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MEMBERSHIP Louise Veverka, P.S. <u>Ivsurvey@sbcglobal.net</u> 216-251-6972 Recalling the motivation for this chapter's existence and the response we've had to date, our motto should be - "United we stand, divided we perish."

- William J. Haas, 1974

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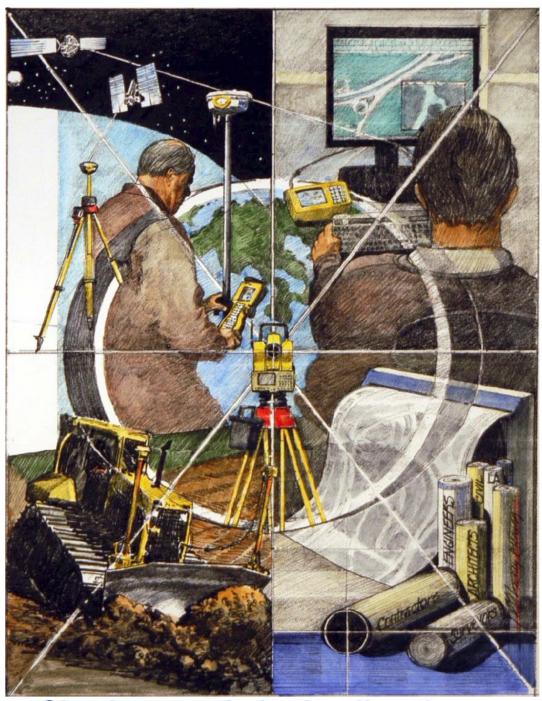


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Annual Meeting

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Scott Casey, Program Trustee 1159 Holmden Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Make checks payable to: Cleveland Chapter of PLSO

Start the New Year off right at our chapter's Annual Meeting. Share your ideas how PLSO can grow, prosper, and improve the environment for Land Surveyors.

Come give your support to your 2012 chapter officers, congratulate our Surveyor of the Year recipient, and thank outgoing officers for their time and effort this past year.

Click Here for an online map to the restaurant.

100th Bomb Group Restaurant is just West of the I-480 Grayton Road interchange. Take Brookpark Road to Old Grayton Road. Restaurant entrance is on Old Grayton Road.



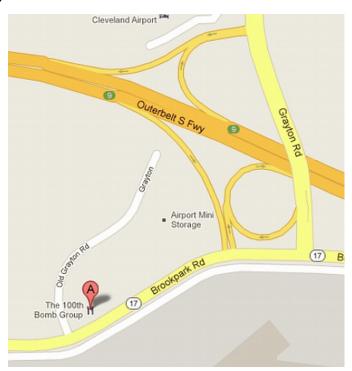
Scott Casey Program

Schedule

5:30 Social Hour

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Annual Meeting



2012 Chapter Officers

In accordance with the approved constitution revisions, officer ballots were not mailed out since there were no contested offices. Our 2012 officers shall be:

President Robert Hoy

President-Elect

Treasurer Timothy Feller
Secretary Michael Ackerman
Delegate Thomas Snezek
Past President Dino Lustri

We have a *vacancy* at **President-Elect** that will be filled by appointment in accordance with our constitution. If you are interested in taking on this office and the duties it entails or have questions about it, please contact Robert Hoy 216-389-7677, <u>robert.hoy@cox.net</u>. One of the benefits of **President-Elect** is expenses reimbursed for attending the PLSO Annual Conference and Fall Seminar on behalf of the Cleveland Chapter.

2014 PLSO Annual Conference

Our chapter was recently awarded hosting duties of the 2014 Annual Conference to be held once again at the InterContinental Hotel attached to the Cleveland Clinic. <u>Dino Lustri</u> will be our conference chairman.



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President-Elect's Report

Constitution revision ballots were received and counted by the Teller's Committee before our November 14th executive committee meeting. The results were near unanimous in favor of the revisions. During that executive meeting, By-Laws revisions that accompanied the constitution revisions were approved. Both revisions have effective dates of January 26, 2012 the day of our <u>Annual Meeting</u> (see Page 4). The updated constitution and by-laws are at the end of this newsletter (click here to view).

