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- William J. Haas, 1974

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President's Message

Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio Professional Land Surveyors Professional Surveyors and Mappers

What is the definition of surveyor/surveying? Are we restricted to land? Should we be? Should the measurement of anything constructed on land be the domain of a surveyor? What is too small? e.g. tolerances of a machined part. What is too large? e.g. Great Lakes Watershed

World English Dictionary:

Surveying -noun

- 1. the study or practice of measuring altitudes, angles, and distances on the land surface so that they can be accurately plotted on a map
- 2. the setting out on the ground of the positions of proposed construction or engineering works



Dino LustriPresident

Collins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 10th Edition:

survey

late 14c. (implied in surveyance), from O.Fr. surveeir, from M.L. supervidere "oversee" (see supervise). Meaning "to take linear measurements of a tract of ground" is recorded from 1550. The noun is attested from 1548, "act of viewing in detail." Meaning "systematic collection of data on opinions, etc." is attested from 1927. Surveyor is from Anglo-Fr. surveiour, from M.Fr. surveor, from O.Fr. verb surveeir.

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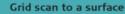


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Fall Seminar Meetings

Thursday September 1 (1.5 PDHs)

Speaker: Mr. John Kirn of the Business Advisor's of Cleveland

Part 1:

Why do you need to be incorporated? Why you need a business plan.

Initial Plan. Updates as business grows or changes.

Part two:

Why a written contract benefits you.

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Part three:

Succession Planning.

Thursday November 3 (1.5 PDHs)

Speakers: Panel Discussion (members TBA)

Topics: Hot local surveying issues. Call or email Scot Casey (scott@caseyps.com, 216-299-9555) with suggestions or talk to him

at our September or October meeting.

Location: Cuyahoga County Engineer's

Test lab Facility (3rd floor classroom) 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland

Free parking, security camera surveillance (Map)

Cost: \$15 each (PLSO Members) - or -

\$20 for both (PLSO Members if paid at Sept. Mtg.)

\$35 each (non PLSO Members)

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Scott Casey Program

Schedule

6:00 Registration, Food,& Socializing6:30 Speaker

* Small meal and beverage included *

Reservations Required

Contact Scott Casey: 216-299-9555 scott@caseyps.com

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October Social Meeting

Thursday October 6 (0.5 PDHs)

Mark your calendar for this Social Dinner and short talk from Mr. Patrick Ernst of the ODNR's office of Coastal Management. They have prepared a Coastal Design Manual to promote better projects along the Ohio shore of Lake Erie.

The presentation to PLSO Chapters will focus on the survey specific aspects of the manual including technical assistance provided to consultants, partitioning of littoral rights between adjoiners, minimum standards for descriptions/plats and a brief overview of the regulatory authorizations for development within the waters of Lake Erie.

Location: Restaurant to be determined **Price:** to be determined.

Look for final details in the next Cleveland Surveying News!



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Random Lines by John Dailey, P.S.

Any of you that know me know that I believe that if you wait long enough, almost everything will come full circle. This holds true for clothing fashions, automobile accessories and organizations. Well, maybe the leisure suit and the Nehru jacket will not make it back but automobiles are going back to the push button start. Maybe next year they will put the start button back on the floor. (Ask Grandpa about that.) But in organizations this full circle has been completed.

On July20, 2011, Kristi Grahl, POB Editor, posted the following in the POB e-News:

"ACSM Congress Disbanded; What's Next?

Seemingly big news came out of the ACSM Congress meeting in San Diego last week: Representatives to the Congress approved a motion to disband and dissolve ACSM, with all operation, control, assets and liabilities turned over to NSPS.

A statement issued by the presidents of the three member organizations-NSPS, AAGS and GLIS-noted that the NSPS would immediately attempt to create a unified organization comprising individual members representative of the broader definition of surveying, including professional surveyors, geodesists and other geospatial professionals. Specifically: "The mission of the organization shall be to represent and advance the sciences and disciplines of surveying, geodesy, cartography, and related fields through education and communication, in furtherance of public good."

The realigned group plans to reach out to all members of the geospatial community, including "licensed and non-licensed boundary surveyors and construction surveyors, geodetic surveyors and mapping surveyors, GIS specialists and photogrammetrists, machine control and LiDAR specialists, cartographers and drafters, and any other related disciplines."

