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  "Camp Case" presentation
- New OUPS law
- Scholarship Deadline Extension

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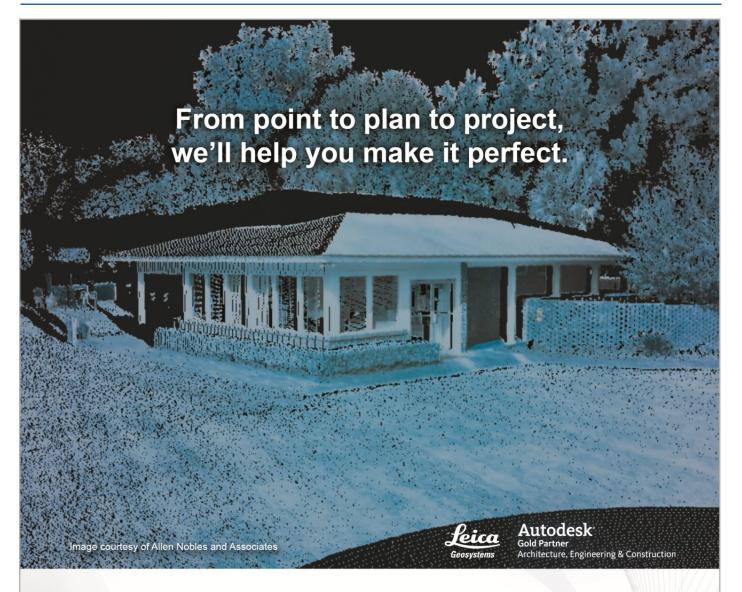
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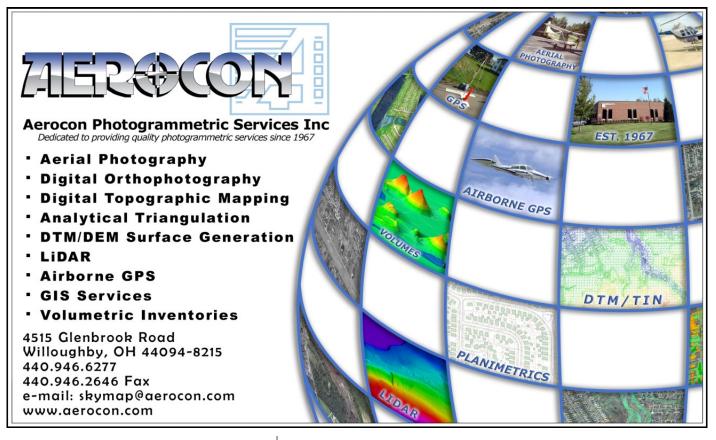
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Treasurer:	Timothy Feller, PS
Secretary:	(available)
Delegate:	Thomas Snezek, PS
Past President:	Robert Hoy, PS

At the March 11th executive meeting, the Executive Committee affirmed the appointment of Robert Hoy as President for 2013. We need *your* participation. Your help with running our chapter will benefit Land Surveying. Our thanks goes out to Michael Ackerman, PS for volunteering to take minutes at our executive meetings and type them up until we find a Secretary for this year.

Being on an active committee or a chapter officers gets you more involved with the issues facing Surveying and you earn 2 PDHs for your participation.

### www.plso.info

Are you using, <u>www.plso.info</u> yet? There are a lot of surveys in it, a **gold mine** of old survey information. We want feedback from chapter members on the website and its information. George Hofmann is close to securing more records from another retired surveyor which may end up, over time, in this survey database.

Email Dino Lustri with questions and comments at <u>dino@dlengineeringllc.com</u>

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## **OUPS**

An update to the OUPS law took effect on March 27, 2013. You can read all about it: <u>click here</u>

It includes *Positive Response*. Read more about it at: <u>oups.org/Home/Newtin/PositiveResponse</u>

Visit <u>oups.org</u> for all the information you need.

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Email PLSO: info@ohiosurveyor.org

## **Random Lines**

#### by John Dailey, P.S.

#### National Associations

As you probably already know, I am a big believer in a strong national presence for the Surveying Profession. Without a strong national presence, we can have very little impact on the future of our profession and our livelihood. We cannot operate only within a small geographical area and expect to prosper. What negatively impacts a Surveyor on the West coast today will hit us tomorrow.

I went to my first national meeting over 30 years ago and found out in the first day that every Surveyor in America was facing the same problems I faced. I heard a New England twang, a Cajun purr and a Big Sky Montana booming voice all saying the same thing. I knew immediately that this was a place for me. For the next quarter century I spent a lot of time and effort fostering the growth of the national associations.

