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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS  
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



**MARCH 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

**5:50 pm**

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

The March 10, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 5:50 PM by President Scott Roth PS. Board members present were: Larry Feindt PS, Karl Brandys PS, Don DeKeyser, Karol Grove PS, Greg Ash PS, Leyla Ahmed PS, Jason Verran PS and Gary Chalice PS. The meeting was held at Mama Mia Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150.

**2. Review of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed by the board members; Jason Verran PS motioned that the Board of Directors approved the agenda as provided, seconded by Gary Chalice PS –no discussion – motioned voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed.

**3. Review of January Board of directors Meeting Minutes**

The January minutes were reviewed by the Board of Directors. A motion to approve the January minutes as written was made by Greg Ash PS – seconded by Jason Verran PS – there was discussion regarding the attachment of the SE Chapter financial assets being included on the website. Motion revised to include not attaching asset information to the posted minutes on the website – motioned voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed.

**4. Treasurer's Report (Greg Ash PS)**

Greg provided a brief report of the current assets and a summary of expenses supported by balance sheets (attached). There is \$2,323.12 in checking and \$20,154.92 in savings.

There was a question posed "if the scholarship checks had been cashed yet"? Greg Ash PS replied that two of the checks had been cashed.

Also, a request was acknowledged to provide the minutes and budget / asset information prior to the meeting date.

Larry Feindt PS motioned to accept and approve the Treasurers report, seconded by Greg Ash PS –no discussion – motioned voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed.

## **5. State Highlights Report (Karl Brandys PS)**

The Annual Conference attendance statistics were presented for the past for conferences as:

2016 - 462 registrations  
2015 - 414  
2014 - 371  
2013 - 218

With the increase in registrations and the amount of time the Executive Director and Chapters have to invest in the planning and event it was voted to pursue hiring an event planner to handle a lot of the busy work for the conference. Three bids will be sought and a report on the findings will be presented in May.

The Home Owners Association is looking to have a voice in the Condominium Act amendment as they feel they were left out of the discussion, in particular the responsibility of the Surveyor as the sole signature for the Survey Site Plan. The Legislative Committee has made contact with them and it seems they are willing to work with MSPS.

There is a call for people to be involved and for someone to head an outreach program for surveying / surveyors to the general public. Karol Grove PS added that MSPS is trying to obtain people from all chapters to be involved. They are also looking to enhance the presentation(s) and need committee members.

The MSPS Reenactment Group is seeking volunteers – contact Craig Amey if interested.

MSPS is seeking nominations for the Member of the Month – send Names and Bio's to main office.

There is an issue with the main office roof – they are having it assessed for repairs, but are concerned that it may need replacement.

Craig Amey PS and Executive Director Mollee Neff will be attending the NSPS Meeting the week of March 14 – 18. Mollee Neff will be running for the Executive Chair position for NSPS, if elected she will become a Board Member with voting privileges.

## **6. NSPS Report**

No formal report this meeting.

## **7. Committees and Reports**

**Future City Program** – Karol Grove PS reported that the event went well and the volunteers were all very good. 27 schools participated this year.

**2016 Nominating and Elections Update** – Scott Roth reported that John Fenn PS has replied he would be honored to Chair the Tellers Committee again this year.

**Guest Speaker Committee** - Scott Roth PS announced that the committee will consist of the following members; Larry Feindt PS, Leyla Ahmed PS, William Wonnacott PS and Scott Roth PS.

**State Board of Directors** - It was mentioned that the SE Chapter will co-host the 2019 Annual Meeting and will combine with the Saginaw Valley Chapter. Also, that the MSPS Annual Meeting Committee is looking into having a three venue rotation for the future.

**Young Surveyors** –Scott Roth PS reported that he and Brent Hollandsworth were in Minneapolis networking with the other Young Surveyor Groups. The Group would be electing officers and currently there are 38 Young Surveyor members of MSPS involved.

**Science Olympiad** – Leyla Ahmed PS reported that March 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Wayne and Macomb County events. Mark Rozema PS has been tasked with preparing new questions for next year.

#### **8. Correspondence:**

Mollee Neff is providing a CEU Template.

#### **9. Unfinished Business**

The question was presented by President Scott Roth PS - Is there anything that needs to be changed regarding any aspect of our chapter? Think it over and report next meeting.

#### **G.U.I.D.E. (Geospatial Utility Infrastructure Data Exchange)**

Adolfo Castillo was not present to report.

#### **Email and Membership List**

Jason Verran to obtain an updated list of SE Chapter members from Mollee; attempt will be made to make sure we have a correct accounting of all SE Chapter members and their status.

The SE Chapter website was brought up again. There is a question as to what the contract may have in regard to duration of commitment, cost and other points of interest. Should a board member be appointed to run the website? Jason Verran PS will contact Cathy DeDecker PS regarding details. This topic will be discussed again next meeting.

#### **10. New Business**

MSPS will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year of existence and are changing the state logo to reflect the same – do we wish to reflect the same on our logo. Larry Feindt PS motioned that the SE Chapter change our logo to reflect the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MSPS – seconded by Karol Grove PS – discussion followed about the importance of the milestone as related to the chapter ensued. It was noted that the existence of the society for 75 years is a great achievement, however there is no reason we should change our logo - motioned voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged that the motion did not carry and is not passed.

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

Nothing was mentioned or discussed

#### **10. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Karol Grove PS to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Don DeKeyser PS – motioned voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary M. Chalice PS