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Golf Outing Specials!

See Page 6 for details!

June 7 "Education Appreciation" Dinner

Location: Mahle's Restaurant
24945 Detroit Road - Rt. 254
1/4 mile east of Columbia Road - Rt. 252
I-90 Exit 159, Westlake

Who should come? Everyone! Here's what's planned:

- * Our Trig*Star school's high scorer and his teacher will be in attendance. This is our first Trig*Star school in four years.
- * **Both** our scholarship recipients have been invited.
- * Chapter Life Members have been specially invited to be recognized for their commitment to PLSO.
- * PLSO Executive Director Melinda Gilpin is attending.

Dinner: Choice of one:
A. Chicken Marsala
B. Prime Rib of Beef (10 oz.)
C. Grilled Salmon
Includes:
Side Salad
Baked Potato and vegetable
Beverages (Non-alcoholic)
Ice Cream Dessert (Choice of Flavor)

Cost: \$26 per person

Schedule

5:30 Socializing
6:15 Recognition of Students, Life Members
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President's Message

Memorial Day is upon us as is the start of Summer 2012. Hopefully you are busy with boundary surveys and construction layout. This year is going by quickly and our chapter has a busy June ahead.

Thursday June 7th is our *Education Appreciation* dinner meeting. This year we have a Trig*Star high scorer and two scholarship recipients invited. Melinda Gilpin, executive director of PLSO, is also going to be there. Chapter members with "Life" status were specially invited too to recognize their life-long commitment to PLSO. Come out and celebrate Surveying's potential, future, and commitment.

Friday June 22nd is our 39th annual William J. Haas Golf Tournament. For the first time ever we are offering pricing and membership specials! See Page 6 for details. Bring friends and family, and you can come just for the steak dinner if you wish.



Robert Hoy
President

President-Elect

We need to fill our vacant President-Elect office immediately. Some other chapters have one member filling two offices or they rotate positions every year. Yet our chapter has not had a repeat President since Bill Haas as our very first chapter president. If you're a past president of the Cleveland Chapter, we want you back again as President-Elect! All officers help steer the direction of our chapter. Look how past president Dino Lustri got us to create an internet based survey database for our suveys from the data bank we donated to the Western Reserve Historical Society. Now we have a tangible benefit of chapter membership: access to about 10,000 surveys around Cuyahoga County. What can **YOU** bring to the table?

In his *Random Lines* column this month, John Dailey puts it very well in regards to president-elect. We have had members raise large families in the past, *before* there was the convenience of email and electronic documents. Step up and help lead our chapter.

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2012 Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee met on May 10th and unanimously recommended both Cody Shaffer and Derek Everett be awarded \$1000 scholarships. On May 14th the executive committee approved both \$1000 scholarships that were recommended. Cody and Derek have been invited to our June 7th meeting.

The Scholarship Committee consists of Christopher Tomko (chair), George Hofmann, Scott Casey, Ken Hejduk, and Michael Ackerman. All were in attendance except Michael Ackerman.



Christopher Tomko
Scholarship

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Fall Chapter Seminars

September will be here before you know it! We are looking for topic and speaker ideas for our September and November chapter seminars. Contact the executive committee with your ideas. Contact information is on Page 2

2014 Annual Conference

Our chapter is hosting the PLSO Annual Conference again in 2014. Have ideas or thoughts to help in the planning? Contact Dino Lustri, conference chairman. Dino's information is on Page 2.

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Our chapter's online survey database website is finished and launched. After about two years of planning and creation, it's finally ready for chapter members. This database includes the roughly 10,000 surveys that were part of the chapter data bank that we donated to the Western Reserve Historical Society. These surveys are fully indexed in a dynamic searchable interface thanks to William Vondra, Sr.'s index. You can view or download the survey image files.

How can you gain access to this database? Become a Cleveland Chapter member! Chapter members will receive log on information through email and through a combined golf outing mailing (U.S. Mail).

The web address, www.plso.info, may change or get integrated into our chapter website in the future, but let's see how members use the database and its surveys now.

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our executive meeting schedule has a summer break. We next meet on Monday August 13th, 6pm at the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Test lab Facilities, 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland.

Come see what goes on at these meetings, and get interested to run for an officer position in the fall. We discuss a lot of surveying and PLSO issues but chapter treasurer Tim Feller is always good for a few laughs!

