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*"United we stand, divided we perish."*

- William J. Haas, 1974

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# President's Message

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Hopefully over time this will develop in to one of our areas best destinations for research. It can only happen with support from our members! Feel free to contact me regarding any ideas you might have related to this effort.

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## April Social Dinner Recap

18 people enjoyed the conversation and food at The Harp on April 7. Chapter member Carl Gulla attended and bought everyone appetizers because it was his birthday! See what you missed out on if you didn't go?

## Editor's Notes

The Lake County GIS is still undergoing a significant software update. The Historic Navigator of the Lake GIS will be featured when their system is available again.

This stone (photo at right) is about 100 years old from Cleveland Heights and was removed to install a concrete driveway recently. It was left on the tree lawn for trash pickup.

Photo courtesy of Michael Camilly.

Cover Photo:  
It's been raining so much lately, this is what any lawn furniture will look like once we get around to cutting the grass this Spring!



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We will be on their covered and heated beer garden/patio (photo below)



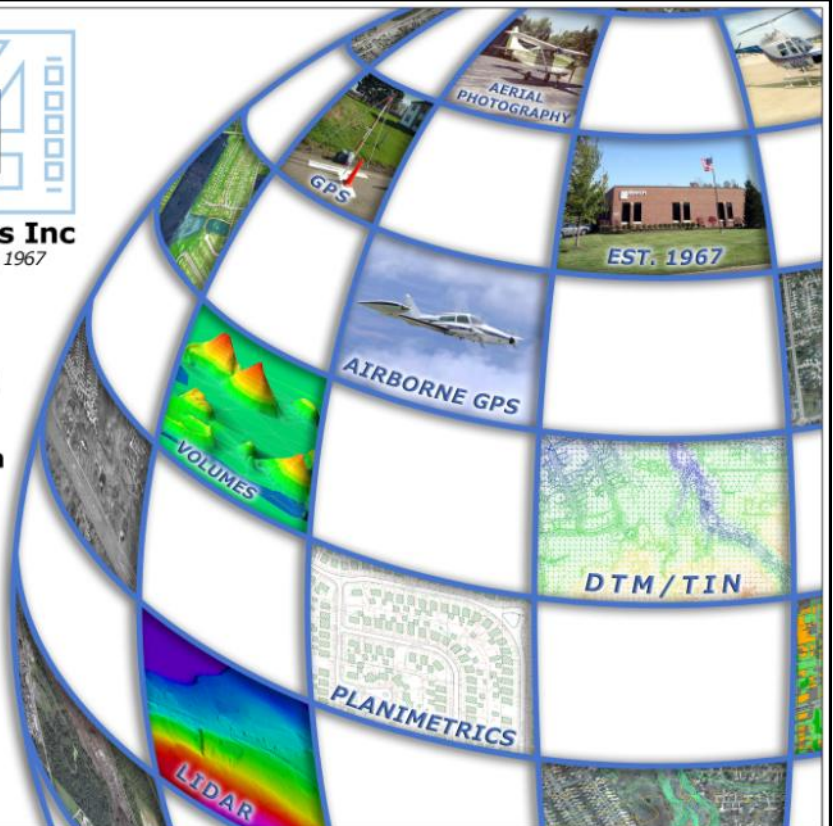
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## Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

How about a little history?

Everyone in the Greater Cleveland Area knows where Riverside Cemetery is but very few know much about it. Let me tell you what I discovered. The Connecticut Land Company held title to the lands west of the Cuyahoga River after 1795 but the occupation of that land was held by Indian tribes. It was not until 1805 that those claims were settled.

James and Mary Fish of Groton, Connecticut, were the first purchasers of land in Range 13, Township 7 in the Connecticut Western Reserve in the wild west territory of Ohio which eventually became Brooklyn Township. They were the first "legal" and permanent settlers west of the Cuyahoga River. In the Spring of 1812 they moved to the west bank. Isaiah Fish was born 1814 making him the first white child born west of the Cuyahoga River in the Western Reserve.

The Fish family's found a neighbor, a Canadian squatter named Granger (remember that name) who was already living on a magnificent hillside with a great view of the Cuyahoga River valley. With the arrival of the Fish family, Granger and his two sons apparently felt they were being squeezed by civilization and by all the newcomers, so they sold their improvements and moved further west to the Maumee country. The site of Granger's cabin was, and is now known as Granger Hill. This is not to be confused with the Granger Road Hill in Valley View and Garfield Heights. That one was named for John Granger of Independence Township and is now part of Garfield Heights and Valley View.

