

Cleveland Surveying News

March 2012

- March 1st Seminar: David L. Harvey, Attorney-at-Law
- Scholarship application deadline: March 1
- 2012 Chapter Calendar

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Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio

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Speaker: David L. Harvey III of
Harvey & Abens, LLC. Attorneys-at-Law

Topic: Survey map disclaimers do's & don'ts, ways to get
paid faster, 1.5 PHDs

Location: Cuyahoga County Engineer's
Test lab Facilities,
2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland
Free parking ([Map](#))

Cost: \$15 PLSO Members, \$35 non-members

Schedule

6:00 Pizza & Socializing
6:30 Speaker
8:00 Adjourn

Reservations Required

(for food and PDH certificates)

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Next Month: Thursday April 5 Social Dinner with Speaker

Speaker: Lisa Petit, PhD. Chief, Resource Management Division
Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Topic: How Surveyors can raise awareness of Professional Surveying by donating time and services to the park (as other companies and organizations have), and current park projects.

Location: Restaurant TBA. Look for final details in the next newsletter.



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President's Message

I've written many times in the Cleveland Surveying News, but this is my first as chapter president. Dino Lustri has prepared me well by running executive meetings for him (with Dino on conference call speaker) while he was traveling around the country for work. I enjoy his enthusiasm. We need more people who want to step forward and make an impact for all surveyors. This year's goal for this newsletter is to broaden the involvement that goes into each issue. Peter D. Zwick will be contributing articles this year and we are searching for someone to take editorial and miscellaneous writings over from me. Interested? Please contact me.



Robert Hoy
President

Over the past three years I've realized we surveyors need to make related industries and government more aware of what us and what we do. This is why I created the *Cleveland Land Surveyor* magazine that was mailed to different government agencies. Those that received the magazine will be receiving notifications that this newsletter is available. Our April 5th social dinner will have a representative from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park speaking to us. We'll find out how we can raise awareness in the eyes of the park going public by donating our services and helping the park make improvements with ever tighter budgets. We can help each other achieve our goals together.

My other task this year will be increasing membership. It seems I read this in many a chapter's goals for next year in their chapter annual report. The executive committee has had discussions about the need to reach out to non-member licensed surveyors. We will do that this year, probably in the second half of the year because that's a more opportune time for what I have in mind. Our chapter membership is down about 20 members in the past three years. It's time to turn that around.

President-Elect

Our chapter needs someone to step forward and take on the office of president-elect. It's an excellent opportunity to be exposed to all that is going on "behind the scenes" in the surveying profession. You'll find out things that are happening that you probably won't be aware of in your daily work. We need fresh enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Dino Lustri came forward two years ago as president-elect and has had a significant impact on our direction. You can have that impact too. Interested? Please contact me.

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Cleveland Chapter Scholarship