In 1938, at a Summer survey camp in Minnesota, a group of survey educators, private surveyors and officials of federal and state mapping and surveying organizations met and began to formulate plans to bring all the participants in the "geospatial" (a word that would not be coined for another 50 years) industry together under one banner. By 1940, plans were being made to form a "National Congress on

Surveying and Mapping." In 1941, the first international meeting was held in Washington. The name was quickly changed to "The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping" so as to include the professionals from all of the Americas. Several technical divisions were formed over the years, eventually including the Cartography Division, the In-



John Dailey, P.S.

struments Division, the Control Surveys Division, the Education Division, the Property Surveys Division and the Topography Division. These would later be reformed and renamed the Property Surveys Division, the Control Surveys Division and the Cartography Division.

The late Walter Dix told me that there was an uproar within the surveying and mapping family about every ten years. His observation proved to be remarkably correct. About every ten years some members get a horrible itch.

In 1980, in an effort to achieve organizational independence, ACSM reorganized from a system of divisions to a system of member organizations: National Society of Professional Surveyors, American Cartographic Association (ACA) and American Association of Geodetic Surveying (AAGS). In 1983, an attempt to consolidate ACSM with the American Society of Photogrammetry failed. (A majority voted in favor of consolidation but failed to obtain the required two-thirds majority.) In following years, ACA departed from ACSM; the Cartographic and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) and the Geographic and Land Information Society (GLIS) were formed as member organizations; and the NSPS Foundation was recognized as a nonvoting member organization.

In the next several years, there were a series of "think tanks", leadership conferences and planning sessions. For all the work that went into these sessions, you would think that some type of agreement would have come out of them. But we were just "thunk" out.

In 1990, NSPS achieved a degree of autonomy by separately incorporating under the overall umbrella of ACSM. MO autonomy and finances continued to be the biggest issue. The NSPS members were always very independent and (Cont'd on Page 16)

Membership Report

Knowing that our trustees are voted into office and then the president assigns a duty to us, I was given the responsibility of being the "Membership" trustee.

We have discussed ways of getting our new members to a meeting, welcome letters, free first dinner, e-mail reminders and such. But my biggest concern is getting current members to a meeting. Why are there so member members that just don't ever come to a meeting?

Why does someone would join an organization only to never attend a meeting, or become involved in the organization?

I pose this question to our membership, "Why aren't you involved?"

Besides earning PDH's I have found the biggest advantage to coming to the meetings and becoming involved in the organization is to actually get to know the other surveys in our area. While doing a survey I find caps that clearly tell me who has done a little work in the area, I can then call that person up and discuss what they found and/or did on a project near mine. Knowing that surveyor and actually having met him/her at a meeting or two makes it much easier to speak to them about the survey and share notes.

I would like to challenge each and every member of the Cleveland Chapter of PLSO to attend at least **one** membership meeting this year. If you're feeling very adventurous, join us at an executive committee meeting and get involved in **your** chapter.

Hope to see you all soon,

Sincerely, Louise (Lou) Veverka



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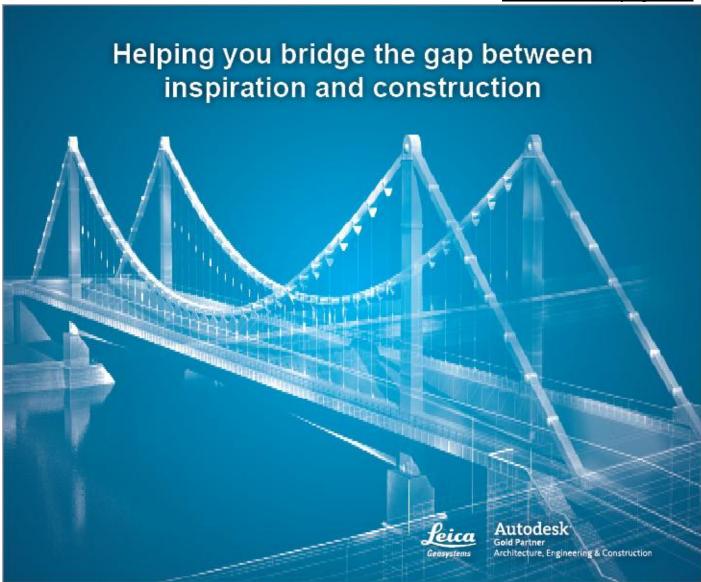
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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

Executive Committee Meeting - Friday July 8, 2011, 6:08 P.M.