Fish had other neighbors, not near as friendly as Granger. It seems that the west bank of the Cuyahoga River was infested with rattlesnakes. After his first encounter with them, he stated "What a smart idea it was for God Almighty to put bells on them things!" They were a constant threat, sometimes crawling up through the openings in his cabin floor. Fish became known as an expert rattlesnake hunter.

Granger Hill was part of the land which eventually became Riverside Cemetery. What started out as 102 acres has been trimmed down to its present 90 acres by Interstate highways, land sales and other developments. Riverside Cemetery was founded in

1874 in response to Lake View Cemetery on the East side. The west side elite wanted a high quality cemetery of their own and they got it.

As Paul Harvey always said, "and *now the rest of the story.*"

A Sauk Indian by the name of Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kia-kiak (which translates to "Black Sparrow Hawk" or Black Hawk) was born in 1767 in the large Sauk village near what is now the city of Rock Island, Illinois. He grew up in this hunting and trading village and came to hate the Americans after he heard of the American purchase of the Louisiana Territory. In 1804, a treaty was negotiated in which the Sauk and Fox Indians ceded about 15 million acres of land east of the Mississippi River to the United States. This infuriated Black Hawk. During the War of 1812, Black Hawk, as war chief, sided with the British and fought at the side of Tecumseh. After the war, Black Hawk signed a document confirming the Treaty of 1804. Later, he recanted and said he was ignorant of what the document said. In 1831, the Sauk returned to the Illinois country to reclaim their ancestral lands and this is what precipitated the "Black Hawk War."

The Illinois Governor requested Federal troops and called out the Illinois Militia to meet this threat. Black Hawk withdrew back across the Mississippi and rethought his plans. In 1832, with between 400 and 500 warriors and their families, he re-crossed the Mississippi to fight for their lands. He believed that he would receive assistance from Canada and other Indian tribes. He was wrong.

Black Hawk sent a delegation to speak to the Americans, but some of the Illinois militiamen killed two of the representatives. Black Hawk and his warriors headed back west across the Mississippi to end the fighting. They were attacked by the army and militia at the mouth of the Bad Axe River in Wisconsin, defeated and captured. In the peace treaty, the Sauk had to cede more of their land in return for an annuity and a reservation in Iowa.

This Black Hawk War brought together, as allies, two military officers who would meet again under far different circumstances. One was an Illinois Militia lieutenant named Abraham Lincoln and the other was a



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West Point graduate named Jefferson Davis. Remember, the Civil War was still 28 years in the future. (Cont'd from Page 7)

In 1833, Black Hawk was taken east to meet with President Andrew Jackson and was imprisoned for a while at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. Black Hawk was sent back west under armed guard, passing along the south shore of Lake Erie. He asked to stop for a while in Cleveland in order to visit his mother's grave. He was given a canoe or small boat, paddled a couple of miles up the Cuyahoga River to a bluff on the west side of the river, where he stopped and paid his respects to his mother. The

bluff is believed to be Granger Hill, now part of Riverside Cemetery. He returned to the mouth of the Cuyahoga River with tears in his eyes and continued his trip westward. He had lost control of the Sauk Tribe to a younger chief and died in Iowa in 1838.

Now that is the rest of the story.... or is it? There is a question in all this. If he was born in the Illinois country, why was his mother buried in the Cleveland area? As in almost any research, some information always raises more questions.

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## Delegate Report

Executive Committee Meeting - Friday April 9, 2011, 6:05 P.M.

- 1.2 No visitors or guests
- 1.3 Two alternate delegates seated
- 1.4 Quorum Established
- 1.5 One Agenda item added, (see 5.2 on Ethic issue)
- 2.0 Secretary's minutes From March meeting were accepted with minor revisions
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - Report for March was reviewed with some discussion about the low return on the saving account. It was determined the state of the economy was the cause. Report accepted pending review of the Finance Committee.



**Thomas Snezek**  
Delegate

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 4.1 Director Gilpin reviewed the Social Media proposal for the State's website. "Marcy Designs" who did their original webpage was discussed, (see proposal attached). Initial cost would be \$750 to set-up and \$200 per month to maintain until the end of the current fiscal year (ending June). Motion passed to allow up to \$1400 to be draw from line item #3300 on the budget.
- 4.2 Director Gilpin said the Statute of Limitation bill was tabled by Senator Sites who has lost his seat as the committee chair. Discussion on when the four-year window would begin: The Recording date? The invoice date? The date the pins were set?

