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- **1/28 Annual Meeting**
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Annual Meeting

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Come out and start the year off with PLSO, meet your 2016 officers, and see colleagues you haven't seen in a while.

Bring colleagues and introduce them to PLSO! And congratulate Steve Metcalf in person on being our Surveyor of the Year award recipient for 2016!

Schedule

6:00 Socializing

6:45 Dinner

Followed by: Annual Meeting,
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From the Desk of the Past-President Elect

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the members of our Chapter and the EXCOM for welcoming me into the “pre” position as President-Elect in 2105. I know this position is a lead in to the President chair and beyond. Actually, I requested the “Elect” title due to my inexperience with the position and the duties that come along with it. Within my year of serving, I learned both the requirements of the position and the requests of its members can carry a lot of responsibility. But I have come to the understanding that being an EXCOM member has its challenges and also its rewards.



As a young surveyor, I thoroughly enjoyed hearing the stories of projects of the past, watching & listening to the seminars we produced, and mostly running the “open concept” post seminar forums. Member participation was great to watch unfold. Each person had their own voices, opinions, and views on subjects that we all encounter everyday of our professional lives. This forum allowed me to absorb the ideas of the other members and make an educated opinion on my own. My personal hope is that the open forum concept will continue past my time served.

Membership: In 2015, Membership involvement continued on an upward trend. We saw activity from members who have had active voices in the past, as well as, others who started pursuing more interest on their own. Louise Veverka has returned to help with meetings, provided guidance, offered opinions, and even offered to help with cataloging of acquired survey records. Dino Lustri offered his technical savvy and knowledge to the electronic portion of the PLSO. This included direction of on the record scanning, PLSO Chapter website, and implementation of the PLSO.info upgrades that are in the works. Scott Casey and Mike Straub have both become contributing columnists with “Casey’s Corner” and “Straub’s Side”. And now Robert Kreider, will be offering a column piece for newsletter publishing as well on construction staking topics. “Kreider’s Kut”. These new additions to “Random lines” by John Dailey and Robert Hoy’s pieces on State Plane coordinates and capped rebar problems all provide added enhancements to our newsletter. Peter Zwick keeps the Trig-Star

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Past President Elect (from Page 5)

participation rolling, and Robert Hoy provided publishing for this very newsletter.

2015 Excomm: have worked hard to provide the members with the same great work as before. Tom Snezek came through with flying colors and lots of work in his labor of love, the Memorial Golf Outing. This outing had a new format, new location, new prizes, great food, and a good turnout. George Hofmann used the "Putting for the PAC" to help raise donations for the Stat's PAC fund. We know this outing will continue positively in the future years to come. Tim Feller, treasurer kept the books afloat, Mike Kral took great meeting minutes, as well as, providing email blasts where needed.

Surveying Records: George Hofmann, Ken Hedjuk, Bob Krause, Joe Gutoskey, Scott Casey, Tom Neff, and others all gave of their time to locate, retrieve, donate, and store retired surveyor records, copies of plats, and other road records. All of these are slated to be scanned and cataloged for generations of surveyors past this initial work.

Seminars/Events: We had multiple 40 to 60 member seminars on GPS surveying, unmanned aerial mapping (drones), Civil 3D tips & tricks, educational dinners, social events. Our Chapter gave away scholarship monies to students that both Ohio State the University of Akron, along with supporting Trig-Star. We made donations to the University of Akron student surveying competition team as well.

During this year, I was approached to return to my (2) time Alma Matter the University of Akron to teach part-time the ways of our profession, Surveying. I have one semester under my belt with "Basic Surveying 1" and this Fall 2016 semester will be teaching "Computer applications in Survey". This will deal with the beginnings of CAD, Carlson, point files, point manipulation, FBK files, and the like. Wow do I have an appreciation to the work involved with teaching!!

With this being said, both of the opportunities of teaching and President-Elect of the chapter proved to be overwhelming on top of my duties to my employer. The time required to properly educate the students, grade papers, prep for tests, lectures, produce at a high level for my employer, and handle my duties at home, really put a strain on me and my time. Thus being the reasons for my temporary (Cont'd on Page 11)

An invaluable tool for Cleveland Chapter members is exclusive access to the Survey Bank containing thousands of surveys in our area. Painstakingly catalogued by member volunteers, this is a searchable database covering Cuyahoga County with overlap into adjoining counties.

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Random Lines

by John Dailey, PS

Here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year and the beginning of a new society year. It is also the end of an era in my personal life. Let me touch on all of these.

First, the beginning of a new calendar year. Are you ready for it? Did you improve your technical and business skills? Did you upgrade your software and your hardware? Did you check the new equipment and methodology that is out there? Are you ready to compete?

If you answered no to these questions, you are really handicapping your self for the future. There are enough challenges out there to your ability to earn a living without creating more yourself.

