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Chapter Social Meeting

Thursday October 4

Ferris Steak House

8700 Detroit Road, Cleveland www.ferrissteakhouse.com



6 - 7pm Social Hour 7pm Dinner

Come and socialize with chapter members. Interested in becoming a chapter officer? This is the time to come and meet us. No speaker or PDH hours.

Cost: Pay your own, order off the regular menu

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next meeting:

When: Monday October 22 (new date)

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Cuyahoga County Engineer's Test lab

Facilities, 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland. (park in the fenced in lot to

the left of the building)

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.

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President's Message

I had this month's message all written and ready to go, it was about training, but that will have to wait until next month. We have a much more urgent message to get out: Chapter Officers.

We are in the 10th month of the year and our President-Elect office is still vacant. This lack of involvement has been evident over the past few years with fewer members coming into office positions and staying around after their elected term is up. The President-Elect position more so since I took on two offices last year, President-Elect and Trustee, which still finishing out my term as Trustee. Generally the officers we have had recently have been Past Presidents of this chapter which I greatly appreciate their service, but we need new people into these positions to keep our chapter moving.



Robert Hoy President

We have a core group of 20 to 30 members that attend our seminar meetings. Some are past officers, yet many have not held a chapter office before. I urge you to get involved with our chapter. We need you to continue our chapter offering the seminars, social dinners, and our annual golf outing that we do ever year!

We still need a President-Elect for *this* year, and for 2013 for our 4 elected positions, Tim Feller is running for Treasurer again, Tom Snezek is running for Delegate again, with President-Elect and Secretary open. You can run for any of those 4 offices that you wish. Interested? Please contact me.

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Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

Presented by Thomas Snezek, 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 September 14, 2012 Columbus State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Summary comments:

- -Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM and a Quorum was established at 7:05 PM.
- Minutes from the July 13th meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Unfinished Business:

- Director Gilpin reported the negotiation of a flat rate of \$50 per certificate ceremony at the state house for the PLSO's contribution to the food and beverage at any certificate presentation event.
- There are two ceremonies per year. This event needs to receive more support from the membership to keep it going. It was further discussed that computer based testing could be in place by 2014 and could impact the ceremony process.
- New Members: 15 New members, 4 Life members, 1 Sustaining member were approved. Note that none of the new members are from the Cleveland Chapter.
- –A motion was reviewed and passed to initiate on-line dues payment starting in 2013. Director Gilpin presented the plan drafted by "Marcy Design Group Inc." The initial set-up cost of \$2500 was approved.
- –A review of the state office's accounting system was completed. The state and all chapters operate under one 501C6 Federal I.D. number. It was suggested that a "Treasurer's Packet" be generated to provide guidance to chapter treasurers. A motion was passed to retain the "Clark-Schaeffer-Hackett" accounting firm to do the Tax filing for P.L.S.O.at a cost of \$2250. (this falls well with-in the \$3000 budget)

Inter-association reports:

- Written report by Jim Kenyon submitted. Summarizes the new O.D.O.T. 623 notes and the forthcoming issuance of the 2013 Specification book.
- A discussion on model law ensued. Ohio is not a model law state so it has little impact on Ohio surveyors. If our state were to adopt model law there would be an issue with engineered prepared maps. Only six states have adopted model law.

Committee reports:

- P.A.C. fund balance in July was \$2,882.25.
- Historic Review The "Abraham Lincoln National Museum of Surveying" is