### **New Business:**

- 5.1 Bob Akins reported no new members.
- 5.2 President-Elect Dana Parsell discussed an issue regarding a potential ethic concern for our membership. The issue revolves around an alleged altering of topographic spot elevations on a surveyors map to get Board of Health and municipal approvals. The complaint was brought by the neighbor who happens to be a surveyor. The surveyor of records made no complaint. The State Board reviewed and dismissed the case in 2009. Mr. Parsell was presenting the issue in behalf of the neighbor surveyor, a Mr. Larry Askins. Mr. Askins was asking for the P.L.S.O. to take up the cause. It was discussed and determined that since we no longer have a "Professional Practices Committee", which was disbanded in 1985, we would not get involved.

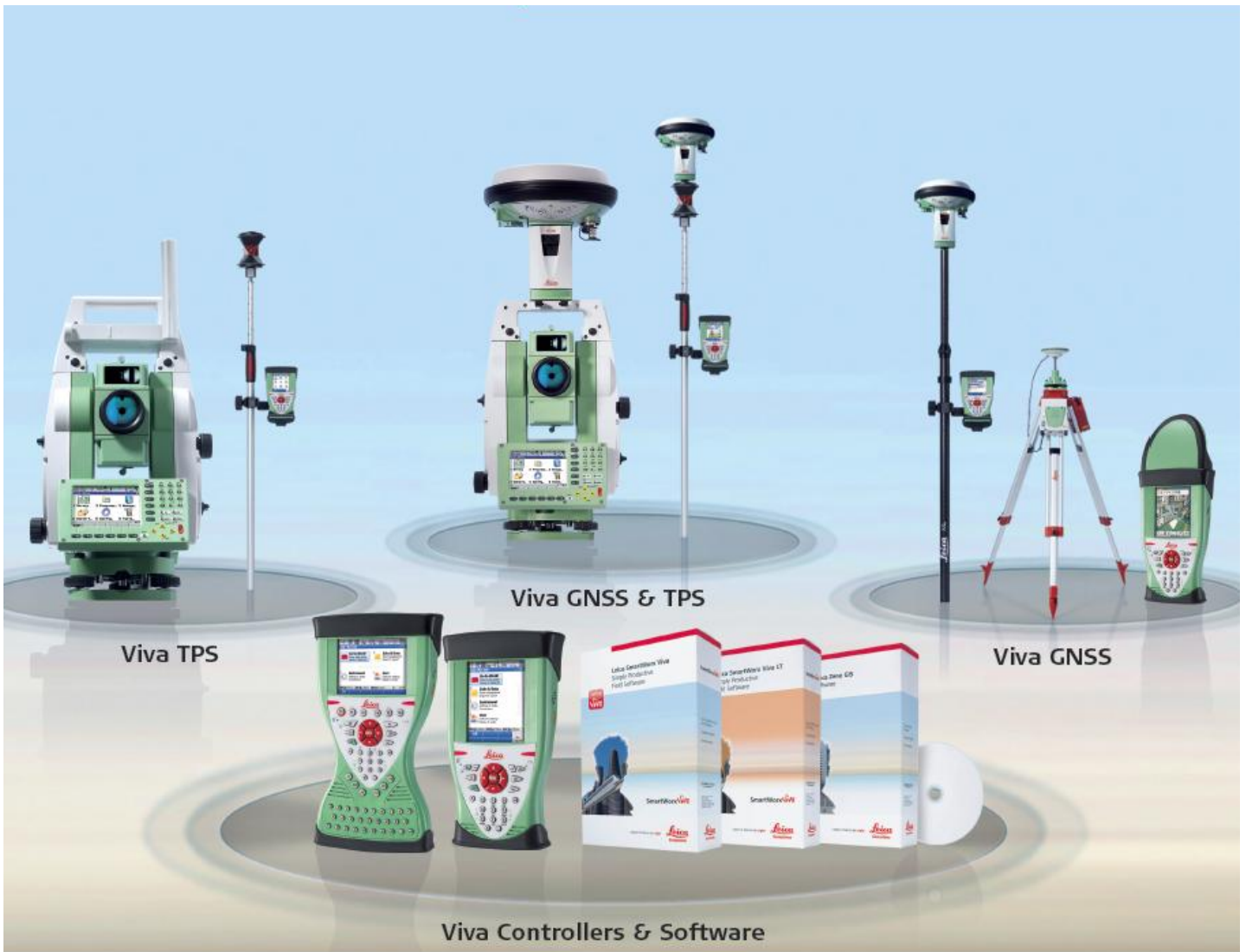
### **Inter-Association Delegates:**

- 6.1 CEAO: Director Gilpin reported on behalf of Mr. Ringle. The CEAO is concerned with the "Load-Axle" weight limit increase that may be of detriment to the various county bridges around the state.
- 6.2 ODOT: Jim Kenyon, No Report
- 6.3 State Board of Registration Melinda Gilpin: No Report
- 6.4 OGRIP: President Don Pickenpaugh reported in behalf of Mr. Ringle. The State has begun re-flying the four quadrants of the state and will complete one per year. A buy-up to half-foot pixels is available.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Special Committees:**

- 7.11 PAC by Ron Myers: The fund has a current balance of \$2197 with no new contributions this month.
- 7.12 Standards: Brad Kramer, No Report
- 7.13 State Line: Dean Ringle, No Report
- 7.14 Historic Review: Director Gilpin on behalf of Mike Besch She presented their request asking for a flyer to be included with the annual dues invoice. Said flyer would be requesting a donation to the historical foundation. No motion was generated but it did not receive much support. She noted that next year for surveyor's week there may be a re-enactment of a colonial survey performed on the State House grounds hosted by the Central Chapter.
- 7.2 Newsletter Melinda Gilpin: Deadline was April 1st more ads are still coming. She will go to print on May 11th.
- 7.3 N.S.P.S. Governor Bob Akins received a group of Survey data reports for the "Surveyor Week" event. He reported no change on the issue of NSPS withdrawing from ACSM.
- 7.31 Trig Star Pat Leonhardt was not in attendance. It was reported that at the Toledo Christian School there was one perfect score recorded. Bob Akins reported that a local public school 11 students took the test and did very badly, with one student getting a "0".