One of the major revision of the constitution was elimination of the four Trustee officer positions. The idea was to reduce the commitment and time required to try and increase participation and involvement: attending fewer meetings. Here are committees I need to find a chairperson for starting after the annual meeting for 2012:



Robert Hoy
President-Elect

Program Selection

Attend general and seminar meetings of the Chapter. Coordinate with and schedule speakers along topics and guidelines provided by the President and Executive Committee. Find and coordinate with a restaurant for our annual meeting and June education appreciation meeting.

Newsletter

This will be the newsletter editor, but with different limited duties. Right now I do all the coordination and production work for the newsletter. Next year I will continue to do the production work and artistic presentation. The editor will: accept and review submissions for newsletters, solicit new advertisers, write for the newsletter such as: Editor's Notes, updates to a county GIS, news items about the chapter or PLSO that don't fall under someone's responsibility such as award reminders. Attending meetings not required. Next year all I plan to write is a President's Message.

Membership

Next year we will have a concerted effort to reach out to non-PLSO members to try and increase the support of PLSO which will allow PLSO to be able to work more for surveyors. Committee chair will need to attend general and seminar meetings.

Trig*Star

Do you have a good relationship with a high school math department? The Trig*Star test is a trigonometry test taken late March or early April with state and national prize money for top scorers. The Trig*Star Committee chair would coordinate with a school to take the test and coordinate for a chapter member to proctor the test. Attending meetings not required.

Interested in heading any of these committees? Please let me know 216-389-7677 or robert.hoy@cox.net

Robert Hoy President-Elect

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2012 PLSO Annual Conference

Registration forms for the 2012 annual conference, held in Columbus, are now available on the PLSO website at: http://ohiosurveyor.org/2012-plso-annual-conference/ You can also log into the members section and view the 2012 Winter Ohio Surveying News now.

PLSO: Who Are We?

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.

Three Senior Surveyors and the Meridian Stones (from the cover)

THE THREE SENIOR SURVEYORS are at it again!

In the City of Medina, Ohio, are two "Meridian Stones" that, according to local lore, were set in about 1832 by a local Surveyor named Miller and a visiting astronomer possibly named Powell. An article in the May 2006 issue of American Surveyor Magazine piqued the interest of THE THREE SENIOR

SURVEYORS who decided it was time for another road trip. This inquisitive threesome met in Medina, deposited the spouses at Molly's Tea Room and retired to Sully's Irish Pub to determine the next move.

After an excellent lunch, our intrepid travelers moved across the town square and found the southern Meridian Stone at the northeasterly corner of Liberty and Broadway, across the street from the old courthouse. After the required photo taking, we retired to the northerly stone at the northeast corner of Broadway and Friendship. Again, the required photos were taken to prove the existence of both the stone and ourselves.

THE THREE SENIOR SURVEYORS are now contemplating their next journey, but only if we can remember.

John E. Dailey, Past



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Executive Committee

Meeting Highlights November 14, 2011 Imaginit Technologies' Office

In attendance: Dino Lustri via teleconference with executive committee approval to vote by phone, Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, John Bischof, Michael Straub, Scott Casey, George Hofmann and Jack Hoy.

Treasury: John has suggested opening an online bank account to eliminate a \$5 monthly bank fee.

Chapter Delegate:

George Hofmann will be the President-Elect.

The offices for next year's State Executive Committee will not be contested. Ballots for the election will not be mailed.



Michael Ackerman Secretary

Communication: The possibility of increasing the advertising rate was proposed. The last rate increase was in 2004. Discussion about the new rates will be tabled until the next meeting.

Education:

There has been interest in the Trig Star program at local schools.

Program: Scott Casey's gave his summary from the past seminar. Twenty-two people were in attendance.

Old Business: The updates to the Constitution passed. The changes will be effective at the date of the Annual Meeting.

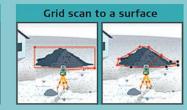
New Business: The Cleveland Chapter will not submit nominations for the Surveyor of the Past and PLSO Member of the Year at this time



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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

As you know, I am somewhat of a historian, or at least an avid reader. There are some things happening now that harken back to the demise of the Roman Empire. For those of use who slept through World History, here is a little background. (It will be brief since I only have so much space in this column. Edward Gibbon wrote "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in the 1790's and he used three volumes. I will not go that far.)