The March, 2013 issue of Professional Surveyor Magazine contains some very interesting essays on where our profession is headed. The magazine is headlined by a very good editorial by Dave Doyle, recently retired from NGS and a long time friend and activist. Dave has made presentations at PLSO State Meetings. (He is pretty good even if he does wear Three Stooges ties.)

The magazine and its articles deserve close reading and has brought up a number o interesting discussion topics. These are all topics that should be discussed at Chapter and State meetings. Who are we? Where are we going? What changes are we being forced to make to both our Profession and our licensing laws? How are the newest technologies going to affect us? How do we manage all these new tech tools? How do we handle the unlicensed people that are encroaching on our operations? What is our Profession going to look like in 10, 15 or 20 years?

At one time, we Surveyors were part of a larger national association known as the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping that brought together all the partners in the geospatial community. Somehow or another after almost 70 years, this fell apart as some of the stake holders left for greener pastures leaving the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) on their own.

Now, NSPS is working hard to bring together all the Surveyors in America into one cohesive and strong association. One of their attempts is to offer membership in ACSM/NSPS at a reduced rate for members of state associations, a plan that was last tried about 20 years ago with limited success. This time it stands a much better



John Dailey, P.S.

chance of success if NSPS handles it correctly.

My biggest question is "what is NSPS bringing to the table?" The idea of boasting that "we can help you" needs a little more explanation and proof. We, as Surveyors, know very well how to do "due diligence" and we should approach this offer the same way. Do the home work.

The PLSO Past Presidents Council had a facilitator come in to one its meetings to help develop a Strategic Plan for PLSO. That was fine but I believe that the discussion of our future direction should be among the Surveyors since they are closest to the problems facing us.

The best way we can increase both our visibility and public image is to be seen and heard, and the best way to accomplish that is with a strong, united voice. Working locally or on a state level will not get the job done. All the other professions have strong national associations to support their causes. This type of solidarity produces results.

We have to stand united nationally. Look closely at the National Society of Professional Surveyors and the re-instituted American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. It may not be perfect but it is better than standing alone.

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## **April Executive Committee Meeting**

Our chapter's April executive committee meeting will be held on Monday April 12th at 6 PM, location to be announced. As you may have heard, our Delegate Thomas Snezek, has recently retired from the Cuyahoga County Engineer's office and we had been meeting at the classroom in the County bridge garage. The location will be sent through email to Chapter Members before the 12th.

If you want to get more involved in helping the Land Surveying industry, come to our meeting. Our Secretary officer position is open, and it's a great way to get involved. We have other ways for members to be involved without needing to attend meetings or fewer meetings, whichever fits your schedule. There are committees that need someone to take over such as Program: Seminar; Membership, Newsletter, and Financial Planning. And it's a great time to get involved once again for members who used to be active in leading our chapter. Tom Snezek has been involved in our chapter leadership on and off throughout his surveying career.

## 2013 Surveyor of the Year

Our chapter's 2013 Surveyor of the Year award recipient (and Past President). Peter D. Zwick, isn't about to slow down. He's leader our chapter's Trig\*Star effort again this year and is now speaking around Ohio about Ohio land law and rights at HalfMoon Education continuing education seminars.

He also did the leg work to find how to submit announcements to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which will allow us to promote our profession even more. His Cleveland.com announcement is: click here



## President's Message

#### PLSO Membership

Why is membership in PLSO important? I hear at PLSO meetings of those in the surveying profession needing employment. How can you set yourself apart from the many others who are applying for the same job when your opportunity to impress the employer is a brief read of your resume and a short face to face interview? Membership in PLSO *and* active participation.

Active participation in a professional organization such as PLSO shows you are committed to the profession *and* give the extra effort that employers are looking for. Will you be the worker who walks in the door at 8 and walks out the door at exactly

4:30 or show up early to prepare for the day's work and stick around a little at the end of the day to tie up loose ends and be organized? The places that are good to work at will look for and appreciate employees that put in extra effort. If you cut out at 8 hours these days, I think you're more likely to be considered expendable if that time arrives.

A few newsletters ago I wrote about membership and how every job I've had in my surveying career was directed related to knowing other surveyors within PLSO *and* my active participation. PLSO read my message and liked it so much they included it in their updated Membership Brochure which can be viewed at: <u>Membership Brochure click here</u> Remember that PLSO benefits *all* Surveyors through the protection of surveying laws from other industries that try to pass laws to negate the need for a Surveyor's services. I consider membership in PLSO like properly maintaining your car. You can drive a new car without having it serviced or checking the oil, but eventually you'll run into problems. You maintain your car, maintain your profession. It's more important!

