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PRESIDENTS LETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The following is a portion of a message from Mike Straub left on his Facebook account.

“Friends, and I mean friends, as you likely know , I have had a life changing experiences here in Antigua these last two weeks. Resultant, I need to live differently. I have given up watching the news. I will hear what is important. I have turned off most notifications on my phone and pad. Other changes. One important item to me is being positive. ..”

cutting off ties with mean and disturbing Facebook posts

“Finally, a favorite quote of mine)I do not know whose) is “If you think you are too small to make a difference, consider the mosquito buzzing around yuour tent”, or something like that. You are reading the post of a mosquito”.

And with that Mike has asked to be relieve of his president duties as the 2017 PLSO Cleveland Chapter President.

The chapter was operating without a President Elect. I call went out to all members to attend a meeting and discuss the Chapters future.

A group of past officers were able to attend the meeting and Steve Metcalf has volunteered to serve out the remainder of Mikes term.

A President Elect for the 2018 term has still not been found.

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JUST A FLASHBACK TO LAST JUNE AND THE PLSO GOLF OUTING.

THE 2017 OUTING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS ALTHOUGH ATTENDED BY ONLY 41 GOLFER'S AND THREE DINNER ONLY GUESTS.

THE 11TH HOLE PAR FIVE PICTURED ABOVE WAS AN INTIMIDATOR TO ALL!

THE PUTTING FOR THE PAC EVENT TO SUPPORT OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS WAS A BIG SUCCESS WITH \$140 BEING RAISED TO FUND A GREAT PROGRAM.

WE'VE LOCKED DOWN A DATE FOR NEXT YEAR AND HOPE TO INCREASE THE ATTENDANCE WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

PLEASE SET ASIDE SOME TIME NEXE JUNE FOR A BRAKE FROM YOUR LABORS. COME OUT AND ENJOY A DAY OF FRIENDLY COMPITION, A CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES, GREAT FOOD, MEET SOME OUR GREAT EQUIPMENT VENDORS AND AN OPORTUNITY TO NETWORK WITH YOUR FELLOW SURVEYORS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU NEXT JUNE AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PRODUCTIVE WINTER AND SPRING.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

Just a few little items;

1. **Safety** - Yesterday the field crew from MacKay Engineering and Surveying was the victim of a hit and run along Wooster Road. The cones were out, they had their safety vests on, and their emergency light was flashing. The driver hit the survey van with one of the crew members inside, the van was pushed into the other crew member. They were checked out at the hospital and as far as I know, will be okay. The hit and run driver was some sort of construction guy towing a trailer. Not sure how the driver could have missed all the safety precautions the crew had out, I would assume maybe texting or talking on the phone. JUST NOT PAYING ATTENTION. So please have the safety talk with your crews and remind them that all the cones in the world will not stop the distracted driver. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.



Along the same line, safety. The survey world lost a terrific guy a few weeks ago. While out enjoying a beautiful afternoon on his motorcycle Lloyd "Nick" Mowrer was struck and killed by a young lady who did not see him and hit him head on. Again, probably not paying attention. Nick was one of the guys that trained me in the field back when I began my surveying career, he then worked for me at L.V. Surveying as a crew chief and became a dear friend. I will miss him and our profession will miss him.

2. **Membership** - what does it mean to you? Why should you be more involved? I have found over my many years of membership in this chapter that meeting the other members and talking with them has been the greatest reason to be active in this group. Sure it's great to know what is happening on the state level, but I find just meeting and talking to the "local guys" has been the biggest reward. What they are working on, what records have they found, did they locate an old stone corner, who is a good contact at the government entities we deal with, etc. These are things that have benefited me the most over the years. I urge you to become more active on the local level. Come out and meet your fellow surveyors, see what they are up to. It is YOUR profession, I urge you to get involved.

3. **CPD's** - if anyone has any ideas or would like a certain subject to be covered at the chapter level please contact Steve Metcalf or myself and we can discuss the possibility of offering a seminar. We are always looking for ideas. Steve has been contacting a few people and look in your email in the coming weeks for some events.

4. **Newsletter** - finally, if anyone would like to contribute any articles or anything to the newsletter, please send it over. This is YOUR newsletter, not mine. Your opinions count, your ideas count, sharing information makes us all better surveyors.