The city of Rome was founded about 753 BC as a monarchy. During the first two centuries, the monarchy saw its territory expand from central Italy to the entire Italian peninsula. In the next five centuries, Rome, as a Republic, grew to dominate North Africa, the Iberian Peninsula, Greece, and what is now southern France. During the last two centuries of the Roman Republic, it grew to dominate the rest of modern France, as well as much of the Middle-East. At this point, the republican political machinery was replaced by an emperor. The Empire then expanded to include most of western Europe and the British Isles. For all intents and purposes, Rome ruled the known World.

Through poor management and civil strife, it began a downhill slide. There was a long stretch where Roman leaders were chosen by force, murder and military coup. Through it all, the Roman citizens bore the brunt of this mis-management and there was a certain amount of unrest. In order to placate the Roman citizenry, the Emperors built arenas for staging various forms of entertainment such a battling animals, Gladiators fighting Gladiators, Christians versus animals (the animals had a distinct advantage) and all sorts of circuses.

Even this did nothing to improve the Roman life style or to build a more lasting nation. The most they did was to create a distraction. The Romans became indolent and were no longer the dynamic political, financial and military super power. They began to rely more on foreign mercenaries to protect their holdings. When the barbarians came knocking on their gates, the Romans had neither the military power nor the political will power to repel them. The downward slide of the mighty Roman Empire picked up speed and led the known world into the "dark ages." The Western Roman Empire had lived from about 753 BC until about 476 AD. The Eastern Empire based in Constantinople (today Istanbul) existed until about 1450.

The Dark Ages settled over Europe from about the end of the Western Roman Empire (476 AD) until about 1500 AD when the Renaissance began. The Age of Enlightenment ran from around 1600 until about 1800 when the so called "modern era" began.



John Dailey, P.S.

The idea of mindless entertainment to placate the citizenry seems to have become ingrained in the

United States entertainment industry. We are now faced with the proliferation on television of so called "reality" shows. We have "Dancers", "Idols" (more people voted for the "American Idol" than voted for he president.), "Races", "Voices" and a plethora of others. We have endless "sports" to watch, truckers on ice roads and fishermen facing raging oceans. It appears that the program producers are "dumbing down America" and it concerns me.

I love this country and I love our democratic republic. I would hate to see it fade away because too many people are more interested in "reality shows" and mindless entertainment than in the future of America.

I am a big believer in volunteerism, giving back to the community. We Surveyors have a lot of talent that would be of use to any number or organizations, whether it be municipal, religious or educational. We are used to sorting out random bits of information and making intelligent decisions. We should be willing to take those talents and to serve on various municipal boards and have input on public issues. Help out at your church or any of its organizations. Join a club and become active. Get active in a citizens group.

Get more active in the Cleveland Chapter and in PLSO statewide. Not only would this be good for you personally, it would be a great help for our profession. Several month ago, USA TODAY published the results of a study that showed that people actively involved in their professional societies were better paid and more respected than those who did not participate. HMMM! Very interesting.

Show what Surveyors can do. Don't hide your light under a basket. Let it shine. Get involved.

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



Delegate Report (from Page 16)

passed out.

PLSO Staff Report: members will not be charged extra for online credit card registrations, but non-members will. Staff is now logging member activities such as attending educational events and paying dues using Quick Books.

President's Report: Don attended the URISA national conference which included a session: "GIS and Surveying: one item or two?"

Meeting ended 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Hoy, Alternate Delegate

Communication Report

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We are planning website updates beyond the usual ones that go along with new officers. This along with our survey database web programming and another item or two, 2012 should have a lot happening web related for our chapter. Starting in January, those that received the *Cleveland Land Surveyor* will now be notified of a new issue of this publication, the *Cleveland Surveying News*.

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Race to the Bottom?

-an anonymous editorial

Reports of extremely low fees and salaries persist. One PLSO member remarked, "Hell, my dad charged more for a survey back in the 1970's!" So went 2011. Many do not expect surveyors to fare much better in 2012.

But this is a pep talk -- read on please. Notwithstanding the current very difficult economic pressures, we need to draw the line, re-think and strategize.

Step back a bit, and take stock of the situation. Some surveyors reported a few bright spots — the result of skills, good decisions and luck, no doubt. Is it possible that we can all improve our circumstances by ourselves?