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

- Call to order by Dana Parsell President-elect, as acting President (absence).
- Devotions and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of visitors none present
- Introduction of new PLSO staff members Melinda Gilpin introduced two new staff members. Lynn Smith will be the new communications specialist in charge of the OSN and the website. She is a part time employee working about 15 hours a week. Donna Bates has been hired, also part time about 35 hours up to 40 hours a week and she will be the administrative and financial assistant, in charge of record keeping.
- Alternate delegates were introduced and accepted. A Quorum was determined with 16 total members.
- The agenda was changed to include; 1) a report on gas and oil leases, and 2) a special presentation by Steve Cahill on OUPS changes.
- Steve Cahill reported that; he has been working on a subcommittee, for the Ohio Underground Damage Coalition, and more specifically with Darren Owens to help rewrite the "Ohio Dig Law" for lack of a better term. At present there is not a PS on the actual committee as a stake holder and Steve is wondering if we, PLSO, would like to get a PS on the committee. He believes we have a lot to offer the utility company's in N,E,Z information on their underground utilities as they are being built and therefore maybe minimizing some future damages to the utility. See attachments for operating procedures. A motion was made to have Melinda write a letter to OUDC and request that a PS be added to the coalition. Vote taken and passed.
- Meeting minutes from May 13, 2011 and May 25, 2011 were presented and approved.
- Treasures Report was reviewed and accepted subject to audit.

Unfinished Business

- Website is now running and is no longer to be unfinished business, it is to be moved to Communications Report.
- Statue of Limitations- Rose Coors reported is continues to work on issue but nothing new to report.

New Business

- New members were approved, one affiliate from Ohio Valley Thomas Farcht and one professional from Thomas Hutchins – David Baker.
- Standing committees were tabled.
- Replacement computers purchased. Melinda presented 3 computer options and requested the committee approve the purchase of two new computers. A motion was made to purchase two computers at \$679.00 along with the docking stations, installation and antivirus software for the computers and the server. Total cost \$2800.00, which was approved.
- Oil and Gas Leases a member of the committee has become personally involved with an oil and gas lease for his property. He has noticed that the language in the lease allows for the restoration of everything on the site except property pins. He is advising that if you come into any contact with property owners that may be considering such action you advise them to have the lease deed amended to include restoration of any damaged property corner pins.

Inter-Association Reports

- CEAO- no report
- ODOT a motion was made to write a letter to ODOT to look into the Lite-Square GPS, motion passed.
- State Board 14 new P.S. from April state exam
- OGRP no report

Committee Reports

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2011 Elections

We have six officer positions to fill on our ballot this fall. These are:

President-Elect Delegate

Treasurer Trustee (2 year term)
Secretary Trustee (2 year term)

You can find out what each office is expected to do in our <u>Officer Handbook</u>. <u>Click here</u> to view it, or it can be found on the *Contact Us* page of our website: <u>www.plso.com</u> To offer yourself for the ballot, or to suggest another chapter member, contact me at 216-389-7677 or robert.hoy@cox.net



Robert Hoy
President-Elect

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Constitutional Review Committee Report

The committee's recommended revisions were presented to the executive committee at our August meeting. These recommendations will continued to be discussed at our September 12th meeting. There is a possibility something will be mailed to chapter members for approval this fall.

Committee: Advisers: Robert Hoy, Chair John Dailey Ken Hejduk Jack Hoy

Michael Ackerman



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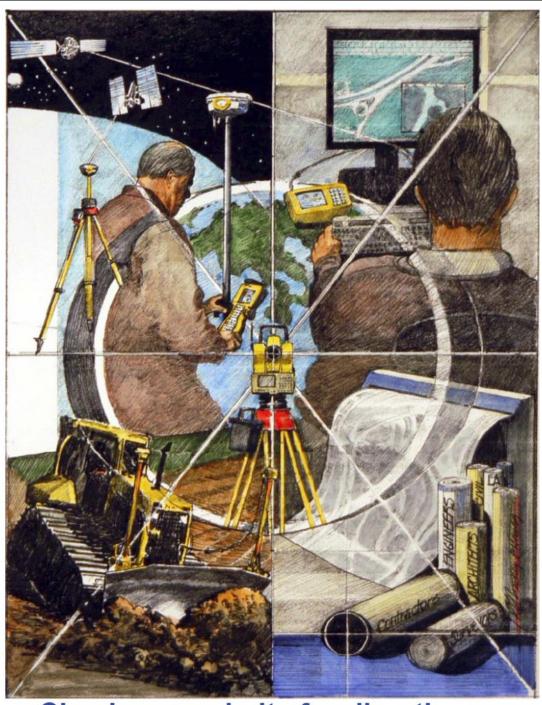


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Executive Committee

Meeting Highlights

August 8, 2011

Imaginit Technologies' Office

In attendance: Dino Lustri, Robert Hoy, Thomas Snezek, Louise Veverka, Michael Straub, Scott Casey, and George Hofmann.

