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Statute of Limitations

Over the summer the Ohio Revised code was amended to include a statute of limitations for Surveyors. PLSO had a big hand in making this happen. Another way PLSO benefits *all* surveyors in Ohio. If you're not a PLSO member, become one now so we can make more progress for Surveying!

Link to new law language:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/2305.09v2>

New language:

ORC 2305.09

(E) ...

An action for professional negligence against a registered surveyor shall be commenced within four years after the completion of the engagement on which the cause of action is based.

November 6 Meeting

We plan to have either a social dinner or a seminar dinner in November. Look for initial info in an upcoming email and full details the November CSN.

Possible topic:

- Construction Surveying (Staking) Best Practices

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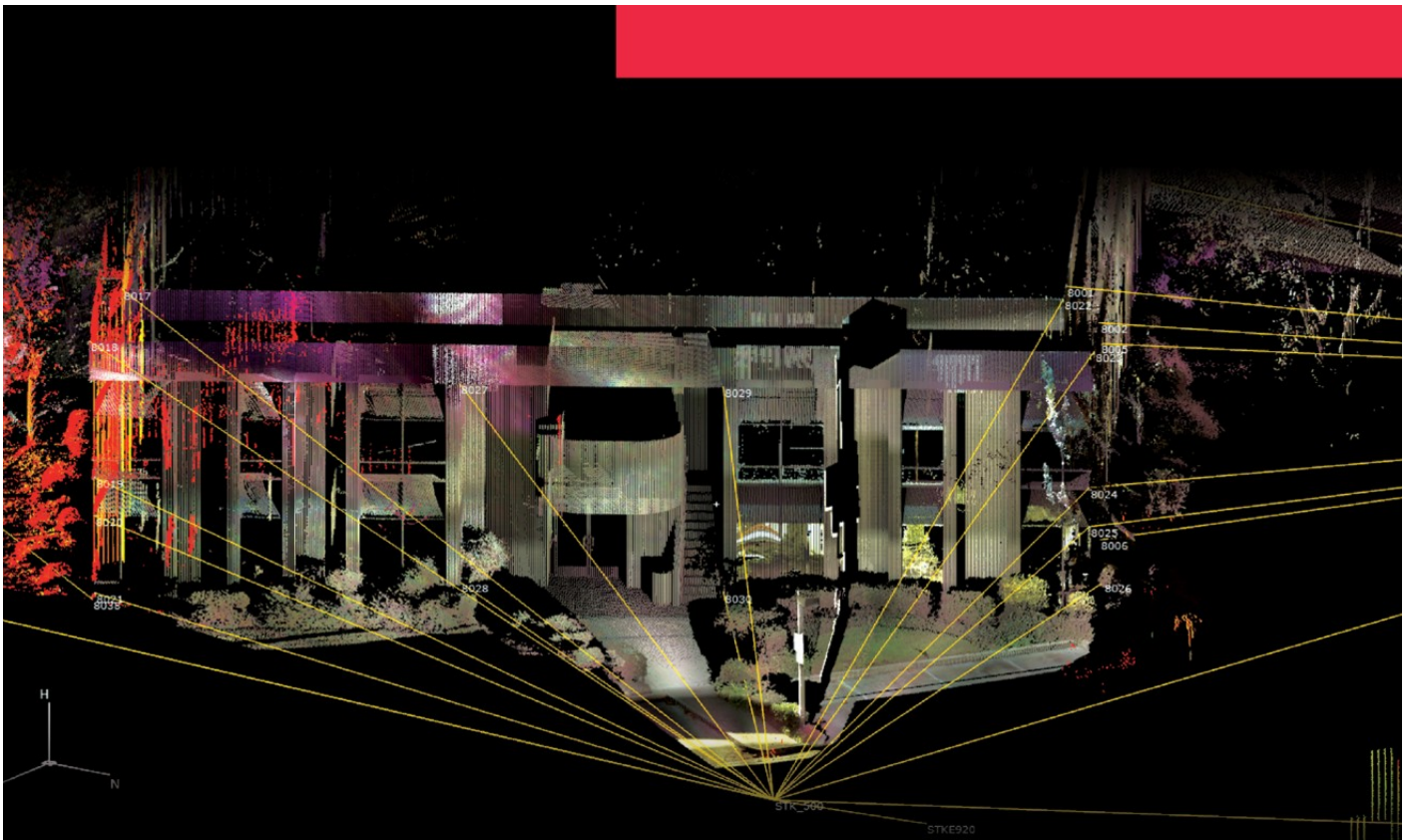
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Seminar Dinner Meeting

Thursday October 2

Subject: GPS Best Practices, an Open Group Discussion, 1.5 PDH
Dispel the myths, learn the facts, & understand the limitations.

