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## President's Message

### Field Safety

Safety again? You bet, it's that important. Now is a time when you might have a college intern on for the summer to help in the field. How are you going to brief him or her on being safe? "Don't trip and try and stay out of trouble?" Not very encouraging words. Hiking through the woods or crossing the road with friends is quite different than working all day in those woods or in and along a busy road.

As a Surveyor, you've probably learned ways to be safe in the field over a number of years. Can you remember when you first worked in the field? I hope you conduct yourself in a much safer manner now. Consider making a field health and safety guide to give to new workers. This doesn't need to be a thick book, but listing common sense items of concern is a good way to make field workers aware of the hazards they'll encounter *before* they encounter them. That advanced information might make the difference between avoiding an incident and a trip to the urgicare or emergency room.

Safe workers are good for your company's bottom line. You want field workers to be productive daily, but it'd be hard to produce when they are not 100% healthy or not physically capable of performing the field task. I've mentioned this next item several times in the *Cleveland Surveying News*. Utility companies and construction contractors budget the time and equipment in order to perform their work in a safe manner - for their workers *and* the general public. When's the last time you saw a utility worker open a manhole by himself and take inventory of what's inside? I honestly have never seen that, but Surveying companies do it.

I'd love to hear your comments on field safety. Have a **safe** and productive Summer.

Robert Hoy, PS  
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**Robert Hoy**  
President

## Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

### Fear of Technology

During the almost 60 years that I have been in surveying, there have been tremendous advances in the technology of our profession. From open transits to theodolites to EDM's to total stations to satellites to robotics to laser scanning to whatever comes out next week. We who have been in the profession have always welcomed these new tools, even though it was with a bit of trepidation. The changes came swiftly and always made us wonder if we were not going to

H\_\_L in a hand basket. We were not alone. The May 2013 issue of the Parma City School's "Monitor" newsletter probably said it best. Jane Graber researched some interesting quotes:

1703 Teacher's Conference:  
*"Students today can't prepare bark to calculate their problems. They depend on slates, which are more expensive. What will they do when their slate is dropped and it breaks? They will be unable to write."*

1805 Principal's Association:  
*"Students today depend upon paper too much. They don't know how to write on slate without chalk dust all over themselves. They can't clean a slate properly. What will they do when they run out of paper?"*

1907 National Association of Teachers:  
*"Students today depend too much upon ink. They don't know how to use a pen knife to sharpen a pencil. Pen*



**John Dailey, P.S.**

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## Random Lines (from Page 7)

*and ink will never replace a pencil."*

1950 Federal Teachers:

*"Ballpoint pens will be the ruin of education in our country. Students use these devices and then throw them away. The American virtues of thrift and frugality are being discarded. Business and banks will never allow such expensive luxuries."*

My, how things have changed? Or not. There has always been resistance to change, even if it is for the better. Any of you with children or grandchildren in school know very well that almost all of these "new fangled" things have gone by the wayside. IPads and net books have replaced all of these. Chalk boards are a thing of the past in most class rooms, replaced by "smart boards."

Somehow or another, our profession and the schools have managed to live through these

changes and have even improved, although we do not want to admit it. In order to protect ourselves, our clients and the general public, we have to keep in mind that all of this new technology is nothing more than another tool. A tool should work for us. It is not the answer to all our problems, only a method of helping us solve our problems. We proved fifty years ago that we could teach a monkey how to push buttons to make certain things happen. This did not make the monkey, whose name was Enos, an expert, only a button pusher.

Education and training are the answers to almost everything. Educated surveyors who keep their continuing education up to date should not be afraid. New technology is not a luxury, it is a necessity.

John Dailey. P.S., Past  
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## Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next meeting:

When: Monday August 12

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Parma City Hall, 2nd floor conference room. 6611 Ridge Road, Parma

Come see what goes on at these meetings, and get interested to run for an officer position in the fall. We'll definitely be needing to elect a new secretary this fall since Mike Ackerman has decided to step away from being an officer for a while.