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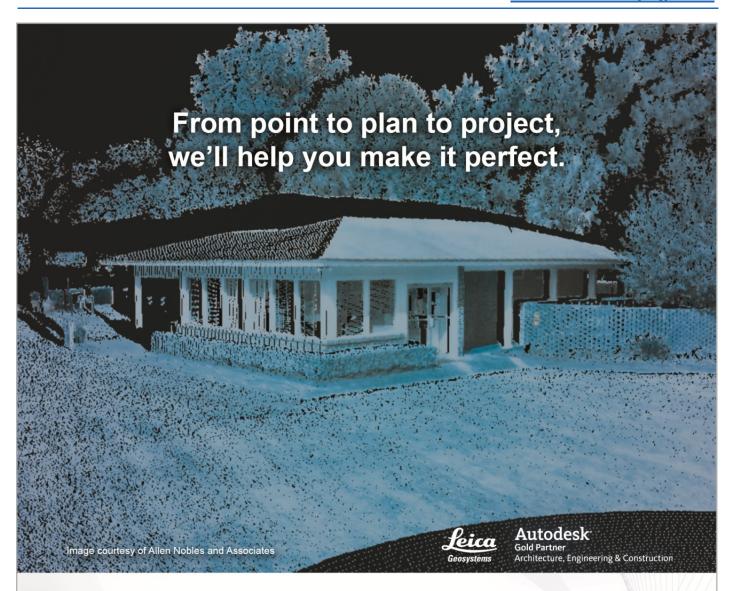
Easement Examples

The PLSO Standards committee has requested good *and* bad examples you've come across of legal descriptions for easements. We *all* have had to work with a legal description that made you scratch your head and wonder just *who* wrote it? Put these in a folder and pass them along to Brad or Tom.

This committee is considering getting minimum standards for easement descriptions into state law. Send examples to <u>Tom Snezek</u> or <u>Brad Kramer</u>.



Thomas Snezek
Delegate



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CPD Seminar Review by John Bischof, Past President Sept 6, 2012

Boundary Disputes & Assessing Boundary Evidence presented by John E. Dailey, P.S.

The County test lab facilities again provided the conference room to host the always colorful John Dailey and his discussions on this subject that has touched each and every one of us at one time or another. John utilized his vast years of experience to relate several tales of his surveying past and how this topic affected his decisions as a Surveyor. I couldn't agree more with his comment that the majority of all disputes are created by homeowner ignorance as to their actual property line location. This is where we come in to not only survey the property but also to educate the homeowner as to our actions in assessing the Boundary Evidence. Mr. Dailey also covered the priority of evidence as well as their uses.



John Bischof Past President

John also pointed out that one main point we need to remember is that in the case of lost evidence of boundary location, if agreement of location by all parties is determined to be used to set the common boundary, this location is still subject to all state and local code restrictions, i.e., minimum frontages, lot width, lot depth, etc.

If you were unable to attend, you missed an opportunity to partake in a brief but lively discussion regarding the I-90 bridgework that was reported on in the September Cleveland Surveying News by Peter D. Zwick.

The evening seminar was followed by a short meeting of the 2014 Conference Committee being chaired by Ken Hejduk. Although the conference is a year and a half away, much work has already been started to ensure another successful conference by the Cleveland Chapter. Contact Ken if you are able to volunteer your assistance.

John J. Bischof, P.S.

November Seminar

On the 1st of November we will have our last Seminar Meeting of the year. Ray Foos of the Firelands chapter will be here to present his chapter's calibration baseline project. This should be an interesting session since Cuyahoga has many surveyors yet no baseline in our county.

Location: 2433 Superior Viaduct (Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works), Cleveland.

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 <u>Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio</u> 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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requesting \$2,500 donation per year from state organizations that have more than 500 members.

- After discussion, the issue was tabled until we get more information on their operations and budget.
- The OSN newsletter deadline is October 1st.
- N.S.P.S. Governor, Bob Akins will be making a presentation on the "History of the N.S.P.S." at the fall meeting.
- The Trig-star fees are \$1500 per year. Our chapter's share is \$75.00.