- Introduction by Gary Schuller, PS of University of Akron
- Invited Guest: Ted Muns, SI of City Blueprint of Toledo
- PLSO President Brian Bingham, PS will be attending
- Moderated by Steve Metcalf, PS Chapter Secretary

Location: Hooley House
24940 Sperry Drive, Westlake
440-846-2890

Cost: Order off the menu, pay your own bill.

- Giveaways and prizes for participation.
- *Must attend dinner to receive an attendance certificate*
- Bring your field crew members and non-member colleagues!

Mr. Muns will bring new equipment, and his new salesman Steve Staples will be there too. State PLSO President Brian Bingham will be in attendance. We already have over 30 people signed up. This is a great opportunity to network, see new equipment, and hear how other surveyors are using GPS and how you can improve your usage.



Schedule

6:00 Socializing
6:30 Dinner
Followed by Chapter
Announcements and Seminar

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Surveyor Spotlight - Terry Worsech, PS

by Steven Metcalf, PS

What year did you become a surveyor?

I received my Professional Surveyors license in 2001.

What company do you work for, how long?

I currently work for Neff & Associates for 7 months.

I am responsible for Boundary Work and Set-up for Construction Staking in the office.



Terry Worsech, PS

What lead you into the surveying profession? Why?

It began with my first real job with the City of North Olmsted in the Engineering Department. I enjoyed the work in the field and found the office work to be a challenge and interesting.

Where you are you from originally?

I have lived in the Cleveland area all of my life and still reside in North Olmsted.

Where you ever an intern or where did you start?

No, I was never an intern, but as mentioned before, I started at the City of North Olmsted Engineering Department working on their field crew as a rod man. Later I became an instrument man, did various drafting work, Topo's, centerline surveys and sewer studies.

Who were your mentors?

At the City, I worked under Hugh Patton, then with Peter C. Zwick & Bill Wellcheck. Later then, I gained a lot of knowledge from working with Carl Craddock, J. Howard Flowers, Richard Allar, Richard Hantel and Dennis Seifert. All of these were a positive influence in my continuing as a surveyor.

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

Ohio only.

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

I love the field, that is where I feel most challenged, and enjoy the freedom. But, the office is where I am at now. I do enjoy seeing all the work come to fruition, creating the map, and seeing the final product too.

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

I have used mainly Nikon total stations and Topcon robots.

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

Astronomical surveying

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

Anything Jeff Lucas. I saw him at a prior conference and he is a good entertaining speaker.

Do you have a good funny surveying war story?

Doing some rough grade staking on a site in Brunswick Hills, the site was so muddy and wet that the guy I was staking with had to set one in the middle of what we thought to be a small puddle. Once he got into the small puddle, well, he was up to mid thigh quickly & had to be pulled out by a front end loader. He refused to do any staking in puddles after that.

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

Back in 1978, we were doing a Railroad survey in Bedford Heights. The high temperature for the day was -10 and we were going through 3 feet of snow by the

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Surveyor Spotlight, Terry Worsech, PS (from Page 6)

rails. Tough day.

If you weren't a surveyor what would you like to be?

Anything to do with wine business - growing, making, sales and drinking.

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

I enjoy following what was done before closely.

What is your surveying motto or approach?

Horizontal and Vertical control is the very important. A correct tight closed control survey. I don't want to waste time and money to go back and solve control problems. It should be done and adjusted correctly the first time.

NON-Surveying Questions:***What is your greatest extravagance?***

Long vacations.

What talent would you like to have?

To be a better public speaker.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My four children.

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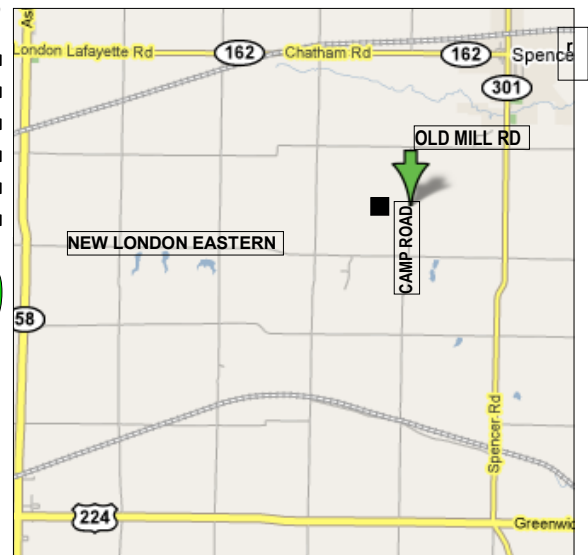
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Where would you like to live?

Boston, Massachusetts area.

What hobbies or other interests do you enjoy?

I would love to take up sailing and enjoy vintage car races.

Family, (kids), wife, etc.

Tammy and I have four children, Katie, Justin, Brad and Carly.