Thank you,

Louise A. Veverka, P.S.

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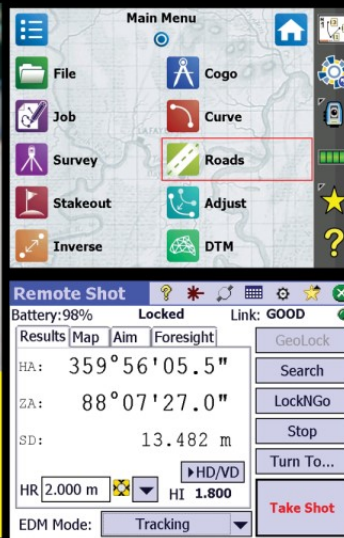
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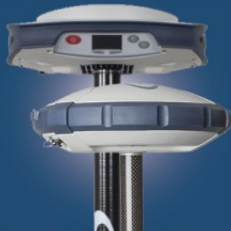
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Delegates Report

Delegates Report
September 8, 2017
State Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order about 6:00 PM at
The Office of PLSO 150 East Wilson Bridge Road Suite 300
Worthington, Ohio 43085



George Hofmann
Delegate

It was determined that a quorum was present

Secretary's minutes for the July 2017 meeting were passed by a motion.

Treasurer report for July & August, 2017 was accepted for financial review.

Motions were passed to accept the membership of 7 Professional, 1 Associate, and 1 Student

CEAO: Candidates for Governor of State of Ohio spoke at the recent Meeting

ODOT: Ray Foos reported that he has been working on the model for the Low Distortion Project. He has revised his time frame and now expects to have the test sites determined by July of 2018 and implemented by the end of the year 2018. This is being developed for ODOT Use only at this point of time.

State Board: Bert Dawson's term is up for renewal. Bert is a licensed Surveyor and engineer.

The executive committee will send a letter in support of his reappointment.
This will be a renewal year for your surveyor's license. The State board advises that you do not check the box that says you have completed the required professional development hours if you have not done so when sending in your renewal, even if you intend to have them completed by year end. By checking this box and not yet having all your hours you will have committed a felony.

Political Action: Donate of \$1,500 was donated for Golf outing. Balance \$1,441.35

Standards: Brad Kramer reported that his committee will finish their review of the current standards and submit proposed changes to the State Board by end of 2018.

NSPS: Bob Akins reported that the small business administration held a roundtable plan in Cincinnati and Cleveland in August. Steve Cahill (Cin) and George Hofmann (Cleve) gave presentations regarding the Davis-Bacon Act where survey crew members are now considered labors and are subject to prevailing wages.

The University of Akron is building a virtual sandbox.

(Con't. next page)

IF YOUR NOT A PART OF P.L.S.O. THEN YOU ARE APART FROM P.L.S.O.

Be apart of it and get involved you will benefit along with the rest of us.

Delegates Report (con't)

Annual Conferences

2018 Sharonville Convention Center , Cincinnati, Melinda is in the planning stage lining up speakers

2019-2021 Hilton Easton , Columbus, contracts completed

Fall Seminar

2017 Oct 12-12, 2017 Hilton Polaris, Columbus, There will be a Tract for Young Surveyor's

2018 Toledo

2019 Mason

2020 Cleveland Marriott Airport

Finance: George Hofmann reviewed the Financials for June, July and August and found them to be in order.

Brief summary's were given on Chapter delegates reports. Ohio Valley Chapter Delegate was asked to give a brief talk about how there chapter.

Closing remarks were given by President Elect Curt Deibel, Ex. Director Melinda Gilpin and President Charles Harkness

President Harkness thanked all for attending and closed the meeting
Meeting adjourn about 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted

George A. Hofmann ,2017 Cleveland Chapter Delegate



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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER of PLSO

I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY OUR LONG TIME MEMBER AND FRIEND RICK ZIEGMAN WITH A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LIQUIDATING HIS OFFICE AND SURVEYING EQUIPMENT.

YOU MAY ALL REMEMBER HE HAD BEEN THE PRINCIPAL FORCE WITH HIS FIRM "SITE CONSULTANTS" THAT WAS LCOATED IN LAKEWOOD, OHIO FOR WELL OVER 30 YEARS.