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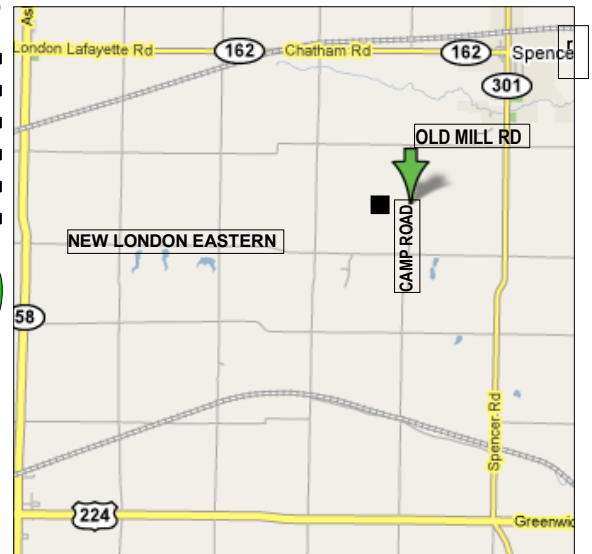
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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

Since PLSO was founded, there have been a lot of people who have worked full time, had a family and still have expended countless hours working for our profession and our professional society. These people have worked on their own time, volunteering their time, energy and talent to make this Chapter, and the State PLSO, a success. This society was built by the volunteer workers who have gone far beyond the regular meetings to make things happen for all of us.

Almost all of our current officers are working full time and still volunteering their services. They do not just come to the meetings, then do nothing in between them. They are actively involved doing the "grunt" work of running the society, keeping the minutes, balancing the books, planning the meetings and publishing the newsletter. They are planning the golf outing and working on meetings and conventions. These are the people who are giving something back to their profession, not just a few dollars for the cost of a meeting, but they are giving of themselves. These people are working hard to

make a difference. They do not get paid for their services and they do not even get much recognition or thanks for their labors, but if not for them, this society would disappear.

Our Chapter has a serious problem right now. **There is no one occupying the office of President- Elect.** This is not only a problem for Chapter continuity, it is an embarrassment to this Chapter. This is a situation that we have never faced before and our Chapter by-laws do not even address this issue because it was something that we never thought would happen. This is a problem but it is one that can be solved.

We are in need of a President-Elect **now**. There has to be someone out there willing to take on a position of leadership. Not all of you are followers. You run businesses or survey crews so you have some idea of what leadership is. Put that talent to good use. The work involved in the management of this Chapter is not that hard. The entire Executive Committee works together as (Cont'd on [Page 12](#))



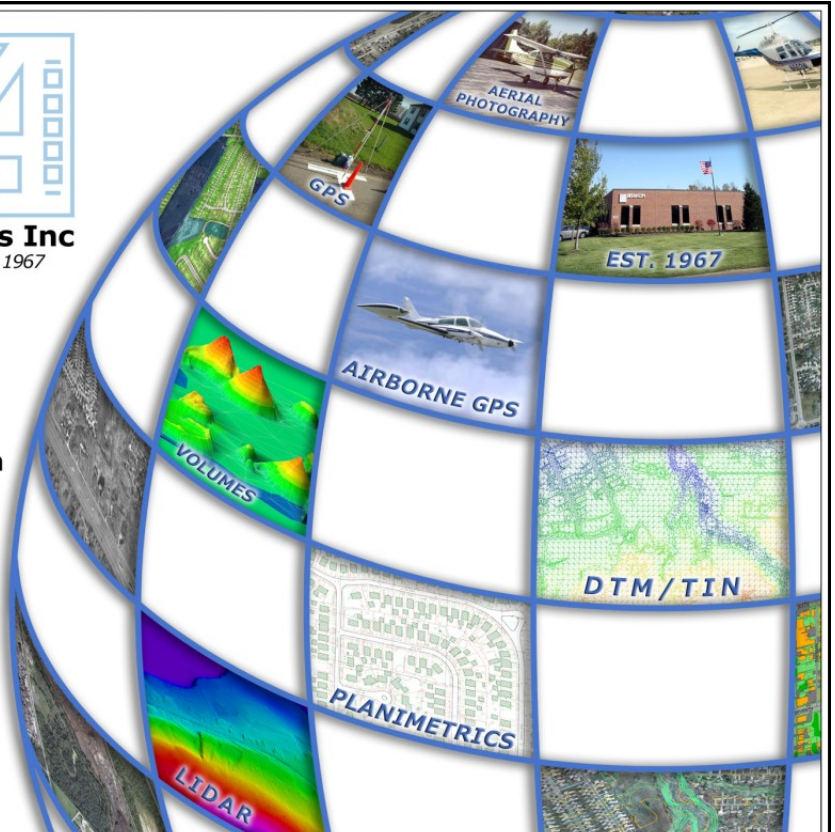
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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

