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MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS SOUTHEAST CHAPTER



October 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

5:40 PM

1. Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The October 13, 2016 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 Scott Roth PS. Board members present were: Larry Feindt PS, Greg Ash PS, Jason Verran PS, Karl Brandys PS, Gary Chalice PS, Karol Grove PS, Leyla Ahmed PS, Don DeKeyser and Adolfo Castillo PS. The meeting was held at Pasquales Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073.

2. Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by the board members. Greg Ash PS motioned that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Adolfo Castillo PS – no discussion – motion voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed.

3. Review of the September Board of Directors & Membership Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were reviewed by the Board of Directors. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Greg Ash PS – seconded by Adolfo Castillo PS – motion 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. There is \$6,274.00 in checking, \$20,160.00 in savings and \$50.00 in petty cash. It was noted that there is no separate account for the scholarship monies.

Karol Gove PS motioned that the Treasures Report be approved – Adolfo Castillo PS seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed

5. State Highlights Report (Karl Brandys)

Karl reported that the MSPS B.O.D. meeting was held at Bucks Run in Mount Pleasant on October 6th.

The announcement and deadlines for MSPS awards appear on page 3 of the Michigan Surveyor magazine.

The Seminar Committee has two Fall Seminars planned; notice has been sent. A seminar will be held on Oct. 28 and 29, and a Lunch and Learn Webinar will be held on November 10th.

It was mentioned that new rates for recording documents at county register of deeds offices went into effect October 1.

LARA will be conducting audits of 5% of professional surveyor licensees for C.E.U. compliance.

Reminder that license renewals must be made on line.

A celebration for Sally Reynolds Register of Deeds for Livingston County will be held on October 28th at the County offices for being awarded "Register of Deeds of the Year" by the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors.

6. NSPS Report Karol Grove mentioned some items from the meeting held in Arizona, highlights as follows;

NSPS is trying to iron out how to have states with multiple surveyor societies represented.

There is discussion regarding alternative avenues to licensure.

NSPS and MAPPS will jointly host the third annual national surveying, mapping, and geospatial conference, March 13-17, 2017 at the Sheraton Hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland.

7. Committees Reports

Boat Races – Karol Grove PS reported that the check for the Detroit Race was received & the invoice for the Pontiac Race has been sent.

Young Surveyors - No report

Science Olympiad – Leyla Ahmed reported that the committee will have a meeting next week. Macomb County has inquired about participation, but nothing from Oakland or Wayne Counties yet.

8. Correspondence (None)

9. Unfinished Business

MSPS SE Chapter Survey – Jason Verran PS reported that the survey was ready to send to the membership. There was some discussion regarding the method of delivery and it was decided to send by "Survey Monkey" Karol Grove PS motioned that the survey as prepared should be sent to the MSPS SE Chapter Membership via "Survey Monkey", seconded by Greg Ash PS – motion voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed.

2018 – 2019 MSPS Annual Meeting – As previously mentioned, those two Annual Meetings will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, nothing new!

2016 Elections - Three people have shown an interest in running for the Board of Directors so far. A Tellers committee will consist of John Fenn PS, Scott Roth PS, Ray Donnelly PS and Gary Chalice PS.

Detroit Thefts Letter – President Roth read the letter to the Board of Directors written by Dave Miller. Comments and questions followed. Leyla Ahmed PS was not sure if an assumption could be made that the thefts are being done by organized crime. Mike Hoben PS presented the question "what can the city do" followed by Leyla Ahmed PS questioning what might be the resolution to the thefts? Karol Grove PS suggested that perhaps the letter should have a softer tone. There was another suggestion that we have Police Officers at a chapter meeting to present "how we might be able to protect / prevent thefts from occurring". Ray Donnelly PS suggested that we obtain information regarding the equipment, the cost and details of theft in a questionnaire and offered to prepare one.

10. New Business

2016 Scholarships – A Scholarship Committee will be formed consisting of Karl Brandys PS, Larry Feindt PS, Karol Grove PS and Scott Roth PS. There will be two scholarships awarded by the Southeast Chapter at the Annual Meeting, one to a Ferris State student and one to an MTU student, each in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Mike Peniewski Presentation on Survey Certificate Program – Adolfo Castillo PS reported that Mike has requested time to speak with the Board or Membership regarding a program from the University of Toledo which will provide certificates of completion for courses in surveying, which may lead a person to being approved to write the surveyors exam. The thought is that prospective surveyors leave the state due to the difficulty to gain licensure, and if an avenue can be created to ease the process, the exodus might be abated. Adolfo also offered that perhaps something like this might apply to the Macomb County Community College Program. It was decided that Adolfo will obtain more detailed information and will send a letter to the board.

2016 Christmas Party – Discussion ensued regarding if a date had been set for the party? Scott Roth PS wants to make sure the party notice gets out soon. Secretary's Note! Karol Grove PS checked with the desk at Pasquales following the board meeting and found that nothing had been reserved, two dates were available for December and will be discussed during the membership meeting.

11. Good of the Order – The next meeting will be held at DeCarlos in Warren. Possible meeting for February 2017 as a Whirly Ball event.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Greg Ash PS to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karol Grove PS – motion voted on by the Board of Directors. President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gary M. Chalice PS