For instance, why don't professional surveyors command higher salaries or charge higher fees? Because we often don't even try! We don't because we are scrapping to find work, because we are satisfied to take what we are told to, or maybe even because we lack the self-esteem to simply demand more.

Other professions are better off. Does your Doctor enter into deliberations with you about his scope and fee? No, because he is the professional – after an initial consultation, he tells his client what further services he recommends, then he invoices his customary fee. Notice that he didn't give a free estimate either.

A word about our clients: Most of them are sharper negotiators than we are, and they know it. Yet we are the "professionals." We possess the seal that the builder needs in order to obtain his permit. We are the only ones who can certify the ALTA Survey of that expensive commercial property. We are the ones whose plat makes it possible for the developer to sell his lots. Therefore, we are highly skilled, we provide a valuable service, and we should be compensated accordingly.

We do not have to race to the bottom. We should instead strive to race to the top as professionals!

What better way to start off 2012 than to plan your upward mobility with your PLSO colleagues at the Annual Meeting on January 26th.

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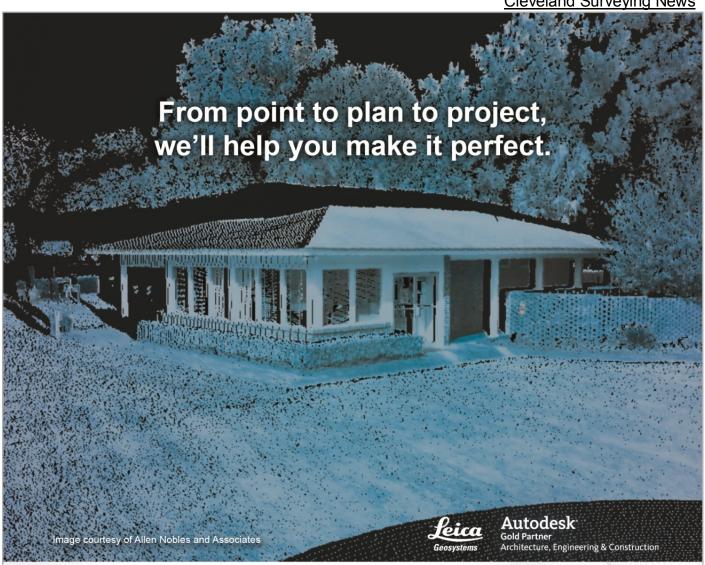
Jan 13	PLSO Executive Committee meeting
Jan 16	Chapter Executive meeting
Jan 18	Cleveland Surveying News deadline
Jan 26	Annual meeting
Feb 20	Chapter Executive meeting

Note: New Executive Meeting location! Chapter Executive Meetings are 6 p.m. at

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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

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 November 11, 2011

Columbus, OH

New Members: 4 new members were approved, none for our chapter.

Inter-Association Reports

 CEAO has asked the State Board of registration for their opinion on tax map as it relates to the County Engineer. This is due to increasing county commissioners who don't understand why a tax map office needs a professional surveyor's oversight.



Robert Hoy President-Elect

- State Board of Registration: its last meeting was brief. Its next meeting will be a two day meeting regarding an engineering case.
- OGRIP: a recent GIS conference included membership in the association with the price of the conference.

Committee Reports

- Political Action: no change in account balance.
- Standards: no report.
- State Line: a monument was hit by a car, has been repositioned yet need to be GPS observed. Note it is right next to a concrete curb along a road.
- Historic Review: no report
- Newsletter: Fall issue just mailed out. Advertising billing is being updated with contracts. Dec. 1 deadline for next issue, hopes to be in mailboxes by Jan. 1.
- NSPS: The GLIS organization has withdrawn from the congress and NSPS will go forward alone if necessary in the opinion of Bob Akins. ACSM will cease to exist on Jan. 1 2012. NSPS will have its own employees since it used to contract services to ACSM. The committee agreed to have Ohio be a sustaining member of NSPS, no other states are currently in this category. Cost is \$1500 which is the same amount that had been given to the Student Chapter at Akron U. for the ACSM Conference competition, but they did not participate this year and will not next year either.
- Geocaching: Bud Payne spoke about what he's done to provide a Surveying Merit Badge for Boy Scouts and is willing to assist a chapter to do the same. He emphasized it's an excellent way to reach students to expose them to land surveying.
- Program: Dean Frederick will hold a noon meeting at the PLSO office on December 12. Several issues will be discussed including long range planning.
 - Annual Conference: 2012 conference expects to have registration available on the website by Nov.
 21.
 - Fall Seminar: 2011 seminar had 222 paid attendees.
- Membership: 75% of dues are in from our 1263 members, with 253 no responses. Potential drop list will be sent to Chapter Delegates in early December.
- Education: college level courses have been reviewed for eligibility.
- Legislation: next year may be a good opportunity to introduce a Right of Entry law.
- Finance: proposed Jul'12-Jun'13 budget was approved as presented.
- Fundraising: accepting donations for annual conference benefit/auction, form is in the Fall OSN.