Second, the new society year. Believe it or not, YOUR Cleveland Chapter, YOUR State PLSO and YOUR National Society of Professional Surveyors are not social organizations. They are not there to hold tea parties or host cotillions. They are all PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS supporting YOU, the Professional Surveyor. These are all living, breath-

ing societies that are there to help YOU earn a living and to garner the respect you want and deserve. They are the faces of the Surveyors that Legislators and governmental bodies see. How often have you talked to your Legislator or your Congressman about issues that affect you and your business? If you are part of the 99 percent who sit back and let someone else do YOUR work, the answer is never.



John Dailey, P.S.

These Professional Associations are working hard to protect YOUR interests. If you do not support them, join in the management of them and become ACTIVE in them, then who will? Now is the time to get active. I don't want to hear your excuses: "I'm too busy", "I have a family", "I don't know how to do that.", "I can't afford it." If you can run a survey crew or a survey business, the talent is there. The only thing you need is the desire to serve and to help YOUR profession. The founders and builders of these Associations faced the same dilemmas and still found the time and talent to overcome obstacles. They did it because they believed in the goals of the ASSOCIATION and they were

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Random Lines (from Page 8)

determined to support the profession they loved so much. They were determined to do what was right for all Surveyors.

In my personal life, I gave up an old and trusted friend this year. I finally decided to put my Professional Surveyor's License into the "retired" status. This hurt much more than I thought it would. It has served me very well for the past 51 years and it was part of me. That license led me to the Professional Associations and to more places than I can recall. It opened many doors to me and introduced me to people around this nation.

We are in a fast changing world, both socially and technologically. I have been retired almost 11 years now and the profession has realistically passed me by technologically. The torch is being passed to you. I, along with many other "more senior Surveyors" believe that we have paid our dues. We have done our duty. The tasks of leadership and the Profession are YOURS.

This is YOUR time, It is YOUR Profession and YOUR Associations. It is your turn to take the lead and to protect YOUR PROFESSION, not only for yourself, but for all those who practice it. If you do not, who will dictate your position in life? Who will set your rules? Are you going to leave the future of OUR PROFESSION to a bunch of button pushers who could not tell the difference between evidence and fact?

The choice is YOURS. You can act or you can sit by and bemoan the fact that you are being relegated to an insignificant position as a footnote in Engineering. ACT!!

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Editor's Message, Final

Eight years ago I took over as editor of the Cleveland Surveying News. Many great things have happened within PLSO and the Cleveland Chapter over those years. This newsletter has gone through a few subtle design changes to get to this current standard that fits my vision for a professional and standardized presentation. All 8 years of CSNs are on our website, along with some prior newsletters before that from issues that we had and scanned. I reviewed Cuyahoga County's and all adjoining county GISs, with input from each GIS director, which helped make GIS professionals aware of land surveying and PLSO. You get out of PLSO only what effort you put in.

Time hasn't been nice to our chapter with member participation and membership, for other professional organizations too. The Great Recession drained about 40 members from the Cleveland Chapter, and those members haven't come back. Sadly it seems we've had as many members pass away as have joined our chapter over the past couple of years. Eight years ago we regularly had 8 to 10 members attending our executive committee meetings. We revised our controlling documents (constitution and by-laws found: <http://cleveland.plso.com/contact.html>) allowing for six officers down from ten to address the trends at the time of difficulty finding members to run for election to make participation less of a commitment. However, the trend has continued with our lack of new members joining the chapter. 2011 was the last year we had all three "presidential" offices filled. One year we were able to fill only 3 of the 6 officer positions which means all three of us had to show up at the executive committee meeting to have the quorum requirement met. The past two years we've had 4 of 6 officer positions filled with 2016 looking to be the same. Louise Veverka has stepped up to be President-Elect again as the first chapter member to start the Presidential path more than once. Looking at our chapter roster, it is filled with past presidents and many *senior* surveyors.

I want to thank those that have contributed to this newsletter over the years, writers, photo takers, and advertisers. We have members still willing to write for the CSN and happy advertisers wanting to continue their partnership with us, yet at this time this newsletter does not have an Editor for the next issue. I didn't know newsletter editing when I took over the CSN just as you aren't experienced at every sort of survey you accept to perform. It's about serving your profession and society. You get out when you put in as I and Mr. Dailey have often reminded you.

Robert Hoy, PS - CSN Editor 2008-2015



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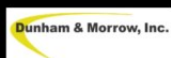
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Surveyor of the Year - Steven J. Metcalf, PS

Steve Metcalf got his first taste of surveying at the Cleveland Metroparks with Nate Orchard as an extra set of hands in the wood of the park system. His time spent with Nate, allowed Steve to see another profession he didn't know existed. After his time working in the public sector, with Park system and the City of Akron water department, he found his way to Neff & Associates.