Standing Committees-

- Annual Conferences the Conference Chairman for Cleveland's 2014 conference will be Ken Hejduk.
 He and the Program Committee have met at the InterContinental Hotel and he has begun building his sub-committees.
- Workshop updates- There will be a \$75 one day workshop on Oil & Gas in November in Cambridge
 Ohio. Another is tentatively scheduled for December in Chillicothe. They will offer 5-6 CPD hours with
 continental breakfast and lunch.
- Fund Raising The state office is looking for someone to fill the position of Fundraising Chairman.
- Communications George Hoffman discussed the new "Land Surveying in Ohio" public information brochure now available on line at the website. Discussion ensued about possibly manning a booth at various County Fairs to educate and promote surveying.
- -7.52 Management Review The Past, Current and President Elect met earlier today to review the Director and her staff. They reported an excellent performance review and discussed the final touches to the employee handbook. A motion was passed to allow the Management review committee to amend from time to time the manual to keep it current.

Chapter Delegate's Reports:

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Delegate Report (from Page 10)

- The Cleveland Chapter Delegate submitted a written Chapter Report for the record.
- President Elect's Report:
- George Hoffman noted that attendance at the Certificate Ceremony was very low and should have stronger support from the surveying community.
- He is also looking for candidates for state officer position for the 2013 election.

Adjourned 8:58 PM

Thomas M. Snezek, P.S.

2012 Chapter Elections

It's autumn again, which is election time. Here is our officers and who is slated to run for each:

| _ | President-Elect: | |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| _ | Treasurer: | Timothy Feller |
| _ | Secretary: | |
| _ | Delegate: | Thomas Snezek |

Information on officer duties are available as under "downloads" at: cleveland.plso.com/contact.html Contact any officer listed on Page 2 if you're interested!



Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

It is time for another column and I am sitting here wondering what I should write about. There are just a lot of random thoughts running through my mind, so I may just try to capture a few of them.

I just returned from Council Bluffs, Iowa and the annual Rendezvous of the Surveyors Historical Society. I love this group. It does a lot to keep the history of the Surveying profession alive with both their programs and the number of participants that show up in period costume. There are costumes from the very earliest American surveyors up to the present. Just to set you mind at ease, I do go in costume. Mine is of a late 20th and early 21st century land surveyor/business man. That means either business dress (shirt and tie) or business casual. The costumed reenactors tolerate me but I am comfortable.

I am surprised at the small number of Ohio Surveyors that belong to this organization and the few that regularly attend the Rendezvous. Their meetings are very educational, take place at historic sites and are a lot of fun. This year was to celebrate both the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the starting point of the first transcontinental railroad.

It was nice in Iowa. I did not have to listen to constant political ads. I could look at the television and see real ads, not the bombast that we are forced to suffer through. I can't wait for the next 46 days to pass so that we can get back to a more civil time when just the business advertisers will lie to us.

This campaign's ads have been as vicious as I have ever seen. I have written before about the current lack of civility but this campaign opens up an entirely new category. Please let it end.

WE HAVE LOST ONE OF OUR OWN.

In the last issue of CSN, there was a very brief notice about the death of one of PLSO's founding fathers, a charter member of the Cleveland Chapter and a Life Member of PLSO. Many of you may not have had the privilege of knowing and working with

William J. (Will) Dempsey, but I and the other "old timers" in this profession and Chapter did. I believe that he deserves to have more said about him.

Will was a gentle man with a ready sense of humor and a quiet laugh. He was a willing worker who volunteered his time to his chosen profession.



John Dailey, P.S.

There was never a time that he refused to help on a function, whether it was a committee, seminar, picnic or convention. He supported the profession both personally and financially. Will was the chair of the Mortgage Loan Survey Committee and the lead plaintiff in the PLSO lawsuit of "Dempsey vs Chicago Title".

Will was the Chapter's "Surveyor of the Year" in 1980 (only the fifth person to receive this honor) and Chapter President in 1984. He was a member of both ACSM and NSPS. Will was a private pilot who owned his own airplane and that alone could open up a lot of stories about Will.

Will founded Dempsey & Associates and managed it until his retirement. He and Rosemary retired to Ocala, Florida a number of years ago. They had 13 children, one of which (Chris) was also a Chapter President and Surveyor of the Year). This was a very closely knit family.