Chapter Delegate:

LightSquared update: LightSquared has agreed there is an issue with their signal interfering with GPS signals and is looking into it.

The two office positions in the State PLSO office have been filled.



David Harvey, Esq., will be contributing articles to the CSN.



Michael StraubActing Secretary

Education:

Chris Tomko reported, prior to the meeting, that of the \$1000 Scholarship awarded in the spring, only \$500 was applied by the U. of Akron to fees for the fall thus far.

Old Business:

Dino Lustri reported that the website & database are set up, but not yet available to membership as testing needs to be completed.

President's Message (cont'd from Page 3)

Our profession is changing. We need to change with it or surveying will become extinct. Not from lack of need, but by legislation. Can you imagine the day when, in Court, a judge will refer to GIS data as evidence for basing the decision on boundary lines? When does/did GIS become the 'Standard of Practice' that is uniformly accepted as a source of data? We know better, but does anyone else? Little by little, the surveyor's domain is being chipped away by ignorance. Whether it be a legislative body that feels a GISP is the future and Surveyors are the past, or a judge that makes a decision without sufficient evidence, thus establishing case law.

What about mortgage location surveys and the confusion of the public? Perhaps these should be abolished. Or the word survey should be removed. After all isn't it an exhibit?

I happen to be licensed in Florida as a surveyor as well as Ohio. In Florida, they added the domain of Mappers to the license requirements. Professional Surveyors and Mappers. It only makes sense that Surveyor's make maps. The counter argument is that all maps don't need to be as accurate as a survey. Over time, more and more maps are being created from data collected from satellites and computer programs distinguishing between colors to delineate pavements versus buildings versus vegetation. Laser scanning is yet another technology that will only grow. There is already software that will 'map' existing conditions based on the contrast between colors in the scan.

Some day, will there be a boundary survey database of collected property corners via GPS? We know that this is not sufficient evidence but what happens when a legislative body decides it is? And the people vote for it because everyone will have GPS on their phones with better accuracy than today. There will be an 'app' for that. Boundary Surveying App, type in your parcel number and find your corners.

We won't lose our profession to technology, but we will lose it to ignorance. We have to educate.

<u>Dino Lustri, P.E., P.S.</u> Chapter President

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Delegate's Report (cont'd from Page 10)

- PAC reported they \$3385.00 and are moving the account to Huntington.
- GPS Standards Jim Kenyon reported that he has been looking on the internet for some sample standards, and there isn't much out there. Kentucky may have the best to work with.
- State Line Dean was absent, Melinda reported that they are working on some new software.
- Historic Review Mike Besch reported on numerous endeavors. One of which, is he is planning a surveyors trip to Vietnam in 2012 and would like PLSO to acknowledge to CPD's involved and provide the certificates to participants. He will have a flier ready to be placed on the website soon.
- Also, USA 2012 at Fort Megs in August is reserving a Block House for the surveyors re-enactment.
- Newsletter The USA 2012 event at the state house is the same day (March 17, 2012) as the certificate presentation ceremony for new PS's and will tie in nicely.
- NSPS is providing a link on their website to Lite-Squared Co and the "Save our GPS" website.
- Trig Star, CST, & Geocaching no report

Standing Committees

- Only one to report was the Past Presidents and Scholarship.
- Past Presidents' Council the committee met and spent numerous hours coming up with a 2011 Strategic Plan. See Attachment. The group is looking for feed back on their plan ideas. Suggestions will be taken on the PLSO website on the members only page.
- Scholarship reported they had 10 applications for 6 scholarships, which have been given out. Three \$2000 and three \$1000.00.

Chapter Delegates: Written reports were filed with Melinda. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 and went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted by Louise A. Veverka



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Random Lines (cont'd from Page 7)

did not like the idea of having their actions approved or rejected by the ACSM Board of Direction, even though they were in the majority of members and of ACSM Board members. At this same time, the ACSM leadership was attempting to exert more control over the MO's. Trouble was brewing.