There's just a few days left to mail in your application. Submission deadline is March 1 for our chapter's scholarship. See information and [download the rules & qualifications](http://cleveland.plso.com/scholarship.html) and application at:
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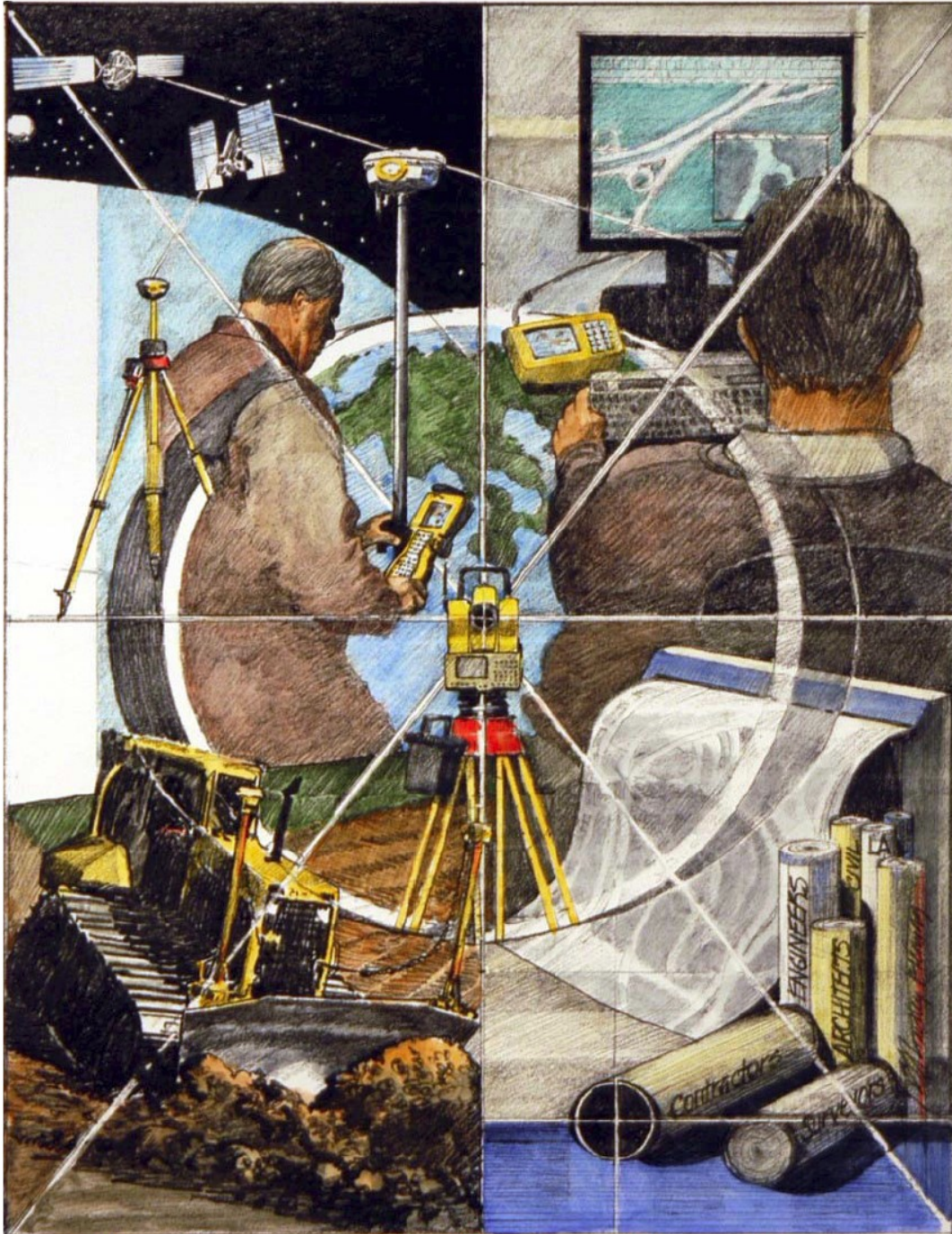
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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

"DEBTORS TO OUR PROFESSION"

At the recently concluded Annual Conference of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, Inc., our own George Hoffman was sworn in as President-Elect. He is the first member of the Cleveland Chapter to reach this position since John R. (Jack) Hoy ascended to it in 1987. Next year, George will become President, only the fourth President in history from the Cleveland Chapter.

To say that I am proud and happy with George's ascendancy would be a gross understatement. George has earned this position by many years of service to this Chapter, the State and the profession. He has taken on many jobs for the Chapter and has done them well. When you see him, don't just congratulate him for his office, thank him for his service.

In 1630, Sir. Francis Bacon stated "Every man is a debtor to his profession." He was speaking at that time about the British legal profession but his words hold true for the surveying profession. Bacon claimed "that every "man of course" who claims status and livelihood from a professional pursuit owes his chosen profession a debt just as the farmer must replenish nutrients in the soil from which he harvests crops if he expects to continue an abundant harvest. " He also said "Professional debt is paid to some degree by ethical conduct of one's professional activities. However, the debt demands, in addition to ethical conduct, effort to enhance the quality of one's chosen profession. "

Can there be a similarity between the 17th century attack on England's legal system and profession and the current challenge against the professional standing of surveying in the United States? The answer is Yes.

Part of this "debt to our Profession" involves something called "volunteerism." That, in part, is **active participation** in the societies that represent

us, local, state and national.

How better to continue an education than by joining with and learning from other people in your same profession? How better to have an impact on the direction your profession is headed than lending your time and talents to your profession and professional society?



John Dailey, P.S.

In 1976. The late Bill Haas was moving into the office of President-Elect of PLSO. At that time, PLSO was stumbling along with serious problems, both operationally and financially. He came to me and said " come along, together **we** can make a difference." Using the talents of some very dedicated people who were already there and those who came onto the state level, PLSO over the years has gained financially, in size and in stature to become the fine organization that it is today. Without dedicated people, this could not be accomplished, It is not done by any one individual, it was done by dedicated people working together.

That is our "debt to our profession," to work together for the betterment of all of our members and of our chosen profession. Is there work involved? Oh, Yes. Is it rewarding? A definite yes. Involvement gives you the opportunity to meet many people from other areas, to swap "war stories" and to discuss mutual problems and solutions. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale stated that "no man is an island." We may wish to retain the mantra of a rugged individualist but that does not work anymore. Working together, we can make a difference.

Remember the Nike ads: Just Do It!