We have not only lost a good Surveyor, we have lost a fine professional and a dear friend. Please keep Will, Rosemary and the entire Dempsey family in your thoughts and prayers.

John Dailey. P.S., Past jdaileye@sbcglobal.net

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 14, 2012

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works - Test lab Facilities

Meeting called to order 6:06 PM

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

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee minutes from April 16th. Were reviewed and accepted as submitted.



Thomas Snezek
Delegate

Treasurer's Report:

The April Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Balance as of March 31st. is \$32,076.08. Report accepted subject to review.

Chapter Delegate's Report:

- Computer based testing for professional licensure will go electronic in the near future.
- Refresher courses will become segmented and predominately held at major seminars or conferences.
- The P.A.C. fund remains the same.
- A draft of possible G.P.S. Standards is being sent to the Standards Committee and will be available for review at the Fall Conference.
- 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 state offices received four applications for scholarships; 2 at \$2000 and 2 at \$1000. The Scholarship Board has them under review.
- The new "Membership Broacher" was reviewed and will be available of the "Member's Only" section of the state web-site soon.
- The state approved by motion \$750 to the employment attorney to review the proposed "Employee Handbook".
- The state approved by motion the acceptance of new member Mike Filipski.
- The state approved by motion \$850 for executive director Melinda Gilpin to attend the OSAE Annual Conference.

The 2012 Golf Outing:

A modified registration form will be developed and mailed out. The form will also be sent electronically to the entire membership and be available in this newsletter. The form will offer a special package deal to attendees which will provide a free golf ticket if you join the P.L.S.O. through the Cleveland Chapter. Other promotions are being considered to increase membership such as reduced rates if you bring in more than one foursome and free chapter seminar packages as prizes.

A motion was passed to 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.
- Wednesday, May 23rd. is the next newsletter deadline.
- The Board passed a motion to pay a final payment of \$427.50 to Kevin Grigsby for the last work on the web-site.
- St. Edward's High school sponsored a Trigstar 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. A motion (Cont'd on Page 13)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes August 13, 2012

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works – Test lab Facilities 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland, Ohio

Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

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



Michael Ackerman Secretary

Secretary's minutes: Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 14, 2012 to be reviewed.

Treasury: Tim Feller submitted the May, June and July reports. Acceptance of reports is subject to review.

Chapter Delegate:

- The Cleveland Chapter did not have a representative at the July 13th meeting.
- Tom Snezek read the report based on a phone conversation with Director Melinda Gilpin highlighting the meeting.

Standing Committees

Membership: We are currently looking for a new committee chair. No new members joined as a result of the specials offered at the golf outing.

Communication:

Newsletter Committee: Robert Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be Friday August 17, 2012

Website Committee: Updates to the scholarship page will be sent to Dino

Program:

- Topics for upcoming seminars were discussed
- The site for the October Social meeting is being finalized
- Tom reported on the status of this year's golf outing to date.
- The Central Ohio Chapter sent a donation to sponsor a hole in the golf outing. Unfortunately, the check arrived after the event. The money will be used to sponsor a hole next year.

Education: No report.

Finance: Inactive

Special Committees: Ken Hejduk will take over as the 2014 Conference Chairman. **MOTION PASSED** to reimburse the Conference Committee Chairman, travel expenses for program committee meetings.

Old Business:

- Non-member seminar topics and location were discussed.
- The online survey data base is now open to members. This item will be removed from old business.
- George Hofmann and Robert Hoy updated the status of obtaining retired surveyor's records.

New Business:

Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions.

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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

September 17, 2012

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works Test Lab, 2433 Superior Viaduct, Cleveland

In attendance: Robert Hoy, Tim Feller, Tom Snezek, and Jack Hoy.

Treasury: A \$50 donation to American Cancer Society in memory of William

Dempsey

Program:

The site for the Annual meeting is to be Creekside in Brecksville. The intent is to maintain a \$25 dinner fee. The chapter will cover any overage.