Delegate Reports

Ohio State University: trying to attract students to land surveying.

President-Elect's Report: no contested offices for election, so ballots will not be mailed. Member of the Year and Surveyor of the Past award requirements were

(Cont'd on Page 13)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes October 17, 2011

IMAGINIT, 8001 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View, Ohio Meeting called to order at 6:44 p.m.

In attendance: Dino Lustri via teleconference with executive committee approval to vote by phone, Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, Thomas Snezek, Michael Straub, Scott Casey, George Hofmann and Jack Hoy.

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee meeting minutes from September 12 accepted as submitted.

Treasury:

John Bischof submitted the September budget.

Acceptance of budget is subject to review.

Another person is needed for the financial review committee.

Chapter Delegate:

Dino volunteered to be the chapter representative for the 2014 Conference.

Tom Snezek's reported from the October 17, 2011 meeting.

The newsletter will go to press next week.

Bob Akins reported the LightSquared issue is getting more national attention.

Communication:

- Bob Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be Friday October 21, 2011.
- The Cleveland Land Surveyor will be ending, the newsletter will be sent instead.
- The issue with the P.O. Box has been fixed. 2 new keys have been issued.
- Examples of the cards sent through the mail to those members without email were presented for review.
- Potential updates to the website have been drafted using Microsoft Publisher.

Education: The website has been updated to show the Scholarship winner.

Membership: No report

Program:

- Scott Casey's gave his summary from the past seminar.
- The next seminar will be a discussion of the LightSquared issue.

Old Business:

- Kevin Grigsby demonstrated the new web site. Beta testing has begun.
- Motion Passed to donate \$1000 to Rob Krause in appreciation of past web services.
- Transfer of the website domain to the chapter from President Dino will be tabled until the next meeting.
- The ballots for the updates to the Constitution are due by October 31, 2011. The tellers committee will consist of Dino Lustri, Robert Hoy, and Michael Straub.
- The survey education document will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Changes to the golf outing will be discussed.
- George Hofmann has reported the acquisition of more donated survey records.

New Business:

We are looking for nominations for officers in the upcoming election.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael A. Ackerman



Michael Ackerman Secretary

Approved Constitution & By-Laws

CLEVELAND CHAPTER - PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF OHIO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

This statement of Constitution and By-Laws of the Cleveland Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. is hereby presented to indicate to all members, prospective members and members of affiliated societies the principles of organization of this Chapter stressing its willingness to cooperate as a Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. and its desire to mutually work with other societies to solve common problems.

Since the intent of this Constitution is to merely adopt that of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc., modified only where necessary to facilitate operation as a Chapter, entire Articles or portions of the Articles may be adopted herein by reference only to avoid redundancy.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cleveland Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc., organized under Article V of the Constitution of said Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. and does hereby recognize the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. Constitution as duly adopted. For convenience and brevity, The Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. shall be referred to as PLSO and the Cleveland Chapter as "The Chapter".

The geographical area of responsibility shall be Cuyahoga County and those neighboring counties as included by the State Executive Committee and subject to revision as new chapters are formed.

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE MISSION STATEMENT

The Chapter is an organization representing the Professional Surveyors in this geographical area and those engaged in the scope of the profession. This Chapter hereby accepts Article II, of the PLSO Constitution as its own. The Chapter shall, when requested, assist the PLSO Executive Committee on any PLSO related matters.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

The Chapter hereby accepts Article IV Sections "A" and "B" of the PLSO Constitution as its own.