At Neff & Associates, Steve worked under (3) professional surveyors, Tom Neff Jr., Frank Tilisky, Marty O'Conner, and a great crew chief John Denega, Jr. In the 90's with the housing & construction boom, Steve obtained lots of field survey time with the opportunity to work "sun up to sun down" and Saturdays till the work was done. "I had to learn quickly to keep pace, listen to the tips & tricks, and understand the surveying vernacular, because we had lots of work to do."

In 2005, Steve went on to work at Atwell-Hicks (Atwell) and also enrolled again at the University of Akron for Surveying and Mapping. He spent nights and weekends for 6 years, after working full-time, to complete his Surveying degree. Steve was exposed to the PLSO from the University of Akron's student chapter. The students provide extra help during the conference and we are able to listen and learn to the sessions as well. This exposure to the PLSO members and classes allowed me to reinforce the importance of my studies at Akron. At Atwell, Steve was exposed to a large national company approach to the survey and engineering profession. He was able to survey in Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, & Illinois for various projects Energy projects and national retailers.

In 2011, Steve returned to his roots at Neff & Associates as the Survey Manager. He was able to obtain his final years of experience at Neff, to then sit for the Fundamentals of Surveying test, and ultimately obtain his professional license. Steve has helped grow the survey department from (2) field survey crews to now (7) survey crews. "I take pride in the fact that I get to work with a great team of surveyors, both in the office and field." Adding modern equipment like VRS GPS and robotic total stations helps with efficiency, but I have learned to listen to my field guys and draw from their experiences and preferences."

Steve, his wife Nicole, and his son Patrick, a senior in the drafting program at Lorain County JVS, resides right off the Metroparks in Berea. They enjoy the park system on bikes, with feet, on a longboard, and definitely in heart. He takes extreme pride in his family, appreciates both of their support thru school, long work hours, surveying stories, and his bad jokes. In 2015, Steve again returned to his roots, this time at his alma mater the University of Akron, to be a part time instructor in the Surveying and Mapping department, just as before while working full time. Old habits never change.



President-Elect (from [Page 7](#))

departure from the Excomm, but I will return in the future with changes to my time and schedule. I enjoyed my work with the members, Excomm, and the State level executives. So I hope to see you all soon at seminars, city meetings, and in the field turning angles.

Thank you very much,
Steven J. Metcalf, P.S.
Past-President Elect – Cleveland Chapter
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2016 Chapter Officers

Your officers this year, to be sworn in at our Annual Meeting on the 28th (see [Page 3](#)) are:

President-Elect	Louise Veverka
Treasurer	Timothy Feller
Secretary	Mike Kral
Delegate	George Hofmann

Delegates Report
November 13, 2015
State Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order about 6:04 PM at the offices of CEO

It was determined that a quorum was present (18 voting members)

Secretary's minutes for the October 2015 meeting were passed by a motion.

Treasurer report for October 2015 was accepted for financial review.

George Hofmann Finance Chair presented the Fiscal Budget for 2016-2017 to the executive board members. A motion passed to accept the budget and send it to the Annual State meeting for ratification by the membership.

Motions were passed to accept the membership of 9 Professional, 2 Associates and 6 Students. Cleveland Chapter had two members reinstated (J. Alex Kelser and James E. Peterson) and two new members (Elton Cooper and Scott Horan)

The January 2016 executive board meetings will be held at the CEO office
Melinda Gilpin and the executive board are continuing to look at potential sites for future meetings

Melinda Gilpin reported that there has been a lot of confusion regarding online credits for continuing education. Currently only three hours per year are accepted. The state board has indicated that they will be looking into some of these online courses and they will determine if any changes to accept more hours are justified.

Political Action committee reported that there were two expenditures. One for Representative Blessing and the other for Representative Schaffer, the amount for the donations made at the Fall conference was not available at this meeting and will be reported at the next meeting.

The publishing of the Newsletter has been delayed until after the state board meeting so that any information regarding the three hour CPD limit could be reported to the membership. It should be in the mail shortly.

Past president Brian Bingham has accepted the opportunity to chair the Young Surveyors Committee.

NSPS: Bob Akins gave a brief report on the NSPS meeting (See attached bullet points)
Melinda Gilpin reported that the program for the 2016 Conference is almost confirmed and expects to open up enrollment shortly. This year's conference will be held at the Dayton Marriott on Feb. 10-13.

Future workshops to be held :
1 in the Cleveland area, 1 in Chillicothe, and 2 in the Columbus area.
Please visit the state web site for further details .

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November Delegate's Report (from Page 12)

Inter professional Affairs: Melinda reported that PLSO had a booth at the OTEC conference.