Special Committees:

Ken Hejduk is the 2014 Conference Chairman. Looking to fill program committee chair position.

Old Business:

December 1st non-member seminar meeting location appears as though the Strongsville Holiday Inn is the front runner.

New Business: NEED officers to fill vacant positions; Move the October Executive Committee meeting to the 22nd.

Timothy J. Feller

Secretary's Minutes (May) (from Page 13)

was passed to award Cody Shaffer and Derek Everett each a \$1000 scholarship and they will be presented at the June Social Meeting.

- A motion was passed to invite Frank Camperchioli and guest to the June Social meeting as an honored Life Member.
- A half-sheet mailer will be sent out to the membership with instructions on how to access the Chapter's data base.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek Acting Secretary

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Are you using, www.plso.info yet? There are a lot of surveys in it, a gold mine of old survey information. We want feedback from chapter members on the website and its information. George Hofmann is close to securing more records from another retired surveyor which may end up, over time, in this survey database.

Email Dino Lustri with questions and comments at dlengineeringllc.com

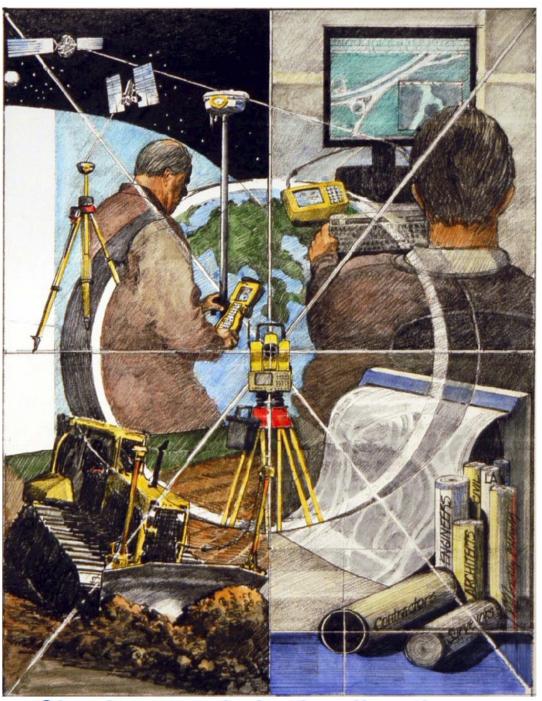


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Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2012 Calendar

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

| Oct 4 | Social Dinner Meeting |
|--------|------------------------------------------|
| Oct 11 | PLSO Executive Meeting |
| Oct 22 | (revised date) Chapter Executive Meeting |

Oct 19 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Nov 1 Seminar Meeting
Nov 9 PLSO Executive Me

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

Jan 14 Chapter Executive Meeting

Jan 24 Annual Meeting

Member Passing

Another newsletter and yet another Chapter member has passed away. Frank B. Krause III, Life Member, has passed away. The below is from Cleveland.com's obituary (click here for link)

KRAUSE FRANK B. KRAUSE III "BUD", age 88, of Bedford Hts. Beloved husband of Mary A. (nee Pribisko) for 67 years; loving father of James (Monet), Frank IV (Chris), William (deceased), Joni Esser, Christopher (Rita) and Nancy Catalano; dearest grandfather of Matthew, Michael, James (Crystal) and Marina Krause, Brian (Danyel) Esser, Andrea (Lucas) Mistelske and Eric Esser, Ryan Krause, Austin and Dean Catalano; dear great-grandfather of six; brother of Richard, John and the following deceased: Jean Hollaran and Donald. Veteran U.S. Marine Corps WWII.

Member of VFW Post 1082, Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, and the Bedford Historical Society. Active member of Alcoholic Anonymous for 42 years and lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. Longtime Ohio State Buckeyes fan. Although flowers are appreciated, the family suggests contributions to a charity of your choice.

Secretary's Minutes (August) (from Page 14)

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Ackerman

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