HE HAS NOW DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN HIS OFFICE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE OPERATIONS CENTER OF SUNSET MEMORIAL CEMETERY IN N. OLMSTED.

I SPENT SOME TIME AT HIS OFFICE INVENTORYING WHAT HE HAS AND PHOTOGRAPHING THE MAJOR EQUIPMENT HE HAS IN STOCK.

BELOW IS A SHORT LIST OF THOSE KEY ITEMS THAT YOU MAY CONSIDER FOR ACCQUISTION?

HE HAS ASKED ME TO ACT IN HIS BEHALF TO FACILITATE ANY DISPURSEMENT OF HIS EQUIPMENT AND HAS FURTHER OFFERED TO DONATE HIS RECORDS TO THE P.L.S.O DATA BANK.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes:

Neff & Associates: 6405 York Road, Parma Heights, OH 44130

Meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m.

In attendance: Steve Metcalf, George Hofmann, Tim Feller, Louise Veverka, Michael Kral, Tom Snezek, Scott Casey, Dave Bruckner, Ken Hedjuk, Bill Welsh, Richard Carlson and Mark Yeager.

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 13, 2017 accepted as submitted by Michael Kral.

Treasury:

Tim Feller submitted August 20157 treasury report, golf outing funds deposited, \$5000.00 move to the checking account, report was accepted as provided.

Chapter Delegate:

George Hofmann-Delegate attended the meeting in Columbus and read from the delegate report.

New members to the PLSO include; seven professional, one associate, one student, no new member to the Cleveland Chapter. The PLSO state standards are being reviewed and Brad Krammer is looking for any input to the standards that the members may have. Please submit and ideas or suggestions you have to him by the end of 2018. Dean Ringle is working on the Ohio State lines and any volunteer to assist him would be appreciated. The Trig-Star program is available to all chapters, involvement in this program could introduce young people into surveying and the profession. The 2018 annual conference will be held in Cincinnati at The Sharonville Convention Center. The Fall Conference will be held in Columbus at The Hilton Polaris. ODOT is working on map projections on a county basis, to be used on ODOT projects. The budget for the PLSO 2018/2019 year will be introduced at the next PLSO meeting. A full copy of the delegates report can be viewed in the chapter newsletter.

Committees:

Membership Committee: No new members

Newsletter Committee: Deadline for submission would be September 17, 2017.

Website Committee: Dino not in attendance at this meeting.

Program Committee:

Tom Snezek looking into next year's golf outing, Steve Metcalf contacting people to present at a CPD meeting.

Education/ Scholarship Committee:

Two scholarships have been awarded to two University of Akron students. Tim Feller to move \$2000.00 from the Education fund to the scholarship fund.

Finance:

Financial matters were covered in the financial report and the scholarship committee discussion.

Elections:

Anyone interested in serving the PLSO as a committee member or on the executive committee, please contact one of the current members to add your name into the list.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Mike Straub has resigned from the position of president of the Cleveland Chapter of the PLSO, Steve Metcalf has stepped up to take over the position of president for the remainder of the term and the rest of the year.

Meeting adjourned 7:35

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Cleveland Chapter & State 2017 Schedule

Dates, times and locations subject to change, emails will be sent out with notification of any changes

Friday, January 13 - State PLSO Executive Meeting

Thursday - January 26, 2017 – Cleveland Chapter Annual General Meeting and installation of officers

February 15-18 , 2017 PLSO State conference in Annual Conference, Kalahari, **Sandusky, Ohio**

Friday, March 10 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 14 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 3/17/17)

Friday, April 14 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, April 18 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 4/21/17)

April STATE CPD Workshop (date and location TBA)

May 18 – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, May 12 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 16 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 5/19/16)

May STATE CPD Workshop (date and location TBA)

Friday, July 14 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

July (TBA) - Clev. Chapter Education Recognition Meeting (newsletter deadline 7/21/17)

Friday, September 8 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 9/15/16)

October 12-13 - PLSO State Fall Seminar Hilton Polaris, **Columbus, Ohio**

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 10/25/16)

Nov. (TBA) – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, November 10 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 11/19/17)

Friday, December 9 (tentative) – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 12 (if needed) – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 12/15/17)

Friday, January 13 , 2018 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

2017 State PLSO Officers

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