May 14, 2012



Thomas Snezek
Delegate

Department of Public Works - Test Lab Facilities

In attendance: President Robert Hoy, Treasurer Tim Feller, Delegate Tom Snezek, State President-Elect George Hofmann. Guests Jack Hoy, Richard Ziegman.

Chapter Delegate's Report:

- Refresher courses will become segmented and predominately held at major seminars or conferences.
- The N.S.P.S. Governor reported that they are investigating the possibility of modifying the annual dues structure to promote membership. They are shooting for 100% membership of most state's Professional Association members.
- The new "Membership Brochure" was reviewed and will be available of the "Member's Only" section of the state web-site soon.
- The state approved the employment attorney to review the proposed "Employee Handbook".

The 2012 Golf Outing:

The Cleveland Chapter will sponsor a hole in the Central Chapter's Golf Outing coming up in July.

General:

- No candidate has been found as yet for the President Elect position for next year.
- Kevin Grigsby will be paid for the last work on the website.
- St. Edward's High school sponsored a Trig*Star exam with student Mathew Smith receiving a score of 81. He and his teacher will be invited to the June Social meeting.
- The Scholarship Committee received two applications for our program, both were awarded scholarships

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek
Acting Secretary

Random Lines (from Page 11)

a team and makes sure that whatever has to be done gets done. There is an old adage that says "many hands make light work." That applies here too.

I, for one am , and every one of the Chapter members should be, very grateful for anyone who volunteers their time and talent to PLSO. These people are working for you and the profession as a whole. They make life better for us all and deserve our support and thanks.

If you have the courage (yes, that is needed too) and the desire to make a difference, contact President Bob Hoy or any of the Executive Committee members and volunteer. I think you will be pleasantly surprised to find out just how good it feels to be an active participant in your profession's future. You won't get it back in monetary gains, but it sure feels good.