- C. All members in good standing have the right to participate in all programs and deliberations of the Chapter and shall have voting privileges in policy and business determinations and for elective offices.
- D. Suspension and/or Expulsion: Any action by the State Executive Committee shall be binding on the Chapter.
- E. Reinstatement: Any action by the State Executive Committee shall be binding on this Chapter.
- F. Membership Roster: A Membership Roster shall be maintained by the Chapter in co-operation with the State Executive Director.

The nine classifications of membership are hereby listed for information only: Professional, Associate, Certified Survey Technician, Affiliate, Life, Honorary, Student, Sustaining, and Retired.

ARTICLE IV-FINANCES

In order to conduct the business and activities of the Chapter in a responsible financial manner:

- A. An annual budget shall be adopted by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the general membership at the Annual Meeting. This budget shall be by fiscal year and adhered to unless exceptions are approved by the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee shall receive a copy of this budget at least sixty (60) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.
- B. Funds to sustain this Chapter's annual budget shall be derived from dues (Cont'd on Page 19)

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contributed by its members in accordance with By-Law II - Dues, monies realized from various activities, and any special assessments advocated by the Executive Committee. These funds shall be identified and maintained in separate accounts as directed by the Executive Committee. Disbursements shall be made by the Treasurer consistent with the annual budget or at the direction of the Executive Committee.

C. An annual review shall be made of the Treasurer's ledgers within thirty (30) days following the end of the fiscal year. A report of this review shall be submitted to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Delegate, and the Immediate Past President.

A. Eligibility:

- 1. The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Chapter Delegate shall be Members in good standing of the Chapter roster of Professional, Retired and Life categories.
- 2. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from the roster of all members in good standing.

B. Term of Office:

- 1. The President-Elect shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The first as President-Elect; the second year, President; the third year, Immediate Past President.
- 2. Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Delegate shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

All Officers except President and President-Elect may succeed themselves.

C. Nominations:

An appointed Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates no later than the October Executive Committee meeting. Additional nominations may be made by the membership by contacting the Nominating Committee no later than October 31.

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- 1. The nominating Committee shall cause ballots listing the candidates to be mailed to all voting members no later than November 15.
- 2. In the event there are no contested offices, ballots will not be mailed and the biographies of the unopposed candidates to be installed as officers shall be published.
- D. Elections:

The returned ballots shall be received by an appointed Tellers Committee no later than December 31. The Tellers Committee shall tabulate the ballots and report the results to the President no later than seven (7) days before the January Executive Committee Meeting.

- E. Duties:
- 1. All Officers shall attend all meetings of The Chapter. (See Article VIII Meetings)
- 2. The President shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Chapter, preside at all meetings and appoint all Committee Chairs with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. The President shall represent the Chapter and PLSO at all appropriate functions attend the PLSO Annual Conference and attend all Chapter related social functions.
- 3. The President-Elect shall assume the duties of, or shall represent the President upon the President's request. The purpose of this term shall be to prepare the President-Elect for the leadership requirements of the Presidency.
- 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Chapter and shall be responsible for keeping a record of all Chapter correspondence.
- 5. The Treasurer shall perform all duties consistent with Article IV, Finances, of this Constitution. The Treasurer shall give a monthly report and an annual report of the Chapter finances to the Chapter Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall furnish to PLSO financial information about the Chapter when requested.
- 6. The Chapter Delegate shall represent the Chapter at all PLSO Executive Committee meetings and shall submit a written report to the Chapter of the PLSO Executive Committee's proceedings. The Chapter Delegate shall submit a written report to the PLSO Executive Committee of the Chapter's proceedings.
- F. Vacancies:

If the Office of President becomes vacant, the President-Elect shall assume the office of President and shall serve the remainder of this term and then the normal elected term. In the event the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a President-Elect from among the eligible members of The Chapter to serve until the next regular election. All other vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee and shall serve until the next regular election.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Membership:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Chapter Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President.

B. Quorum:

A quorum shall consist of at least half of the members of the Executive Committee provided that the meeting is chaired by either the President, or the President-Elect, or the Immediate Past President.

C. Duties

The Executive Committee shall conduct all business of the Chapter during the Chapter year. It shall be responsible for determining and implementing of Chapter Policies and the uses of Chapter Funds.