## 2014 Annual Conference - Kalahari (Cleveland)

If you have any suggestions for the conference, see the committee chairmen below and pass along your ideas.

Conference Chairman Ken Hujduk: general conference ideas, [kenh@hca-es.com](mailto:kenh@hca-es.com)

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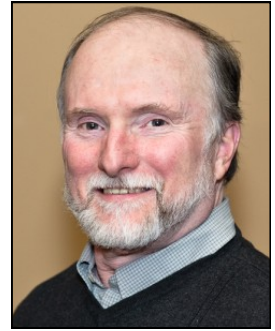
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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2013



**Thomas Snezek**  
Delegate

6611 Ridge Road, Parma - Parma City Hall

In attendance Treasurer Tim Feller, President Boy Hoy, Chapter Delegate Tom Snezek, Jack Hoy on Programs and Steve Metcalf general member.

Call to Order 6:20 PM

**Secretary:** March Minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Reviewed and accepted subject to the Finance Committee's review.

### Delegates Report

- The Constitution Review under way.
- N.S.P.S. Governor reported on progress of the Membership Committee reviewing the M.O.U. received from the N.S.P.S. to offer full membership to any Professional Surveyor who is a member of a state organization.
- The attempted bill to establish a sale/service tax has failed and is dead.
- E-billing will to allow you to pay your annual dues with a credit card will be tested and is expected to be available by July 2013.
- Motion passed to accept 5 professional, 2 re-instatement, 1 associate and 2 Student members.

### Committee Reports

#### Program

- May 2nd. Leica Presentation at County Test Lab Facility. Free event with 1.5 hours of CPD. Education Appreciation Dinner planning on going for June 6th.
- 40th Annual Golf outing planning is on-going mark your calendar for June 28th.

#### Education

Tri-Star is up and running. Peter Zwick is administering the test this week at St. Edwards High School.

### New Business

Steve Metcalf will present the scholarship options to the surveying student body at U of A in an effort to increase scholarship activity. Steve will also investigate a possible "Surveyor Spotlight" section for the newsletter.

Adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Submitted by,

Thomas Snezek, PS  
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Email Dino Lustri with questions and comments at [dino@dlengineeringllc.com](mailto:dino@dlengineeringllc.com)



## Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

May 13, 2013

Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road, Parma, Ohio

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

### Chapter Delegate:

The State Chapter is still waiting for clarification from NSPS about the proposed merger.  
Payment of PLSO dues will now be made available online.

### Committees

#### Education:

Scholarship award to John DeChant Jr..



**Michael Ackerman**  
Acting Secretary

### Special Committees:

Due to a conflict, the location has been changed to the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

## Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2013 Calendar

Chapter Executive Meetings are 6 p.m. at Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road and are open to all PLSO members who want to attend.

**Jun 6** Education Recognition dinner

**Jun 28** William J. Haas Memorial Golf

**Jul 12** PLSO Executive Meeting

**Aug 12** Chapter Executive Meeting

**Aug 16** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Sep 5** Chapter Meeting

**Sep 13** PLSO Executive Meeting

**Sep 16** Chapter Executive Meeting

**Sep 19** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Oct 3** Social Dinner Meeting

**Oct 11** PLSO Executive Meeting

**Oct 21** Chapter Executive Meeting

**Oct 23** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Nov 7** Seminar Meeting

**Nov 8** PLSO Executive Meeting

**Nov 18** Chapter Executive Meeting

**Dec 13** PLSO Executive Meeting (if needed)

**Dec 16** Chapter Executive Meeting (if needed)

**Dec 18** Cleveland Surveying News deadline (if needed)

**Jan 10** PLSO Executive Meeting

**Jan 13** Chapter Executive Meeting

**Jan 14** Cleveland Surveying News deadline

**Jan 23** Chapter Annual Meeting