In 2000, an effort called the "Revitalization of the National Society of Professional Surveyors" was intended to bring all the members of the state surveying associations into membership in NSPS. This worthy goal has only been partially achieved. In 2003, the MO's of ACSM became fully independent incorporated professional societies. In the January, 2003 issue of the Ohio Surveying News I wrote a column titled "A RUSH TOWHAT?" in which I touched on many of these same issues. The "new" ACSM at that time became an office service to the MO's with no members. All memberships were through the MO's. There was never a good fit for this new ACSM. It never lived up to its expectations. Some of the MO's, especially NSPS, still felt constrained.

According to the ACSM website (www.acsm.net, Developing News) the current ACSM will be disbanded and all assets and operations will be han-

dled by NSPS while another "new ACSM" is formed to bring together all the practitioners in the geospatial community. Doesn't that sound a lot like 1941? Wasn't that the original intent of ACSM? As I said, if you wait long enough, everything will come around again. I look at the past twenty years as wasted effort and opportunity. When a strong national association was needed to face the changing needs of our professions, internal bickering was destroying the society that was so badly needed. After watching the antics of the United States Congress recently, maybe "congress" is a very apt word to describe this society.

I sincerely hope this "new" ACSM will last 70 years as the original one did and that it will become the highly respected society representing the needs of all of the "geospatial" community that is so badly needed. We Surveyors deserve a strong and respected national organization. Our profession is changing rapidly and all the practitioners involved in this geospatial community (of which we are one) should be at the same table speaking with one strong and unified voice.

John Dailey. P.S., Past jdaileye@sbcglobal.net

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June Education Appreciation Dinner





Executive Committee Meeting MinutesMay 16, 2011

IMAGINIT, 8001 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.

In attendance: Dino Lustri (via phone), Robert Hoy, John Bischof, Michael Ackerman, Thomas Snezek, Michael Straub, Scott Casey, George Hofmann, and Jack Hoy.

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 11, 2011 accepted as revised.

Treasury: John Bischof presented the April report. Acceptance is subject to review.

Michael Ackerman Secretary

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Chapter Delegate:

- Tom Snezek's reported from the May 13, 2011 meeting.
- The interference from the LightSquared project and how it will affect GPS was reviewed.
- House Bill 32 was introduced to the House.

Communication:

- Bob Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be Wednesday May 18, 2011.
- Invoices have been sent out to advertisers
- No updates on the NSPS Journalism Awards.
- We will be closing our facebook group.

Education:

MOTION PASSED to award Jake Korngable a \$1000 scholarship. The chapter will pay for his dinner and up to 2 parents at our June 2nd meeting.

Membership: No report

Program:

- Tom Snezek reported the County Test Lab Facility is still available for seminars. He volunteered to be at the facility so the chapter would not have to pay for a county worker to lock the site after meetings. The State chapter was notified in order to use the room; we would need to provide our own insurance.
- The June 2 social meeting will be held at Das Schnitzel Haus, 5728 Pearl Road in Cleveland. Roberts Surveying Supplies has donated door prizes.
- Scott Casey gave suggestions for upcoming seminars.

Conference Update: No report

Old Business:

- Kevin Grigsby gave an overview before the meeting about the new web data base design. He was asked to present another update before our next meeting.
- The web site content is now in the Cleveland PLSO Chapter's control. Dino again stressed the need for a long term plan on running the web site and control of its content.
- The survey education document will be tabled until the next meeting.
- The Chapter Delegate reimbursement will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Dino suggested that the Constitution Review Committee add a section for the running and maintenance of the new chapter web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Ackerman

Editor's Notes

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PLSO Executive Committee meeting

The P.L.S.O. is a group of licensed Land Surveyors – Professional Surveyors. We are licensed by the State of Ohio to serve the public (much like doctors, lawyers, architects and professional engineers are licensed). The <u>Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio</u> is a statewide organization that serves the public and the profession. The Cleveland P.L.S.O. is one of its local chapters.

We encourage you to contact any of our local members when you or your constituents have questions. Professional Surveyors can be particularly helpful for: determining setbacks, splitting property, resolving conflicting deeds, locating structures, identifying encroachments, writing easement or submerged land lease descriptions, and staking improvements such as fences and buildings.

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who want to attend.