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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

Presented by Thomas M. 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

NOTE THAT THIS WAS THE ANNUAL MEETING CONDUCTED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

- Call to order at 5:25 p.m. Friday February 10, 2012, North Pointe Conference Center in, Columbus Ohio.
- Devotions and Pledge of Allegiance
- A Quorum is not required and votes are tallied against membership in attendance.
- Meeting minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- The 2012 Budget was reviewed and ratified by unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

- Passed revised definition of Surveying.
- “White Paper” on Tax Map operations from the State Board is nearly complete.

New Business – No report.

Committee Reports – Are posted in the Annual Report Book. One comment from the Communications Committee that there will be no change to the P.L.S.O. Logo.

Recognition of Dignitaries

- No State officials were in attendance.
- N.S.P.S. Area 5 Coordinator Jan Fokens reported that the Spring meeting will

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Thomas Snezek
Delegate

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focus on membership, the July meeting in San Diego will focus on Education and will be co-hosted with URISA and the final merger of ACSM to NSPS will mostly likely occur in April of 2012.

- There were four County Engineers in attendance at the conference.
- The Indiana Society reported that they have a new web-site and has Right-of-Entry Legislation in place.
- The Michigan Society's Mark Powell reported that they too have a new web-site and new Logo. Their membership is at 650 of which 450 are licensed. The state has approximately 900 licensed surveyors.
- The West Virginia Society reported that they now have a VRS network. In 2010 it became a requirement to have a four year degree to become licensed to practice in their state.

Scholarship Awards

Anthony Faldo, U of A (\$2000)	Cody Boucle, O.S.U. (\$1000)
Sam Hecht, N.K.Y.U. (\$2000)	Joshua Gannett, O.S.U. (\$1000)
Timothy Start, O.S.U. (\$2000)	Amanda Verhoff, O.S.U. (\$1000)

Member of the Year – Albert Orion Myers III, P.S.

Surveyor of the Past

- Jack A. Hamilton of the Ohio Valley Chapter
- Wilbur H. "WIB" Mechwart of the Central Ohio Chapter

Recognition of the 2011 Officers, Announcement of the 2012 officers

Adjourned at 6:12 PM

Thomas Snezek, P.S.
Chapter Delegate



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2014 PLSO Annual Conference

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The 2014 Annual Conference will be held again at the InterContinental Hotel attached to the Cleveland Clinic.

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Dignitaries from the Annual Meeting.

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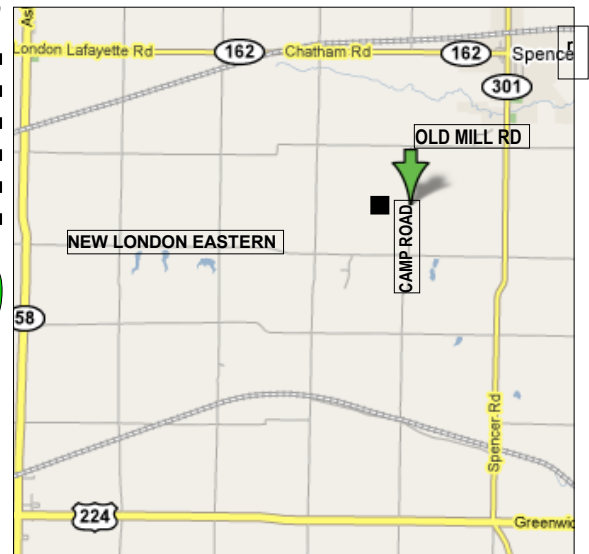
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Timothy Feller not present, President-Elect office vacant.



2012 Cleveland Chapter *Surveyor of the Year*
award recipient David Bruckner, P.S.

Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2012 Calendar

Mar 1 Seminar Meeting
Scholarship Submission Deadline
Mar 9 PLSO Executive Meeting
Mar 12 Chapter Executive Meeting
Mar 23 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Apr 5 Social Dinner Meeting with speaker
Apr 13 PLSO Executive Meeting
Apr 16 Chapter Executive Meeting

May 3 Seminar Meeting
May 11 PLSO Executive Meeting
May 14 Chapter Executive Meeting
May 23 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Jun 7 Education Appreciation dinner
Jun 22 William J. Haas Memorial Golf

Jul 13 PLSO Executive Meeting

Aug 13 Chapter Executive Meeting
Aug 17 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Sep 6 Seminar Meeting
Sep 14 PLSO Executive Meeting
Sep 17 Chapter Executive Meeting
Sep 21 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Oct 4 Social Dinner Meeting
Oct 11 PLSO Executive Meeting
Oct 15 Chapter Executive Meeting
Oct 19 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Nov 1 Seminar Meeting
Nov 9 PLSO Executive Meeting
Nov 12 Chapter Executive Meeting

Dec 14 PLSO Executive Meeting (if needed)
Dec 17 Chapter Executive Meeting (if needed)
Dec 19 Cleveland Surveying News deadline