D. Accountability and Recourse:

The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the General Membership and any action by the Executive Committee shall be subject to a referendum by the Membership. Such referendum must be initiated by written petition of 25 Members. Said petition shall be presented to the President. The President shall cause a ballot to be sent by First Class Mail to all voting members within 30 days of receipt of said petition. The date of the tally shall be thirty (30) days after the

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mailing date of the ballot. The ballots shall be returned to an appointed tellers committee of at least three (3) members, at least one of which shall be a signatory of the challenging petition. This Committee shall tally the votes and report the results to the President, the Executive Committee and the Membership. Actions reflecting the desires of the voting membership shall be immediately affected by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

- A. In order to achieve the mission statement of the Chapter, most efficiently, six (6) Committees categories are hereby established. These committees shall address the principal functions of the Chapter. These functions are Membership, Communication, Education, Finance, Elections, and Program. (See By-law I, Committees).
- B. Standing and Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed. The makeup of the Committees shall be at the discretion of the President, except as specified herein or as written in their respective guidelines (See By-law I, Committees). Committee appointments expire with the President's term unless written duties specify otherwise.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS:

A. ANNUAL MEETING:

- An Annual Meeting will be held each year on the fourth Thursday in January for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the Treasurer and other significant committees, briefly discussing the schedule of events for the coming year, and installing the new Officers. The membership shall be advised of the actions of the Executive Committee from the previous year and be presented with the budget for the coming year. (In case of a conflict with the PLSO Annual Conference, an alternate date will be chosen by the Executive Committee.)
- B. Regular, Seminar, and Executive Committee meetings of the Chapter shall be held as designated by the Executive Committee. The membership shall be notified of the meeting schedule and location.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee by written notice to the Membership being notified seven (7) days prior to the proposed meeting. The notice shall state the purpose, time, date and place of said Special Meeting.
- D. All meetings shall be open to the General Membership and shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

- A. The Chapter hereby accepts Article X of the PLSO Constitution as its own except the Secretary of the Chapter is substituted for the Executive Director.
- B. Any Article or Section of the PLSO Constitution accepted and affecting this Chapter Constitution shall, if amended by the State Membership, be automatically amended herein except where such amendments would be in conflict with this Chapter Constitution.

ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS

Such By-Laws as are essential to the conducting of the affairs of the Chapter may be enacted and revised by the Executive Committee. Any new or revised By-Law will not become valid until thirty (30) days after the membership is notified in writing.

BY-LAW 1-COMMITTEES

- A. The Standing Committees established under Article VII shall have, but are not limited to, responsibility for the following:
- 1. Membership
 - a. Membership Committee
- 2. Communications Committee:
 - a. Newsletter Committee
 - b. Website Committee

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- 3. Program Committee:
 - a. Program selection Committee
 - -Meeting sites
 - -Speaker/content
 - b. Golf outing Committee
- 4. Education
 - a. Trig*Star Committee
 - b. Scholarship Committee
- 5. Finance
 - a. Financial Review Committee
 - b. Budget Committee
 - c. Investments Committee
- 6. Elections
 - a. Nominations Committee
 - b. Tellers Committee

BY-LAW II- DUES

The Annual dues shall be \$ 20.00. All Professional, Associate, Affiliate and Certified Survey Technician Members shall pay the stated dues amount. All other members shall pay no dues.

BY-LAW III OFFICER EXPENSE

Expenses incurred while representing the Chapter at Professional functions shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for prior approval and payment in accordance with established policy.

BY-LAW IV-DISSOLUTION

In the event the Chapter shall become inactive for any reason, and is so certified to be inactive or defunct by PLSO, the Treasury, records and appurtenances shall be transferred to PLSO.

BY-LAW V - DEFINITIONS

- 1. Fiscal Year shall be the calendar year January 1 through December 31. Chapter Year shall be from one Annual Meeting to the next Annual Meeting (January to January).
- 2. The terms "mail", "mailed", "notified", "notice", "sent", and/or similar phrases may be used to indicate U.S. Postal Service mail, private shipping vendors, or communications conducted in electronic format.

ACCEPTANCE:

Accepted by vote by mail ballot of the Membership of the Cleveland Chapter, Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc. and becoming effective January 26, 2012.

Secretary, Michael A. Ackerman