- 7.32 CST Coordinator Pat Leonhardt: No Report.
- 7.33 Geocaching Coordinator, Bob Akins reported that he worked geocaching in to his Sur- (Cont'd on Page 13)



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7.34 PLSO President's Travel: Motion was passed to pay for the airfare for President Don Pickenpauh to go to the NSPS/ACSM Conference in San Diego. His employer will pick up his tuition, hotel and meals. This will be funded out of Account #5400 of the budget.

### **Standing Committees**

7.41 Program Dean Fredrick: The committee is made up of the Officers and 4 or 5 representatives of any upcoming events. The next meeting will be in July. Discussion about the feasibility of continuing annual conferences which carry a lower profit to work hours expended ratio when compared to a one day seminar or fall conference. Melinda stated that she does not concur with John Hoy's report for the 2011 Conference. This issue along with many more will be explored at the next Program meeting.

### *Conference Reports*

2011 - Cleveland's Financial and Attendance Report was distributed.

2012 - Central Ohio Chapter is debating on Saturday or Wednesday classes, if they'll have a banquet and a spouse program

### *Seminar Reports*

2011 – Fall is good to go.

2012 – Fall contact signed.

7.42 Membership Bob Akins: No Report.

7.43 Interprofessional Affairs A.J. Meyers: No Report

7.44 Education Dean Frederick: No Report.

7.45 Legislation Bryan Ellis: (Melinda Gilpin): H.B. 32 was dropped by Rep Amstad 48 hours before the vote. They said it would add \$3000 to the application cost. Opposition claims it will affect the state budget. You can still testify, don't email your testimony. It will tip your hand bring it when you testify. In a related issue, concern was brought up about copyright regulations. Practice of taking a copy of a record plats or surveys and superimposing a design on top, like a treatment facility or septic system. Discussion was to have the Copyright Speaker from the annual conference review this issue and write language to protect, estimated cost \$1500 to \$1700.

7.46 Finance Paul Dinan: No Report.

7.47 Past Presidents Council Rion Myers: A meeting date was set for May 13th to discuss hiring a Strategic Planner. Four applicants are under consideration. Estimated cost is around \$2000 for a one day event. Motion passed not to exceed \$2000 to be drawn on Budget Item #3300.

7.48 Scholarship Director Gilpin reported on behalf of Rocky Lomano: Next meeting will via emails. Columbus Foundation will get comments ready to be presented to the Board at the July Excom meeting.

