership fee of 1/3 of the regular rates beginning 2017.

It is important to note that in all cases the current requirement of the stipulated membership years being continuous would be removed.

Karol Grove reported that there is a seminar that will be available in October presented through MSPS and Michigan Tech. Registration must be done by October 13th the seminar will be on October 16th.

4. NSPS Report

No report this meeting.

5. Committees and Reports :

Boat Races; David P. Smith was honored and received an award from the Detroit River Regatta Association for his continued involvement in management of the course layout. Dave stated it was a low turnout as far as surveyor volunteers this year, but they made it through.

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 also provided several suggestions including a message of urgency to begin as soon as possible.

6. Unfinished Business

Whirly Ball Meeting – The November meeting will be a fun night playing Whirly Ball. It is the hope of the Board of Directors that this meeting will provide a chance to increase the membership. Karol Grove expressed that hopefully this will be interesting to younger surveyors that have not yet joined the society. She also stated that it is important for the board to contact anyone they believe may be interested.

Dave Cole mentioned that existing committees on the state level seem to consist of the older members which have continued their involvement year after year that keep things going. He believes that we need to utilize the technology available such as video meetings and such which may allow easier involvement as opposed to having to travel for meeting. Karol Grove mentioned that she believes the Remonumentation peer groups may have provided an avenue for fellowship and meeting that may have affected MSPS involvement.

Bylaws - The changes in the bylaws and other unanswered questions that affect the status are being addressed at the state level of MSPS. The chapter bylaws will mimic the State Bylaws. Larry O'Donnell motioned that the Southeast Chapter vote to adopt the State Bylaws now. Discussion followed in which Jason Verran stated that we should not do so without reviewing them. Jason's view was generally affirmed by the membership and the motion did not carry. The chapter bylaws committee will be updated regarding the issues as they become known.

7. New Business

Adolfo reviewed the remaining schedule for this year which consisted of two meetings – the Whirly Ball fun night and the Christmas / Holiday Party.

A \$250.00 check will be sent to reserve the Whirly Ball event for the November meeting.

It was unknown if the Christmas / Holiday Party had been set yet.

David P. Smith was honored and presented an award for his many years of service to the Southeast Chapter.

8. Good of the Order

There was no topic discussed this meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice