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PRESIDENTS LETTER

3/9/17

It's Mike Straub's turn again - Round 2!

Spring is almost here...and about time as far as my company is concerned. Concentrating in construction, it was a slow winter for us. December and January were almost dead. We are reliant on our clients' work load, and it was slow for many of them also. That's one of the problems when you concentrate in one area for your revenues. There are Good Things, though. You get very proficient at what you do. You get to know your clients better. You become "experienced". Remember, we never say we are "expert" – that'll bite you if you ever go to court. I like specializing in one area. A former employer of mine wanted to be "everything to everyone". I didn't agree and did not see the benefits of such a philosophy. We never said "No" to anything that came our way. We never became very good, as a company, at much, IMHO. And I know we weren't proficient – it seemed like we were continually re-inventing the wheel. Projects would over-run budgets. Rarely a good thing. Do what you do and enjoy it. Revenues will follow.



Back to the slow times. John Dailey once wrote an article on this subject. It was quite simple – remember to save when Good Times are here. Get rid of dead weight. (I couldn't do that as I truly like all my employees and they are good at what they do.). Do your inventory. Get your equipment adjusted and replace what's needed. Plant your sales seeds. And then relax a bit and enjoy the calm before the storm. Yes, if you take care of your clients they will take care of you when they can. The storm will hit. It has us. The phone is ringing again...better answer it.

One final thing (preaching time). If you are reading this, get involved in PLSO. It's easy and takes not much of your time. You will be on top of things in the Ohio survey world. You will network. You will learn. And perhaps most importantly – you WILL become a better surveyor.

Until next time, be safe out there.

Mike Straub

Straub Surveying

Mike Straub

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Cleveland Chapter William Haas Memorial Golf Outing

AS WE STRUGGLE THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS WE OFFER THIS FLASHBACK TO LAST JUNE AND THE PLSO GOLF OUTING.

THE 2016 OUTING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EVEN BETTER EVENT THIS JUNE!

WE'VE LOCKED DOWN **FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2017** FOR THE OUTING RIGHT BACK AT **SPRINGVALE GOLF COURSE**.

THE **NEW TEE TIME** WILL BE AT **8:00 AM** WITH THE "PUTTING FOR THE P.A.C." EVENT TO FOLLOW.

THE 11TH HOLE PAR FIVE PICTURED ABOVE WAS A INTIMIDATOR TO ALL! PLEASE SET ASIDE THAT DAY FOR A BRAKE FROM YOUR LABORS. COME OUT AND ENJOY A DAY OF FRIENDLY COMPITION, A CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES, GREAT FOOD AND THE PUTTING FOR THE PAC EVENT TO SUPPORT OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU NEXT JUNE AND HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PRODUCTIVE WINTER AND SPRING.

Tom Snezek, Golf Outing Chairperson

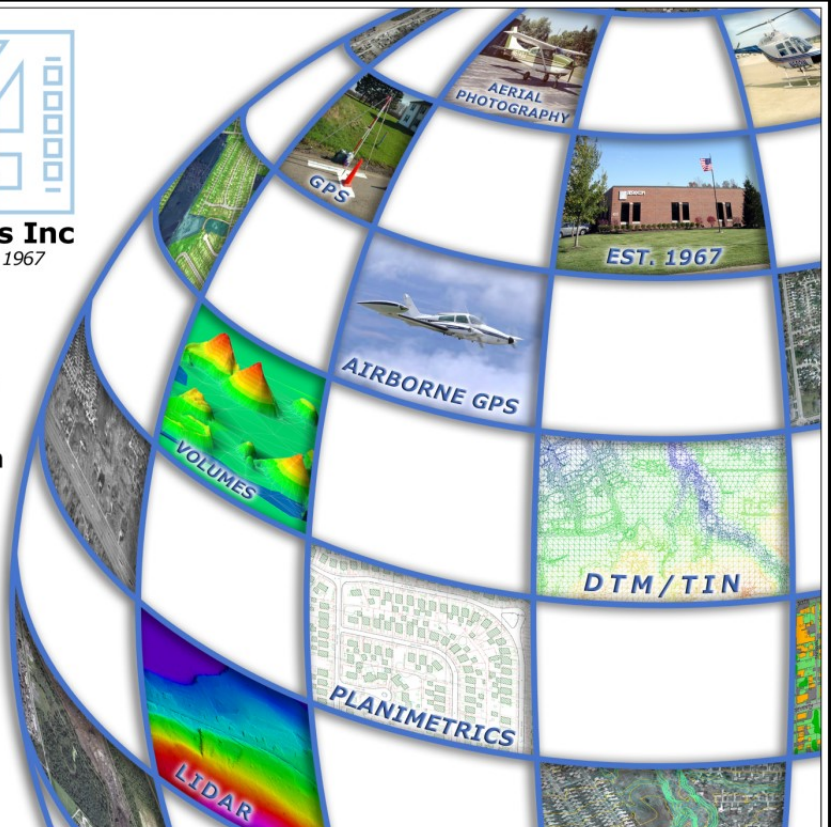
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Delegates Report
 March 10, 2017
 State Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting called to order about 6:00 PM at The Office of PLSO 150 East Wilson
 Bridge Road Suite 300
 Worthington, Ohio 43085

It was determined that a quorum was present
 Secretary's minutes for the January 2017 meeting were passed by a motion.
 Treasurer report for January & February 2017 was accepted for financial review.
 Motions were passed to accept the membership of 3 Professional, 1 Life, 2
 Student, and 2 Affiliate
 Don Pickenpaugh was re-appointed to another term to the Scholarship Fund Board.
 CEO: 12 New County Engineers were elected (2 Female)
 Ohio will host the next annual conference for CEO in April.



George Hofmann
 Delegate

Political Action: Received donation of \$200.00 at annual conference.

Newsletter: Next issue to be sent out at the end of month

Standards: Brad Kramer is compiling comments for revisions of 4733 and will distribute to his committee for their review.

NSPS : Motion to donate \$200.00 for the Boy Scout Jamboree was passed.

Annual Conferences

2017 at Kalahari Resort and Conference Center on Feb. 15-18, 2017 was well attended. Final report to be given in April.

2018 Sharonville Convention Center , Cincinnati, contract pending

2019-2021 Hilton Easton , Columbus, contracts completed

Fall Seminar

2017 Oct 12-12, 2017 Hilton Polaris, Columbus

2018 Toledo

2019 Mason

2020 Cleveland Marriott Airport

Education: Steve Cahill reported that HB 49 which allows for applied bachelors degree programs at Community Colleges are being reviewed. This is a new version of a bill that was submitted last year and died. PLSO will write and send a letter of support.

Legislation: Dean Ringle reported that the committee is watching HB 26, House Bill 49 and HB 75 All have language in them that affect surveyors.

Finance: George Hofmann will review first 6 months report compiled by Melinda Gilpin

Brief summary's were given on Chapter delegates reports.

Closing remarks were given by President Elect Curt Deibel, Ex. Director Melinda Gilpin and President Charles Harkness

President Harkness thanked all for attending and closed the meeting
 Meeting adjourn about 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted

George A. Hofmann ,2017 Cleveland Chapter Delegate

RANDOMLINES. APRIL 2017

BE VERY VIGILANT

As Surveyors, we have to be very vigilant in watching changes taking place around us. Weather conditions, changes in governmental rules that control our profession, monuments that may have been moved during construction, changes in the business world. All sorts of changes that could really affect us.



John Dailey,

There is a state (I don't remember which one) (remember, I am getting old) that is moving towards allowing "Dental Assistants" perform all sorts of work that is currently the purview of Licensed Dentists. The thought behind this is that these highly skilled technicians have the technology and equipment to do this work, then why not open the field and allow them to perform all sorts of dentistry? The Dentists would be relegated to an advisory position or just be phased out.

Knowing how ideas spread through legislative bodies, this line of thought could be on our doorstep very soon. There is an old Arabic saying that "if you allow the camel to get his head into the tent, soon you will be sleeping outside and the camel will have the tent."

Our profession is rife with people who have the technology and the tools, so why have a Professional Surveyor? Why not just have the technician do everything? It would be cheaper and do away with the "elitist Professional Surveyor." That seems to be the theme of the current "populist" movement.

Be very aware of what is going on around you, in the State House, the legislative bodies and particularly in the committee meetings where the real work is being done.

Stand up for your Profession, wherever you are. We are all members of an old and respected Profession. Do not be afraid to promote who we are and what we do. Most people believe that the person running the instrument is the Surveyor. Get involved in your community, volunteer your time and talent, let people know that you are a Surveyor and that you are a part of your community.

John E. Dailey, P.S. Retired

Past

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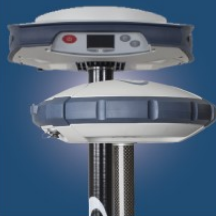
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Cleveland Chapter is looking for a member interested in running the NSPS Trig-Star competition in our area. If you have a high school student in the family or just know one, then it would be great to get involved with their high school and set up this terrific program.

If you are interested please contact someone on the board and they will help you get the information needed to start with worthy program.

The Trig Star Contest is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors. The contest, which is based on the practical application of Trigonometry, recognizes the best students from high schools throughout the nation.


The test includes several trigonometry problems and one trigonometry and surveying problem. The test answers are scored for accuracy. If more than one student has the same high score, the student who completed the test in the shortest time is the winner. The statewide winner is eligible to compete at the national level by taking an additional test.

2016 Winners at the national level of competition earn:

\$2,000 Scholarship for First Place
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\$500 Scholarship for Third Place

Sample problem"

TRIG-STAR PROBLEM LOCAL CONTEST



KNOWN: DISTANCE EF = 101.06 \angle EFG = 118°18'18" \angle FEG = 44°05'06"

FIND:

- \angle EGF = _____ (6 POINTS)
- DISTANCE EH = _____ (6 POINTS)
- DISTANCE FH = _____ (6 POINTS)
- DISTANCE FG = _____ (6 POINTS)
- DISTANCE GH = _____ (6 POINTS)

REQUIRED ANSWER FORMAT

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Neff and Associates 6405 York Rd, Parma Heights, OH 44130

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.

In attendance: Mike Straub, George Hofmann, Michael Kral.

Swearing in: George Hofmann swore in Mike Straub as President and Michael Kral as Secretary.

Secretary's minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting have already been accepted and published.

Treasury:

Committee accepted the treasurer's report dated January 2017 as presented by Tim Feller. Activity of the account included interest and bank fees for the month.

Chapter Delegate:

The State chapter accepted minutes as presented. Treasurers report under audit. No new membership for the Cleveland Chapter. Don Pickenpaugh reappointed to the state scholarship committee. PAC collected about \$200.00 at the conference. The state lines between Ohio and the following states, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia are to be laid out with respective neighboring state. Robert Mergel appointed to the Historical Review Committee. The 2022 Datum is still in the talking stages. The annual conference at The Kalahari Resort had a good turnout. The Education Bill considering the 2+2 surveying programs with community colleges but getting resistance from the 4 year programs. The proceeds from the fund raiser that raffled off an antique surveying instrument went toward the Mike Besch Scholarship.

Committees:

Membership Committee:

Nothing to report

Newsletter Committee:

The Newsletter deadline is Sunday March 19, 2017.

Website Committee:

Nothing reported.

Education/ Scholarship Committee:

The applications for the scholarship have been received. Mike Straub is to assemble a committee to review and award the funds. George Hofmann volunteered to head the committee. Mike Straub is in the process of preparing a spring CPD seminar.

Finance:

George Hofmann moved to contribute \$500 to the Akron University Student surveying competition. Michael Kral seconded motion and Tim Feller was contacted to make the appropriate contribution.

Elections:

George Hofmann swore in Mike Straub as President and Michael Kral as Secretary.

Old Business:

Nothing discussed

Surveyor of The Year: Mike Straub was present the award for the 2016 year.

Meeting Adjourn 6:38

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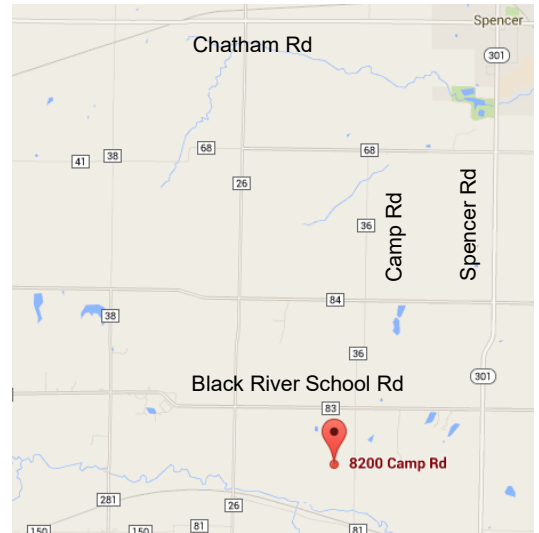
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Friday, January 13 - State PLSO Executive Meeting

Thursday - January 26, 2017 – Cleveland Chapter Annual General Meeting and installation of officers

February 15-18 , 2017 PLSO State conference in Annual Conference, Kalahari, **Sandusky, Ohio**

Friday, March 10 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, March 14 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 3/17/17)

Friday, April 14 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, April 18 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 4/21/17)

April STATE CPD Workshop (date and location TBA)

April (TBA) – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, May 12 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, May 16 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 5/19/16)

May STATE CPD Workshop (date and location TBA)

Friday, July 14 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

July (TBA) - Clev. Chapter Education Recognition Meeting (newsletter deadline 7/21/17)

Friday, September 8 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 9/15/16)

October 12-13 - PLSO State Fall Seminar Hilton Polaris, **Columbus, Ohio**

Tuesday, Oct. 17 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 10/25/16)

Nov. (TBA) – Cleveland Chapter General Meeting & CPD

Friday, November 10 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 11/19/17)

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12 (if needed) – 6 p.m. Cleveland Chapter Executive Meeting (newsletter deadline 12/15/17)

Friday, January 13 , 2018 – State PLSO Executive Meeting

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