Education: Melinda reported that a survey program at Columbus State may be approved shortly. This will be a 2+2 program in conjunction with Franklin University. The program will be ABET reviewed (but not accredited)

Representative Louis Blessing III was nominated for the 2015 PLSO Legislator of the Year Award. Motion passed Representative Blessing was instrumental in supporting the Statue of Limitations for Ohio land Surveyor in 2014 and supported the legislation to waive liability for surveyors, engineers, architects and contractors when they volunteer their expertise at the request of local communities at times of declared emergencies due to natural disasters. He is currently sponsoring the proposed legislation that will require ethics as a component of the COD requirements

Ken Taylor asked for nominations for "Member of the Year" and "Surveyor of the Past"

Brief summary's were given on Chapter delegates reports.

President McCall thanked all for attending and closed the meeting

Meeting adjourn about 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted

George A. Hofmann 2015 Cleveland Chapter Delegate

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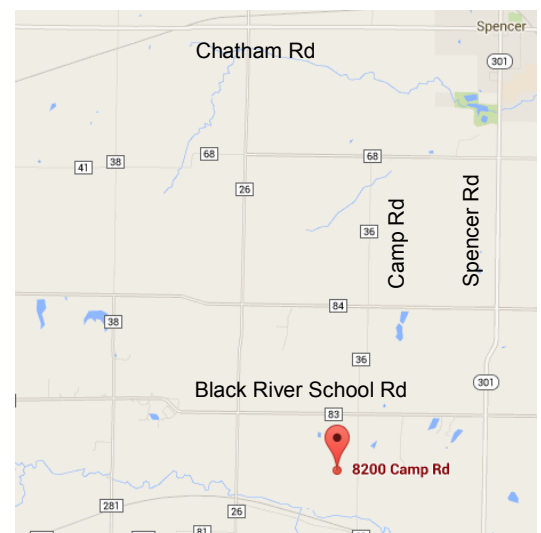
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Surveyor Spotlight - Elton K. Cooper, PS

by Steven Metcalf, PS



What year did you become a surveyor?

Univ. of Akron Grad., Licensed OH Prof. Surveyor January 2015, but I have been in the surveying profession since August 2003.

What company do you work for, how long?

I presently work for The Riverstone Company located in Cleveland, Ohio. We currently staff nine office employees & two survey crews with robotic total stations, one of which I Crew Chief.

What lead you into the surveying profession? Why?

At 27 years of age I was still looking for my career path. I completed vocational training in computer aided drafting (CAD) in June of 2003. I was trained in architectural & some small mechanical drafting, but I didn't have any success finding work. After three months of looking, a counselor at a job placement program ran by the City of Cleveland pointed me in the direction of Bemba K. Jones, a professional surveyor. I knew nothing of surveying profession, but Mr. Jones gave me an opportunity when no one else would give me a chance. After a few months of learning about the profession, I was hooked. I knew there was nothing else I would rather do.

Where you ever an intern or where did you start?

I was never an intern. By the time I started at The University of Akron, I had so much work experience I was allowed to bypass the intern requirement. Also, when I was nearing graduation the economy went south so there weren't many internships opportunities available.

Who were your mentors?

I can't really say I had a mentor. I have worked for a number of firms and I learned a lot along my journey, but no one has took me under their wing. I've worked for some good firms with excellent surveyors and some horrible firms as well. Each experience has made me a better surveyor. I am thankful to have worked for my present employer, Ed Dudley of The Riverstone Company. Mr. Dudley is an old school surveyor and I learned a lot during my time in the office working alongside Mr. Dudley and his staff. I am also thankful for my time spent working for Michael Benza & Associates. I gained very valuable field experience working under the supervision of Adam Treat & Dragomir Elez, the crew chief. But, I am forever in debt to Bemba K. Jones. When I met Mr. Jones I was lost and the opportunity he gave me provided my life with direction. Had I not met Mr. Jones I am not sure where I would be now.

Have you always surveyed in Ohio? Other states? Or Parts of Ohio?

I have only surveyed in Ohio, but my CAD skills have been put to use drafting surveys in many states having worked for two national ALTA survey firms.

Do you prefer the field or the office better? Why?

I prefer the field aspect better. I enjoy being outdoors.

What surveying instrument & vehicles do you use? Did you have a favorite over the years?

At Riverstone, we currently work out of a Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck. Our instruments are the Trimble S6 Robot because the Auto-lock smart prism feature is awesome.

Is there a type of surveying you are interested in but you're not currently doing?

No, I am fine and still challenged with the type of surveying I am doing now.

What item/ classes would you like added to the Annual PLSO conference classes?

I haven't had the opportunity to attend a PLSO conference, so I can't answer that question. But look forward to it now that I have to obtain my CPD credit hours.

What was the coldest/hottest place or time your surveyed?

This past 2015 winter was the coldest I have experienced so far in the field.

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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

January 11, 2016



Mike Kral
Secretary

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

6:05 PM

In attendance: Louise Veverka, Steve Metcalf, George Hofmann, Tim Feller, Michael Kral and Bob Kreider.