Katie and Brad are now both married. Katie has given us two Grandkids that we love.

My family is great, I'm a lucky guy.

Cleveland Chapter's Delegate Report

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 12, 2014

Call to Order 6:02 PM

- 21 Officers and Delegates present, Quorum Established.
- Review and passage of July 2014 meeting minutes with minor changes.
- Treasurer's Report -Reviewed and accepted subject to the Finance Committee's review, as per the Charter guidelines.
- New Members - New members list - 2 Professional, 1 Affiliate, 1 Sustaining, 1 Retired and 2 Life membership applications were reviewed and motions passed to accept. **Note that we welcome Benjamin Kearns, a new member to the Cleveland Chapter.**
- Dean Ringle discussed potential road salt shortage projected for this winter.
- Discussed the upcoming GIS conference in Columbus for September 22-24.

Inter-Association Reports

- ODOT - Jim Kenyon reported on the up-coming ACEC presentation on revamping ODOT contracts to be held on October 16th
- State Board of Registration - Dean Ringle reported that at the National meeting in August discussion was held on the issue of modifying the Model Law by the year 2020 to increase the years of education needed to sit for state exams to five years or even requiring a Masters degree. The general opinion seems to be to leave it at a four year degree. Mr. Ringle has been appointed to a committee to analyze the evident "aging" of surveyors in Ohio as well as nationally. The committee will finalize a report next year. He asked for any thoughts and suggestions to help. Director Gilpin noted that Cincinnati State has added classes to work in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati to lead to Bachelors program.

Committee Reports

- P.A.C. fund balance = \$2,002.35. Personnel check donations are being accepted.
- N.S.P.S. Governor Robert Akins reported: Still looking for an Ohio representative to log NGS monuments. NSPS has accepted our invitation to the Fall Conference in 2015 at Kalahari. 2015. He is still looking for comments on membership benefits ideas. Discussed the issue of Davis Bacon law applications of prevailing wages to licensed professional surveyors. He has been challenged by a Federal Government representative and asked the room for opinions or ideas.
- The Trig Star season will be starting up soon.

Program: Fall Seminar Updates

- 2014 - Oct. 16-18, 2014 - Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH, Program Committee (Cont'd on Page 11)

Cleveland Chapter of PLSO 2014 Calendar

Chapter Executive Meetings are held 6 p.m. at the office of Neff & Associates at 6405 York Road Parma Heights and are open to all PLSO members who want to attend.

Oct 2 Social Dinner or Seminar
Oct 16 PLSO Executive Meeting at Fall Seminar
Oct - Chapter Executive Meeting - TBA
Oct 23 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Nov 6 Seminar Meeting
Nov 14 PLSO Executive Meeting
Nov 17 Chapter Executive Meeting
Nov 21 Cleveland Surveying News deadline

Dec 8 Chapter Executive Meeting (if needed)

2015

Jan 10 PLSO Executive Meeting
Jan 12 Chapter Executive Meeting
Jan 13 Cleveland Surveying News deadline
Jan 22 Annual Meeting

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next executive meeting will be held:

When: **Monday *TBA***
 Time: 6:00 pm
 Where: Neff & Associates at 6405 York Road,
 Parma Heights

We have 2014 Officer openings at President, President-Elect, and Delegate.

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 Delegate: _____, PS

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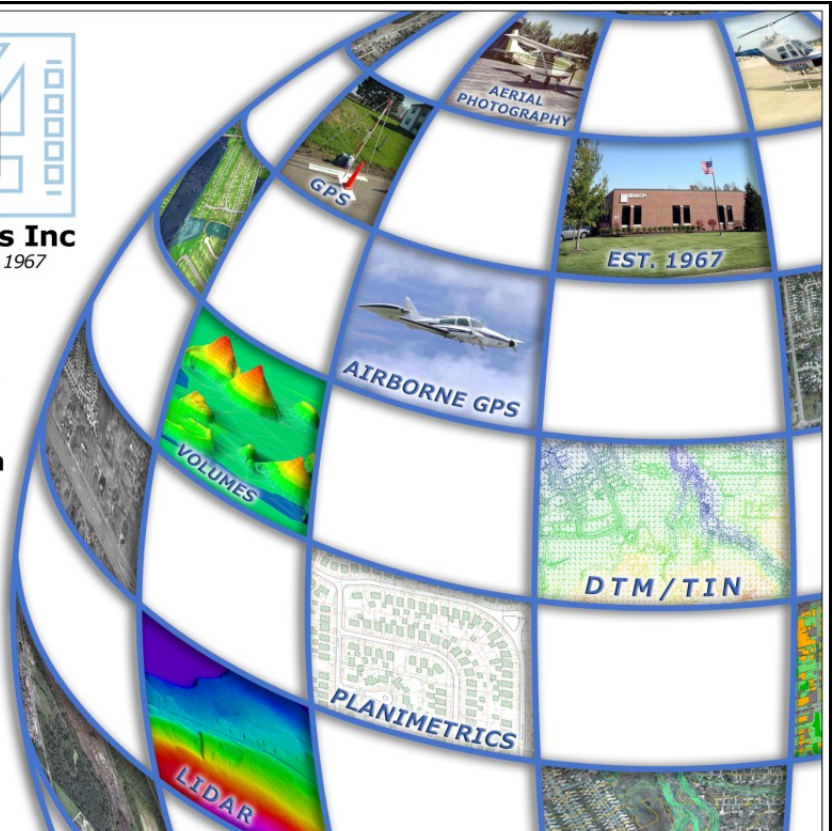
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– Registration is strong. Must book your room by Monday 9/14/14 to get the special rate.