#### 100% NSPS Membership

PLSO is moving forward to determine if our organization wants to participate in the 100% NSPS membership campaign. This would have all Professional members of PLSO also be a member of NSPS. NSPS is offering a very reduced membership fee for 100% participation: just \$40 instead of \$240, a huge bargain! The goal is to greatly increase NSPS membership which would greatly increase our position for national legislation and lobbying. When a legislator asks how many members does your organization have or what percentage of your industry are members, they are going to keep talking with those that represent a large number and a large percentage. Right now the NSPS membership of all surveyors is rather low. If we get our national membership rate up significantly, we'll have a bigger voice on issues such as LightSquared vs. GNSS signals We can elevate the importance and image of surveying, but we *must* do it together! Give your comments on this issue to our Delegate Tom Snezek, dadsurv@hotmail.com by April 11.

Robert Hoy, PS

## 2014 Annual Conference - Cleveland

Our 2014 Conference Committee met on March 22nd with PLSO Executive Director Melinda Gilpin. Please send your ideas and comments to help make our upcoming conference a success.

Conference Chairman Ken Hujduk: general conference ideas, <u>kenh@hca-es.com</u> Program Chairman John G. Hoy: session speakers or topics, <u>ihoy.7419@att.net</u> Exhibitor Chairman John Bischof: potential new exhibitors, <u>bischof@cvelimited.com</u> Hospitality Chairman Thomas Snezek, hospitality room sponsors, <u>dadsurv@hotmail.com</u>

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Robert Hoy President

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## **Scholarship Deadline Extension**

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The Cleveland Chapter's deadline for receiving scholarship applications has been extended from March 1 to **April 26.** Please pass along this extension date to those you know in college level surveying degree programs. Our Scholarship Committee will meet to recommend a recipient to the Executive Committee for our May executive meeting.

<u>Click here to download our Scholarship Application</u>, which is found on our chapter's scholarship webpage: <u>http://cleveland.plso.com/scholarship.html</u>

The State PLSO scholarship deadline has also been extended to May 1. Information and application can be found at: <u>http://ohiosurveyor.org/educational-opportunities/</u>

## May Seminar

Our May seminar will be held on Thursday the 2nd. Alex Cherchian, Ohio's Leica Geosystems representative, will be showing new technologies and capabilities of surveying products.

Leica Geosystems is sponsoring the seminar, so look for time and location details along with cost in our May newsletter.

This seminar is likely the *only* seminar our chapter puts on this year due to the Annual Conference being in Cleveland next February. So everyone should come to this one!

## **Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report**

Presented by Thomas Snezek, Chapter Delegate

\*The report included herein is offered only as informational to the members of the Cleveland Chapter. The reader is deferred to the approved minutes of the P.L.S.O. for any clarifications\*

Friday March 8, 2013

#### Summary comments:

- Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM and a Quorum was established.
- Minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup>. meeting were reviewed and approved
- Treasurer's reports for January and February were reviewed accepted subject fiscal review.

#### New Business:

Motions passed to accept 31 members - 4 students, 11 professional, 1 1reinstatements, 1 affiliate and 4 associate members. (One reinstatement member, John Zarenac, is a Cleveland Chapter member).

#### Inter-Association Delegates:

State Board – Work continues on the on-line testing program for the S.I. should be in place 1/14.

#### Committees:

- P.A.C. \$2,604.35 balance
- Field trip planned by Ann & Mike Besch and Melinda to Fort Stuben Historical Site.
- Review of the M.O.U. for the 100% membership plan to join N.S.P.S. will continue. Any action taken will most likely require a constitutional revision. Time is tight it must be submitted to the Board within a month or two. The Constitutional review committee will need to work in tandem and with all haste if this issue is to be accepted and in place for the 2014 fiscal year. Each chapter must submit their comments via their delegate by the April meeting.
- Motion passed to fund NSPS Governor Akins' trip to D.C.
- Motion passed to fund NSPS with \$1500.
- Trig Star is alive and well. Cleveland chapter is active with support coming from Peter Zwick.
- The annual conference in Cincinnati was a success. Preliminary accounts have it at 320 registered, 50 Exhibitors, and numerous one day walk-ins resulting in 350 for lunch per day. Preliminary numbers are around \$118,100 in total revenues.
- The 2014 Annual in Cleveland committee will meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. To firm up planning at the InterContinental Hotel.
- All is place and ready to go for the Fall conference on Oct 10-11 at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark.
- Legislation We are lobbying against a possible effort to assess a 5% service tax (sales tax), on our services. A CPD class on this issue is being considered for sometime in May.
- Finance- The new Finance Committee chairman will be President George Hofmann.
- Past President's Council chairman Dana Parsell is planning a retreat in May for the members.