Chapter Delegate:

The state PLSO Minutes and Treasurer's reports both accepted. The new and current meeting place for the state PLSO meetings will be at EMH&T located in Columbus, Ohio. The PLSO named Dean Ringle as the Surveyor of the year. Brad Kramer is reviewing the standards suggestions submitted and will be reporting on his findings. PLSO annual meeting will be held in Dayton on February 10-13 at the Marriott at the University of Dayton. The new ALTA standards will take affect February 23, 2016. To use the OUPS services, surveyors must now register and pay a fee to the PUCO.

Committees:

Membership Committee:

Elton Cooper has been accepted as a member of The Cleveland Chapter of the PLSO.

Newsletter Committee:

Submit all newsletter items to Bob Hoy. January 2016 will be Bob's last newsletter.

Education/ Scholarship Committee: Steve Metcalf will be making students at The University of Akron aware of the scholarship offered by The Cleveland Chapter of the PLSO.

Elections: Louise Veverka has stepped up to take the position of President-Elect

Old Business:

The Cuyahoga County office is still looking for a surveyor to fill the open position. Several candidates have applied but the position is still open.

Surveyor Spotlight (from [Page 14](#))

NON-Surveying Questions:

What is your best trait that helps you in your profession?

I am very detailed in my field work, sometimes to a fault. I have learned over the years that it is better to have more information than not enough.

What talent would you like to have?

I wish I could be a great public speaker and command the attention of the room. I sometimes feel I have a lot to say, but I have never been very vocal.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Besides my professional license, my greatest achievement is my family.

Where would you like to live?

Cleveland, Cleveland, Cleveland.

What hobbies or other interests do you enjoy?

I ride motorcycles. If I could ride every day for the rest of my life, I would.

Family, (kids), wife, etc.

I have been married for 10 years to my wife Taria Cooper, and we have three kids. My eldest is Kiyla age 17, next is Elton Jr. age 9, and lastly Eli age 4.

Surveyor of the Past - William (Will) J. Dempsey 1929-2012

At the 2016 PLSO Annual Conference next month in Dayton, chapter member and past president Will Dempsey will be recognized as a Surveyor of the Past. Here is more about Mr. Dempsey.

William J. (Will) Dempsey P.S., passion for surveying began while serving with the United States Army Corps of Engineers in 1949. He received his education at John Carroll University, Fenn College, Case Western Reserve University and the U.S. Army Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He started his own business Dempsey & Associates, Inc. in 1964 and was the owner/manager until he retired in 1994.

Before founding his own firm in 1964, Will was employed by the Land Title Guarantee & Trust Company and George M. Garrett & Associates with responsibilities ranging from field party chief to executive managerial duties. In the early years of PLSO Dempsey served four years as regional vice chairman for Cuyahoga, Lorain, Geauga, Lake and Trumbull Counties. He was elected the Ohio Delegate to the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping in 1986 through 1989 where he represented Ohio surveyors on the Board of Governors of the National Society of Professional Surveyors and on the Great Lakes Regional Council.

He is a charter member of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio (PLSO), a past president and trustee of the Cleveland Chapter. His memberships included The Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, The Cleveland Engineering Society, The National Society of Professional Surveyors, Board of Governors, and was elected a Fellow of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (A.C.S.M.). He has served four years on a national committee of A.C.S.M. conducting a study of mortgage loan surveys. Will also served two years on the committee to write the standards for mortgage loan surveys in Ohio. He was named the PLSO, Cleveland Chapter's Surveyor of the Year in 1980. Will initiated the successful lawsuit against Chicago Title Insurance Company for the illegal practice of surveying resulting in publication of case law in Ohio.

Will and his wife, Rosemary raised ten daughters and three sons, which over time grew to include 29 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; His hobbies included aerial photography, computers and snorkeling. He was a pilot who loved to photograph job sites from above in his Cessna 182 and provide pictures to his clients. His most cherished memories, however, is the time spent with the family over the years, especially at the family farm in Medina, Ohio.

Whereas, Will loved to read. He also engaged in activities in the religious realm and taught Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes to high school seniors at St. Mark's Parish in Cleveland where he was also a lay minister. Will was an instrument rated commercial pilot. After retiring to Florida in 1994 Dempsey served five years as a board member of the Church Without Walls and tutored inmates at the Marion Juvenile Correctional Facility in Lowell, Florida.

Will's business is still in operation, now run by his son Christopher, also an Ohio licensed surveyor. William passed on August 28, 2012 at the age of 82

KS Associates Announces the Addition of Hamid V. Homaei, P.E., Principal

ELYRIA, OH — December 21, 2015 – KS Associates Inc., a civil-transportation engineering and surveying firm located in Elyria, Ohio, is pleased to announce that Hamid V. Homaei, P.E., has joined the firm as Principal. He is KS Associates' first new Principal since the company was founded by Lynn S. Miggins, P.E., President and Mark Skellenger, P.E., Vice President in 1987.