Workshop Updates

– Director Gilpin reported that there will be a workshop on November 7 at The Burtram Inn in Aurora, on November 21 at the Crown Plaza North in Columbus and December 12 at the Hilton Gardens in Perrysburg. Each a one day event with lunch. She will be doing a 1 hour OUPS update at each one.

Adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Snezek, PS
Acting Chapter Delegate and State Secretary

Cover Photo Story

Chapter Secretary Steve Metcalf, PS gifting one of the PLSO t-shirts, that the Chapter has recently had made to, Askega Chapter President Nick Marino at their recent meeting.

There's a discussion to have a tri-chapter meeting with both Askega and Western Reserve chapters. Watch the CSN for updates.



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Save that Pin?

by Robert Hoy, PS

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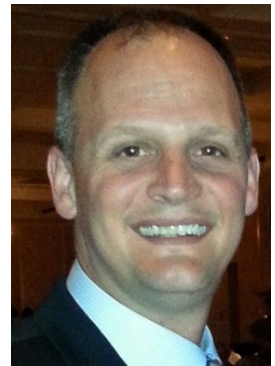
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Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

September 18, 2014

6:05 p.m.



Steven Metcalf
Secretary

In attendance:

Robert Hoy, Tim Feller, Dino Lustri, Mike Kral, George Hofmann, Tom Snezek, & Steve Metcalf.

Chapter Delegate:

George Hofmann & Tom Snezek gave highlights of the State meeting – a discussion about education requirements with licensure, possible 2 year degree and experience vs. bachelor's degree & the CST programs. Legislation about Timber clearing & cutting, mostly southern portion of Ohio.

Surveyor of the past deadline is November 14, a discussion on possible nominees from the Cleveland Chapter were mentioned by George Hofmann.

Committees:

Membership Committee:

Terry Worsch (reinstatement) and Benjamin Kerns (a new Professional) were added. An personal invite to the October 2nd Seminar will be directed to both new members.

16 current members have still NOT renewed their membership with the PLSO from the Cleveland Chapter.

Website Committee:

Robert Hoy & Dino Lustri both provided a nice detailed overview of the possible revisions to both websites. Combination of both <http://www.plso.info> & cleveland.plso.com into one site or a re-direction to the base site is needed. A discussion about adding a possible blog or discussion page was mentioned. Dino spoke about trying to gain copies of more recorded plats by linking in county webpages, etc.

Program Committee:

Mike Kral, Social Chair, presented the location and details of the October seminar.

October 2nd -- the Hooley House at 24940 Sperry Drive, Westlake, OH 44145.

Topic: GPS best practices - followed by open discussion with attendees

A discussion about the Seminar pricing, CPD credits, room size, invitations to other chapters, invitation to the PLSO president, a donation to the University of Akron for Gary Schuller's time and efforts. It was discussed about speaking to attending members about participation for the vacant executive positions on the EXCOM board as well.

Golf Outing:

Tom Snezek presented details from the Golf Outing on June 27 and it was again successful. Tom praised Rick Ziegman continued work over the years and it has set the basis for a great time. Thank you Rick.

Tom then presented a large packet of materials with details of a Proposal for the next Golf Outing in 2015. This packet included his research on pricings, date availabilities, map of each possible location, deposit costs, facility breakdowns, manger contacts, course evaluations, positives and negative of each location, food options (lunch-dinner) & possible restructuring to the format to be discussed.

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Executive Highlights (from Page 14)

Elections:

Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions.

We have 2014 Officer openings at President, President-Elect, and Full-time Delegate.
Robert Hoy, Past- President.

Robert Hoy discussed calling a Past Presidents meeting for the state of Chapter and attendance.
Ways to draw in new members or get better member participation was heartily debated.

Steve Metcalf presented a Nomination ballot be filled out by each member at the October seminar
to get the members input on new board members.

Meeting called to close at 8:15 p.m.

PLSO: Who Are We?

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