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**MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**



October 13, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes

8:50 PM

1. Membership Meeting Call to Order

The October 13, 2016 membership meeting of the Southeast Chapter of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors was called to order at 8:50 PM by President Scott Roth PS. The meeting was held at Pasquales Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, Michigan 48073. The program for the evening was Drones and Aerial Data Acquisition; Speakers were Michael Singer and Jason Heywood of DroneView Technologies.

2. Review of Agenda

President Roth stated that the agenda was reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved during the board meeting.

3. Review of the September Membership Meeting Minutes

President Roth stated that the September minutes were reviewed by the Board of Directors and approved during the board meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report (Jason Verran PS)

Jason provided a brief report of the current assets as reported by Greg Ash PS earlier during the board meeting. There is \$6,274.00 in checking, \$20,160.00 in savings and \$50.00 in petty cash.

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. Karol Grove mentioned that if we are going to nominate anyone for any of the awards, we should do so at next month's meeting.

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 Craig Amey PS reported that the NSPS meeting had been held in Arizona for two days. Many issues were discussed including how to obtain more members.

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

There is discussion circulating regarding the de-regulation of nonessential licensing. Surveying has been mentioned as a possible nonessential. Craig will monitor any movement in Michigan where the industry and society can act quickly, if the issue does present itself.

7. Committees Reports

Boat Races – Karol Grove PS reported that the check for the Detroit Race was received, the invoice for the Pontiac Race (\$2,000.00) 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.

T.W.I.S.T. – Karol Grove PS reported that the program was in the approval process through the Michigan Board of Education. Any funding will be matched by MSPS and NCEES. The program will be looking for teachers to obtain the initial training in order to then teach other teachers. The initial training is to take place in June 2017.

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"

2018 – 2019 MSPS Annual Meeting – Will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City.

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. If anyone is interested in running, please submit names to Scott Roth PS.

Detroit Thefts Letter – President Roth mentioned that a committee has been formed and will review the letter.

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 will lead to a person 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 – Karol Grove PS stated that two days are available at Pasquales for the Christmas Party. December 16th (Friday) and December 17th (Saturday). A vote was held by a show of hands to determine which day is more favorable to the membership. A majority of the membership present voted for December 16th. The vote tally was 11 to 3.

11. Good of the Order – Joe Bishop PS suggested a moment of silence for Mary Lou Conlin, a long time MSPS employee who had recently passed away.

Michael Singer won the 50 – 50 drawing, the winnings were donated to the Scholarship Fund per his instruction.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Craig Amey PS to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jason Verran PS – President Roth acknowledged the motion has passed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Chalice PS