In addition to his primary role of strategic firm leadership, Homaei will guide the firm's efforts to grow its Transportation Group, which provides planning, design, and construction-related services for transportation infrastructure projects. Prior to joining KS Associates, Homaei established a 30-plus year track record of contributing to the growth and prosperity of regional and national engineering firms. In his new role, Homaei will be responsible for working directly with KS Associates' transportation clients including Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission; Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; other transit authorities, counties, and municipalities throughout Ohio; and private-sector clients.

According to Miggins, "We feel fortunate that Hamid has chosen to join our leadership team. His technical knowledge, business acumen, and industry relationships make him the ideal addition to our already successful firm. The future looks bright!"

Homaei added, "I am excited and energized to join this well-respected firm. KS Associates already has a solid reputation in the industry and is poised to grow. I am confident I can contribute to that growth."

Homaei is a Professional Engineer licensed in eight states including Ohio. He has a Master of Science degree in structural engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in structural engineering from West Virginia Institute of Technology.

About KS Associates, Inc.:

KS Associates, Inc. is a civil and transportation engineering and land surveying firm founded in 1987. The firm provides planning, design, and construction phase services related to public infrastructure projects in the areas of transportation, water, waste water and storm water; coastal engineering services; site development engineering services for institutional, commercial and residential uses; land surveying and mapping services; and 3D laser scanning services. For more information visit: www.ksassociates.com.

Chapter Scholarship Submission Deadline

March 1 is our scholarship's application submission deadline. If you know students in a qualifying college program, please send them our scholarship information *and* encourage them to apply at once!

Our scholarship information and application download is on our website at:

<http://cleveland.plso.com/scholarship.html>

Delegates Report
January 8, 2016
State Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order about 6:02 PM at the offices of CEO

It was determined that a quorum was present

Secretary's minutes for the November 2015 meeting were passed by a motion.

Treasurer report for November and December 2015 were accepted for financial review.

Motions were passed to accept the membership of 5 Professional, 1 Associates, 3 Affiliate and 2 Students

EMHT has offered use of their board room for PLSO to hold some of their executive meetings in 2016.

Melinda Gilpin reported that the state board is still looking into on line courses and they will notify us of their findings.

Political Action committee reported that there were change other than the standard bank fee.

ODOT: Ray Foos reported that ODOT is looking into the use of UAV for small mapping projects.

Newsletter had been delayed will be going on line Wednesday of next week.

The annual meeting for 2018 will be in Sharonville (Cincinnati).

The annual meeting for 2019 will be at the Hilton Easton (Columbus)

OUPS: Surveyors will now be required to register with OUPS. Their will be a yearly fee not to exceed \$50.00.

Dean Ringle was voted Member of the Year

Surveyors of the Past

John Circle
Steven "Larry" Gardner
William (Will) J. Dempsey

National Surveyors week will be held March 21-26, 2016

Brief summary's were given on Chapter delegates reports.

President McCall thanked all for attending and closed the meeting

Meeting adjourn about 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted
George A. Hofmann
2016 Cleveland Chapter Delegate

Cleveland Chapter 2016 Calendar

Thursday - January 28 – Annual Meeting and installation of officers

February - PLSO State conference in Dayton, Ohio

Friday, March 11 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 15 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Friday, April 8 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, April 12 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Wednesday, April 20 – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, May 13 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 17 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Friday, July 8 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Thursday, July 14 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Education Recognition Meeting

Friday, September 9 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Friday, October 13 – State PLSO Executive Meeting (at the fall conference)

Tuesday, October 18 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Wednesday, October 26 – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, November 11 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, November 15 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

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

Tuesday, December 13 (tentative) – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

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Friday, January 13 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, January 17 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting

Thursday January 26 – Cleveland Chapter Annual Meeting and installation of officers

OUPS Fee Information

Registration

What is the purpose of the new damage prevention registration fee?

In order to pay the costs of enforcing the new damage prevention laws, users of the One-Call (Call Before You Dig) system must register with the PUCO and pay an annual registration fee of not more than \$50. Failure to register may result in a fine of up to \$2,500.

Who must register?

Any commercial excavator, developer, designer, or utility operator conducting business in Ohio who participates in (or is required to participate in) the One-Call system must register and pay the registration fee. Individuals who use the One-Call system to perform excavation work on their own private property and do not do excavation work commercially are *not* required to pay the registration fee.

How do I register?

The PUCO will work with the Ohio Utilities Protection Service and the Oil and Gas Producers Utilities Protection Service to obtain a list of registrants. The PUCO will then issue invoices to those companies and individuals with instructions that include the amount to pay and where to send the payment. In other words, all you have to do is wait until the PUCO sends you an invoice.

When will I receive an invoice?