#### **Chapter Reports:**

Mohican Kilbuck Valley chapter in conjunction with the Firelands chapter will have NGS certify their new calibrated base line this spring.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek, PS

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Thomas Snezek Delegate



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 14, 2013

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works Test Lab, 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

In attendance: Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, Tim Feller, Tom Snezek, Jack Hoy, Ken Hejduk, and Ted Spillman.

**Secretary's minutes:** Executive Committee meeting minutes from November 12, 2012 accepted as amended.

**Treasury:** Tim Feller submitted the November and December reports. Acceptance of reports is subject to review.

#### Chapter Delegate:

- Tom Snezek read the January Delegates report.
- The State will be making sure everyone is up to date with CPD's by the end of the year.

#### **Standing Committees**

Membership: Membership is down this year to 109 members.

#### **Communication:**

**Newsletter Committee:** Robert Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be January 15, 2013. Web updates are needed for 2013.

#### Program:

- The January Social Meeting will be held at Creekside in Brecksville.

- Jack Hoy is looking at possible locations for the April social meeting.
- Program speakers for upcoming seminars need to be finalized by the end of the month.

Education: St. Edwards has shown interest again for the trig\*star program.

Finance: President Hoy and Treasurer Feller reviewed the 2013 budget.

MOTION PASSED to approve the 2013 Cleveland Chapter budget as amended in the minutes for the January 14, 2013 minutes.

Elections: Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions

Special Committees: Ken Hejduk updated the progress on the 2014 Annual Conference.

Potential topics were discussed along with a request for subjects anyone would like to add.

#### Old Business:

The December 1, 2012 non-member seminar in Strongsville was a success. There were 46 people who attended.

## New Business: MOTION PASSED to amend By-Law 5 to correspond to the State Chapter's fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael A. Ackerman, Chapter Secretary



Michael Ackerman Acting Secretary

## Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

March 11, 2013

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works – Test lab Facilities 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland, Ohio

In attendance: Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, Tim Feller, Tom Snezek, Jack Hoy, Ken Hejduk, George Hofmann and Rick Ziegman.

#### Chapter Delegate:

Review of the M.O.U. for the 100% membership plan to join N.S.P.S. will continue. PLSO is lobbying against a possible 5% sales tax our services.

#### **Standing Committees**

Membership: Membership is dropping.

**Communication:** 

Website Committee: Dino Lustri has volunteered to update the website.

**Program:** The April social meeting will be held at Champs in Valley View. Jack Hoy will give a presentation about Camp Case.

Education:

- St. Edwards is participating in the trig\*star program.

– Applications for the scholarship have been extended to April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Elections: Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions

Old Business: Tim Feller stated he has already implemented the approved changes to the Fiscal Year.

Respectfully submitted, Michael A. Ackerman

## Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2013 Calendar

Chapter Executive Meetings are 6 p.m. and are open to all PLSO members who want to attend. Locations to be announced.

- Apr 4 Social Dinner Meeting with speaker
- Apr 12 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Apr 15 Chapter Executive Meeting
- Apr 18 Cleveland Surveying News deadline
- May 2 Seminar Meeting
- May 10 PLSO Executive Meeting
- May 13 Chapter Executive Meeting
- May 22 Cleveland Surveying News deadine
- Jun 6 Education Appreciation dinner
- Jun 28 William J. Haas Memorial Golf
- Jul 12 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Aug 12 Chapter Executive Meeting
- Aug 16 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

- Sep 5 Chapter Meeting
- Sep 13 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Sep 16 Chapter Executive Meeting
- Sep 19 Cleveland Surveying News deadline
- Oct 3 Social Dinner Meeting
- Oct 11 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Oct 14 Chapter Executive Meeting
- Oct 23 Cleveland Surveying News deadline
- **Nov 7** Seminar Meeting
- Nov 8 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Nov 11 Chapter Executive Meeting
- **Dec 13** PLSO Executive Meeting (if needed)
- **Dec 16** Chapter Executive Meeting (if needed)

**Dec 18** Cleveland Surveying News deadline (if needed)

- Jan 10 PLSO Executive Meeting
- Jan 13 Chapter Executive Meeting
- Jan 14 Cleveland Surveying News deadline
- Jan 23 Chapter Annual Meeting



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#### Michael Ackerman Acting Secretary

### **Photos from our January Annual Meeting**





Timothy Feller presenting the 2013 Surveyor of the Year award to Peter D. Zwick

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## Annual Meeting Photos (from Page 16)



SOYT award recipient Peter D. Zwick and family



Recipients (in attendance) of the Cleveland Chapter's Surveyor of the Year award. Top row, left to right: George Hofmann, Timothy Feller, David Bruckner, Peter D. Zwick, John Bischof, John G. Hoy, Kenneth Hejduk; Bottom row: Thomas Snezek, Jack Hoy, John Dailey.