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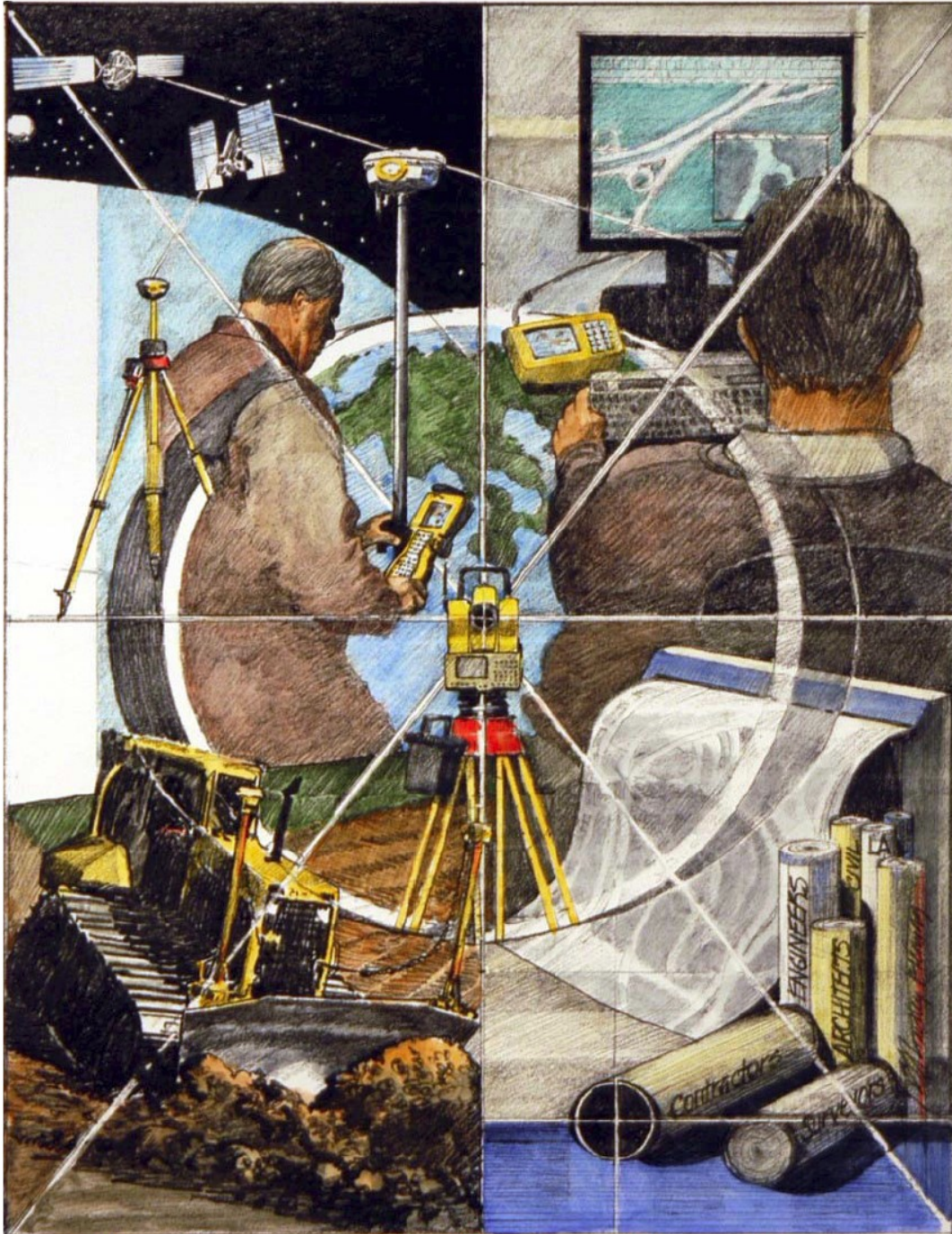
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CPD Seminar Review

by Timothy Feller, Treasurer

May 3, 2012

Rise and fall of Interurban Railways presented by John E. Dailey, P.S.

Thursday evening seminar meeting started out with record high temperatures in Cleveland but a comfortably cool temperature was maintained in the chapter's favorite meeting place, the Cuyahoga County Engineer's lab on West 25th Street. Pizza, soda and bottled water were the dining fare for the evening but the real excitement was yet to come. That being John Dailey and the premiering of his new presentation "The rise and fall of the interurban railways". There was a cadre of familiar surveying dignitaries present to enjoy Mr. Dailey's new production. This not only turned out to be an extremely informative talk of the approximate 43 years of life of the interurbans, but an excellent opportunity to network and share information on the future of the surveying industry.

Mr. Dailey's presentation was wrought with some phenomenal black and white photographs of these historic vehicles as they were located in some very familiar local sites. It was fascinating to learn how these electric vehicles were used to connect rural towns to the "big" cities. The interurban rails were an opportunity for the city dweller to escape the country for some fresh air and an opportunity to visit outlying amusement parks, usually owned by the rail owners themselves. These rails and the vehicles that traveled them gave the farmer a perfect way to get their produce and goods to the city in a relative cheap and quick way. These rail cars with their need for an electrified wire to power them was an excellent occasion to provide electricity and telephone to the communities the cars served. Their existence, though brief, contributed quite a bit to early urban sprawl. The demise of the interurban railway can be attributed to a combination of the affordability of the automobile and the common use of hard paved road such as brick and bituminous concrete.



John Dailey

From my observations of Mr. Dailey and a number of attendees, it appeared to be a romantic way of transportation, and with soaring fuel prices may have a renewed place in today's society. Hope to see you all the next meeting.

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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

Presented by George Hofmann, Alternate 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

Friday May 11, 2012, Columbus State University in, Columbus Ohio.

Meeting called to order at 6:11, only 11 voting members were in attendance(15 are needed for a quorum). Motions made will be sent out by Melinda Gilpin and an electronic vote will be taken.

- Motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2012 meeting.
- Treasures report for April 2012 was reviewed and accepted subject to audit.
- Motion was made to accept one affiliate member.
- Jim Kenyon reported that ODOT is working to establish a new calibrated Base Line.
- Melinda Gilpin reported that the State Board of Registration will begin computer based testing for the fundamentals of surveying test in 2014. Refresher course will no longer be offered. Individual session may be held at conferences.
- No change in the Political Action Funds.
- Jim Kenyon will forward GPS standards to Brad Kramer for his review before presenting them to the executive committee.
- Articles for the July OSN deadline will be early June.
- Four chapters administered the Trig Star Test.
- New Membership brochures will be available . Anyone needing copies should call the PLSO Office.
- NSPS looking to get 100% membership from all states. Discussion on how this will work was discussed. Details will be worked out since all states operate differently.
- Merger agreement is now complete. NSPS is now the national voice. No other member organizations chose to join us.
- Chapter Delegate Reports were submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,
George A. Hofmann, Alternate Delegate

Central Ohio Chapter Golf Outing

After you've golf at our chapter outing, head to Columbus for the Central Ohio Chapter's golf outing. Friday July 27th at Glenross Golf Course in Delaware, OH.

[Click Here](#) to download their outing registration form. Contact Mark Cameron at 614-459-6992 or mcameron@sandsdeckercps.com with inquiries.

Easement Examples

The PLSO Standards committee has requested good *and* bad examples you've come across of legal descriptions for easements.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2012



Michael Ackerman
Secretary

Snezek Residence (Thanks Tom) Cleveland, OH

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

In attendance: Robert Hoy, Michael Ackerman, Tim Feller, George Hofmann, Tom Snezek, and Jack Hoy.

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee meeting minutes from March 16, 2012 accepted as revised.

Treasury:

- Tim Feller submitted the March report.
- Acceptance of report is subject to review.
- Profits from the April Social meeting will be allocated to the General Fund.

Chapter Delegate:

- Tom Snezek read the report from the April, 2012 meeting.
- Membership dues must be paid in full to be eligible for the discounted conference rate.
- Easement standards were discussed.

Standing Committees

Membership: We are currently looking for a new committee chair. No report.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Robert Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be Friday April 20, 2012.
- A list of items to include in the newsletter was requested.
- Sending emails reminding members of upcoming seminars was suggested as a way to increase attendance.
- Golf outing information will be included in the newsletter.

Website:

- Dino requested the transfer of the website domain to the chapter be completed soon.
- MOTION PASSED: To accept the submitted website updates.
- MOTION PASSED: To approve up to \$300 for Kevin Grigsby to update the website.

Program:

Program Selection - Seminar Committee:

- We are currently looking for a new Program Selection - Seminar committee chair.
- The May seminar date is open for topics.
- MOTION PASSED: To approve up to \$40 for a cooler.

Program Selection - Social Committee: The June social meeting was discussed.

Golf Outing Committee: The changes for the 2013 golf outing were discussed.

Education:

Trig*Star Committee: St. Edwards participated in the Trig Star test.

Scholarship Committee: There have been no applications submitted for the scholarship at this time.

Finance: Inactive

Special Committees:

2014 Annual Conference: Dino has requested a meeting to help get input on (Cont'd on [Page 18](#))

Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2012 Calendar

Chapter Executive Meetings are 6 p.m. at Cuyahoga County Engineer's Test lab Facilities, 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland and are open to all PLSO members who want to attend.

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

Executive Minutes (from Page 17)

running the PLSO conference.

AIA Ohio 2014 Conference: committee created, Peter D. Zwick chair.

Old Business:

- Format and topics of a non-member seminar at the end of the year were discussed.
- Standard Conditions for PLSO will be removed from the agenda.
- Kevin Grigsby is finishing the website. Dino suggested the remaining fee be paid.
- Post cards/electronic mailing to promote the new website and how to access it will be sent. Attendees at the next excom meeting will be asked to help get the mailing ready.
- More retired surveys may be donated.
- A \$50 donation was made to Bennett's Corner Church in memory of Carl Craddock's mother.

New Business:

None at the time

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Ackerman

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 Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio is a statewide organization that serves the public and the profession. The Cleveland P.L.S.O. is one of its local chapters.

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

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