Enforcement will begin Jan. 1, 2016. Invoices should be expected sometime in May or June of 2016 and March or April in subsequent years. Because the registration fee will be based on cost, the amount could vary each year but will not exceed \$50.

Enforcement process

How do I submit a complaint?

A complaint (request for inquiry) can be filed [here](#). To do so, you must be an aggrieved party as defined by the law. In other words, you must be a person with duties and obligations under damage prevention law and directly involved with or impacted by the alleged compliance failure.

What happens after a complaint is submitted?

The PUCO will notify the complainant (person who submitted the complaint) that the case has been assigned and is under investigation. The PUCO will notify the respondent (person who committed the alleged compliance failure) within 10 business days and will provide the details of the complaint.

What will an investigation consist of?

The PUCO investigation will center on getting statements from both the complainant and the respondent regarding the alleged compliance failure. Both parties will also have an opportunity to provide supporting documentation such as pictures, locate tickets and other relevant material.

Who decides the case?

Cases are reviewed by the UTC, a committee of industry representatives. Once the UTC has made a decision, both parties will be notified by the PUCO of the outcome. If you are interested in attending a UTC meeting, upcoming meeting schedules and agendas will be posted below.

How can I appeal a decision?

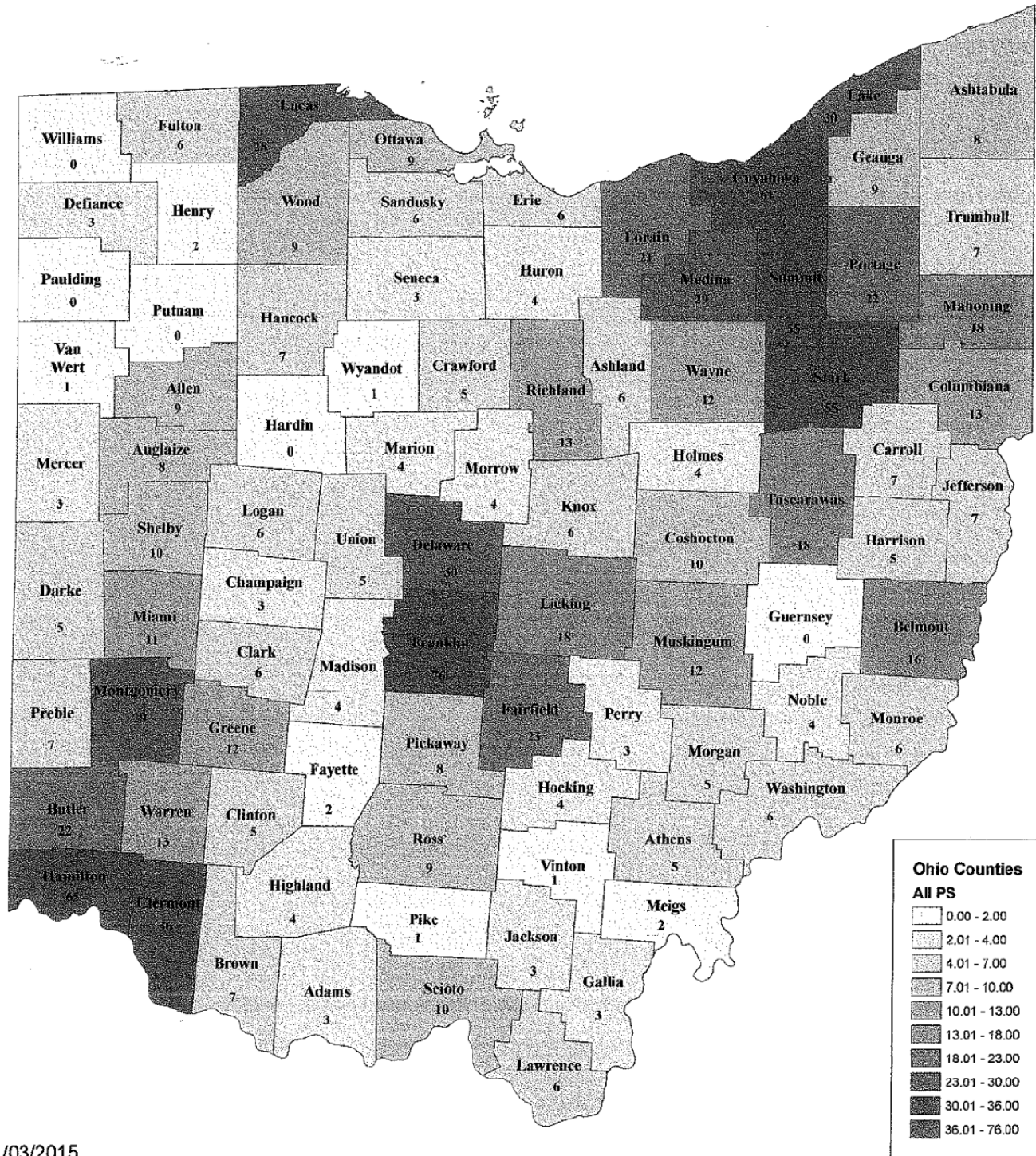
Either party may file a request for reconsideration. Written applications must be filed within 30 days and must state the grounds for reconsideration. Information about filing documents with the PUCO can be found on our [docketing page](#).