7.49 Scholarship Fund Board Frank Snyder: No Report.

7.50 Fund Raiser, Rion Myers and Brad Kramer reported a very successful event in Cleveland in February.

7.51 Management Review, Don Pickenpauh report he will review this fall. New computer for Barb and Melinda are needed.

8.0 Delegates Reports: All reports submitted in writing.

9.0 President Elect Report Dana Parsell: No significant items reported.

10.0 PLSO Staff Report: Melinda Gilpin: Great Wolf Lodge offering discount tickets to PLSO members. A Chapter, who went unnamed, elected a non-PLSO member as its president. This has been corrected. A word to the wise to be careful about who you elect.

11.0 President's Report: Don Commended Barb and Melinda on their helpfulness as he becomes adjusted to his new position. He was honored and proud to attend the swearing in ceremony in the state house for the new surveyors and surveyor-interns.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Snezek, Cleveland Chapter Delegate

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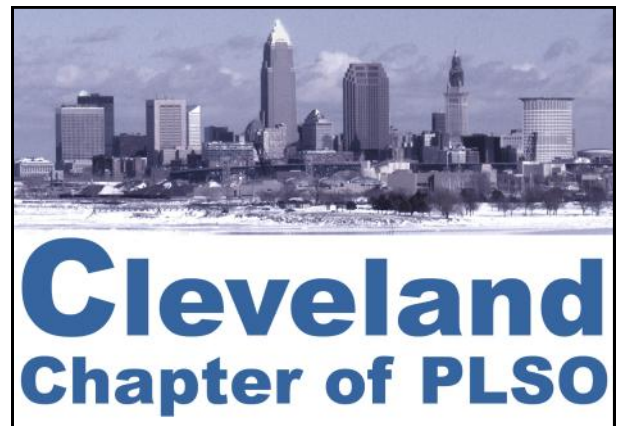
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Is an informal group, meets every other month, that promotes geographic data sharing, encourages data standardization, and provides a network for the exchange of technical information between all **GIS** users.

<http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/guono>

Next Meeting: Half Day Seminar

Thursday June 9th, 2011 from 12:30 to 4:30 at the Cleveland Metroparks Canalway Center, E. 49th Street, Cleveland Ohio 44125

Registration is required: [Click Here](#) to register online.

### ESRI ArcGIS Land Records User Meeting

12:30 – 1:00 **Participant check-in/registration**

1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

#### ArcGIS 10 Best Practices for Land Records Management: An Overview

- ArcGIS 10: A complete system for Land Records Management
- Five Patterns of Land Records Management Best Practice

1:30 – 2:30 **Parcel Asset Management with ArcGIS 10**

- Parcel Fabric
- Parcel Toolbar
- Work Flow Manager

2:30 – 2:50 **Break**

2:50 – 4:20 **ArcGIS 10 Land Records Resource Center Templates**

- Planning & Analysis for Revenue Generation
- Templates for Web-based Public Access and Citizen Engagement
- Mobile Workforce Automation

4:20 – 4:30 **Wrap-up and Q&A**



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## Executive Committee

Cleveland Surveying News

### Meeting Highlights

April 11, 2011

Imaginit Technologies' Office

In attendance: George Hofmann and all officers except John Bischof, Tom Snezek, and Louise Veverka.



**Michael Ackerman**  
Secretary

#### Treasury:

John informed Dino we received the \$3000 from the State office for the annual conference.

#### Chapter Delegate:

The statute of limitations bill was tabled by Senator Seitz who has lost his seat as committee chair.

#### Communication:

No updates on the NSPS Journalism Awards.

#### Education:

- Chris Tomko reported one more application for the scholarship has been submitted from the University of Akron.
- Ken Hedjuk, George Hofmann, and Scott Casey have been added as new committee members to the Scholarship Committee.
- A meeting will be called in order to have recommendations by the May meeting.

#### Program:

Scott Casey announced 18 people attended the April 7 social meeting held at The Harp. Have not yet found out if the County Test Lab Facility is still available for seminars. The site for the June social meeting will be determined.

#### Old Business:

- Kevin Grigsby gave an overview before the meeting about the new data base design. Kevin will be at the May meeting around 5:30 to demonstrate the initial web design.
- The CEO stated they would not proceed further on the issue of the new county government at this time.







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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011

IMAGINiT, 8001 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

In attendance: All officers, Jack Hoy, John Hoy, and George Hofmann.

Executive Committee meeting minutes from January accepted as revised.