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/puco/index.cfm/industry-information/industry-topics/damage-prevention/#sthash.ITbomrsb.Ytgbqvnf.dpbs>

OHIO COUNTIES

SURVEYOR LICENSES WITHIN EACH COUNTY

PS Only does not include Dual Licenses



11/03/2015

NSPS Business Meeting

October 8th & 9th, 2015 - Sandusky Ohio

Here than are a list of initiatives and observations from our fall meetings:

- The ALTA/NSPS Standards have been approved by both organizations and we will have new standards that take effect on February 23, 2016.
- NSPS will prepare a position statement on U.A.S. (unmanned aircraft systems) regulations and operations. We've also signed on with other mapping organizations in crafting a letter to urge the F.A.A. to codify the government's regulations for operating this technology in a more urgent manner.
- The young surveyors group had a productive meeting and started to think about bylaws, sub committees and addressing tasks that many have offered up for them to consider. Approximately 11 of them attended the Board of Directors meeting on Friday.
- We intend to broaden the awareness of the Young Surveyors and our National Society at educational institutions across the country by inviting a student to attend our meetings as our guest and write a short review that will be shared with all surveying programs. The program will be administered by the Young Surveyors and funded through NSPS Board of Director donations. We intend to have a student in attendance at the 2017 spring meeting.
- Our President Jon Warren & President-Elect Tony Cavell have each made a significant effort to re-align our committees and offer specific charges for these committees to work on. PLEASE consider having your constituents sign on to the email distribution lists for a committee by contacting the chair of that committee. It's a great way to be involved without the commitment of attending our meetings.
- The Director from Alaska requested support regarding the setting of monuments by the BLM when creating Townships that would be further subdivided and sold by the State of Alaska. As you might have guessed, the number of monuments being set has been drastically reduced. Our Government Affairs Committee will review and comment on the matter
- Certified Survey Technicians (CSTs) at all levels and existing membership can now have their annual certification fee waived by maintaining a membership in NSPS.
- The NSPS Joint Government Affairs Committee shoulders a great deal of responsibility in representing surveyors across the nation on Capitol Hill. Please review their report for the many tasks and/or accomplishments they have had over the last 6 months. Mr. Pat Smith, Chair of the Committee, requested direction from the BoD on the following matters:
 - NSPS will provide a position statement on the PHMSA (Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Agency) Proposed Rule which contains a number of references to surveying and mapping – and provide a standardized position to our state affiliates
 - NSPS will provide a position statement to the House Financial Services Committee which is considering modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), either to implement an improved working process or privatize the effort
 - Support the addition of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council – given that many small businesses are effected by FAR regulations.
- The NSPS 100% Membership Program has been very successful. We currently have 47 states participating, just under 17,000 members, and continue to offer our help to those still considering the program.
- We continue to collaborate with NGS and participate in quarterly meetings on various initiatives

- We are recognized by ABET as the professional organization for evaluating 31 Surveying Programs across the country.
- Our CST program that has been a monumental success and run by several individuals for many years, and even decades. Their succession plans require them to look for individuals who are interested in serving on the CST Board and upholding the fine standard which has been set. Please consider this opportunity and contact President Warren if you are interested in this appointment.
- The NSPS Foundation Concluded their Cruise Raffle – The winner is Randall Myers of West Virginia. He is Past President of both the West Virginia and Pennsylvania Surveying Societies. Congratulations Mr. Myers.
- We had previously decided that an At-Large Director(s) would represent those NSPS members who did not belong to a 100% Membership state. Given that we are now down to three states who do not belong, we passed a motion whereby the Past-President will provide representation to those individuals, albeit in a more cost effective manner.
- The NSPS Foundation has been instructed to rename the NSPS Board of Governors Scholarship to the NSPS Board of Directors Scholarship. The Board of Directors has agreed to continue providing personal funds at the conclusion of our meeting, as a means funding this and the Trig-Star scholarship.
- The new web page for NSPS should be rolled out this fall. There have been many improvements in appearance and functionality.
- Meeting Schedule:
 - 2016 Spring – Joint Meeting with MAPPS Alexandria VA March 14-18th (NSPS Business Meetings 17-18th)
 - 2016 Fall – Joint meeting with Western Federation of Surveyors, Phoenix AZ
 - 2017 Spring – Joint Meeting with MAPPS
 - 2017 Fall – Joint Meeting with Texas Society of Land Surveyors