**Treasury:** Written reports for January and February accepted for review.

### Chapter Delegate:

- Tom Snezek reviewed the January 14, 2011 meeting.
- The statute of limitations issue was discussed by PLSO with Representative Ron Amstutz.
- The state board is considering allowing the PS exam to be taken online by 2014.
- The 2011 ASCM Alta standards have been accepted by HUD.
- The issue of the new TeleCom Band interfering with the current GPS Band was discussed.
- Tom requested that the Cleveland Chapter host the Annual Conference in 2014.

### Communication:

- Bob Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be Monday March 21, 2011.
- Rob Krause has updated the website. One new feature added is the ability to track where the server is that the hits on the website are coming from.
- The NSPS Journalism award deadline has been extended.
- With a change in the post office hours, John Bischof suggested moving the chapter P.O. Box or eliminating it. The chapter decided to keep it at this time in order to have a permanent address. John gave the P.O. Box key to Bob Hoy.

### Education:

- Chris Tomko reported one application for the scholarship has been submitted from the University of Akron.
- Chris suggested adding a way to directly email or send the application directly to the Education Trustee.
- There have been no applications sent for this years Trig-Star competition.

### Membership:

Louise Veverka will try to compile a list of current members vs. all registered surveyors in the state. One new member for the Cleveland Chapter was announce at the March State meeting.

### Program:

- Scott Casey asked for seminar topic suggestions.
- Scott announced the April 7 social meeting will be held at The Harp, 4408 Detroit Ave.
- Tom Snezek found an open contract from 2001 to use the County Test Lab Facility. At the time the only requirement was for PLSO to have insurance. Tom is not sure if the new county government is aware of the contract or if they will honor it.
- Bob Hoy offered to conduct a free non-cpd seminar in May on how to use *Microsoft Publisher*.

**Conference Update:** John Hoy reviewed details from the February conference.

### Old Business:

- Dino Lustri found another source for uploading to the database. The cost to be around \$950.
- Dino bought the domain names plso.net and plso.info. The goal is for the chapter to take over these names for database/website purpose. He suggested buying the domain plso.com and its contents from Rob Krause to allow the chapter to have control over the time frame of updating the site. The chapter recognized the work Rob has put into the website over the years and would like to find an acceptable way to compensate him for the domain. **MOTION PASSED** to allow up to \$1500 for website and online database development.



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**New Business:**

- The chapter will talk to the CEO to get their reaction concerning the new county government. Any further discussion will be tabled until next month.
- An education document about why a surveyor is important and what to expect from a survey will be tabled until next month.
- The chapter will look at for next year how to help the Boy Scouts earn Mapping/Surveying badges.
- It was proposed that members of the Executive Committee be reimburse a percentage of the cost to attend non-local conferences/seminars/meeting. Further discussion is tabled until next month.
- A student from the 2002-2003 survey school asked for a reprint of the certificate. Flood map updates will be tabled until next month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Ackerman

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**Mar 30** Cleveland Land Surveyor deadline

**Apr 7** Social dinner meeting  
**Apr 8** PLSO Executive Committee meeting  
**Apr 11** Chapter Executive meeting  
**Apr 18** Cleveland Surveying News deadline  
**Apr 27** Cleveland Land Surveyor deadline

**May 13** PLSO Executive Committee meeting  
**May 16** Chapter Executive meeting  
**May 18** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Jun 2** "Education Appreciation" dinner meeting  
**Jun 24** William J. Haas Memorial Golf Tournament

**Jul 7-12** ACSM & ERSI: Survey Summit, San Diego, CA  
**Jul 8** PLSO Executive Committee meeting

**Aug 8** Chapter Executive meeting  
**Aug 10** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Sep 1** Seminar meeting  
**Sep 9** PLSO Executive Committee meeting

**Sep 12** Chapter Executive meeting  
**Sep 15** Cleveland Surveying News deadline  
**Sep 28** Cleveland Land Surveyor deadline

**Oct 13-14** PLSO Fall Seminar, Canton  
**Oct 13** PLSO Executive Committee meeting  
**Oct 6** Seminar meeting  
**Oct 17** Chapter Executive meeting  
**Oct 19** Cleveland Surveying News deadline  
**Oct 27** Cleveland Land Surveyor deadline

**Nov 3** Seminar meeting  
**Nov 4** PLSO Executive Committee meeting  
**Nov 14** Chapter Executive meeting

**Dec 5** Chapter Executive meeting (if needed)  
**Dec 7** Cleveland Surveying News deadline (if needed)  
**Dec 9** PLSO Executive Committee meeting (if needed)

**2012**

**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

Imaginit Technologies  
8001 Sweet Valley Drive, Valleyview  
and are open to all Chapter members  
who want to attend.