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Social Dinner Thursday October 3

2014 Annual Conference Info

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Schedule

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner

2014 Conference Info

Cleveland Chapter members who are the 2014 Annual Conference Committee will present what is lined up for the February conference, held at Kalahari, hosted by our chapter.

Hear what they have to say and offer your suggestions and ideas before planning is finalized. Plus find out how you can volunteer while you're already attending the conference.

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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 dino@dlengineeringllc.com

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting

Our next meeting:

When: Monday October 21

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: kenh@hca-es.com

Program Chairman John G. Hoy: jhoy.7419@att.net

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Hospitality Chairman Thomas Snezek, hospitality room sponsors, dadsurv@hotmail.com

Want to sponsor a session break, a lunch, or the Thursday evening benefit/auction? Contact PLSO Executive Director Melinda Gilpin: info@ohiosurveyor.org

Come to our October 4th social dinner to find out all what's going on with this conference. See Page 3 for the dinner details and location.

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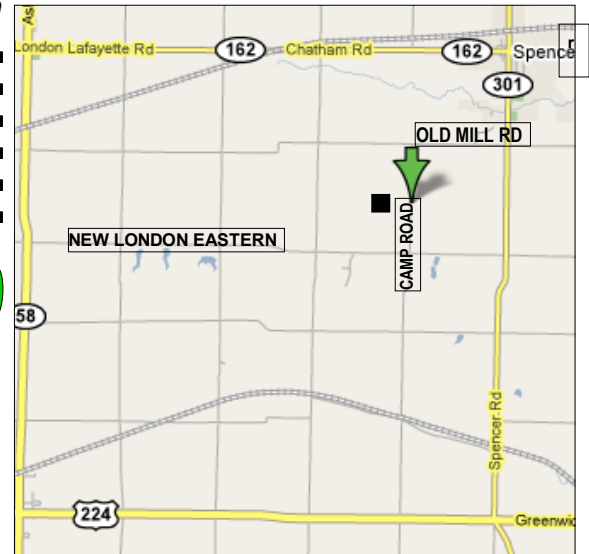
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Random Lines

by John Dailey, P.S.

Let's talk a little bit about professional societies. A Professional Society (shortened here to PSoc for convenience and not Professional Surveyor) is a group made up of like minded individuals with the same professional involvement, goals, problems and desires. As with any organization, the PSoc must have some type of goal. A PSoc or any association should not and cannot exist just for the sake of existing.

PLSO on the state level is primarily involved in the education of the present and future Surveyors, acting as a legislative watchdog and generally supporting the membership and the Profession as a whole. They are our direct contact with the State Board of Registration.

The PLSO Chapters, besides supporting the goals of the State Society, should have certain goals of their own that will involve, support and help the local members. In the Cleveland Chapter, this involves the presentation of continuing education seminars locally, at convenient times and at

reasonable costs. The Chapter membership even ignores this great convenience according to the rather dismal attendance records.

But there has to be more. The Chapters, and any PSoc, should be improving the public image and acceptance of the profession's practitioners. In other words, a PSoc should become involved in activities outside their normal sphere of interest so that the general population can recognize them and respect them and what they do. Respect and recognition is not given, it must be earned.



John Dailey, P.S.

The following is a note I received from Bill Barrow, Special Collections Librarian at Cleveland State University.

"Hi John, I'm involved with the Early Settlers Association in the celebration of the city's 217th birthday a week from today. It's (Cont'd on Page 8)



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Random Lines (from Page 6)

too late for this year, but it just struck me that the event suffers from not having a surveyor component, don't you think?

Cheers, Bill Barrow

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(www.ClevelandMemory.org)*

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Bill has shown some concern in the past over the lack of involvement of the Surveying Profession in areas where Surveyors have played a major role. The founding of the City of Cleveland and the Western Reserve are two of these. I am making the open suggestion to the entire Chapter

membership to take an active part in this Chapter and in this celebration of the City's birthday.

I can already hear the response from some of the ExCom: "Well, Dailey, since you brought it up why don't you handle it?"

I think it is time to answer that. When this Chapter was formed, a large number of 30 to 50 year old Surveyor leapt at the chance to improve our status and to protect our franchise to earn a living. These Surveyors all faced the same problems faced by today's Surveyors: we had young families to look after, other commitments such as religious affiliations, businesses to run and personal lives. These very senior members have paid our dues many times over. We have even paid some of yours by taking up the slack too often because the rest of the Chapter was "too busy."

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It is time for the torch to be passed. It is now your watch. It is time for you to step up and do your DUTY. Get involved now. It is an embarrassment that we cannot even fill the slate of officers because everyone is "too busy." If the early members had been "too busy" you would all still be recognized as technicians in OSPE.

John Dailey, P.S., Past
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President's Message

Here's hoping your summer was busy and enjoyable. Our chapter elections are coming up fast and we need **you** to step up and help lead our chapter and enhance the position of Surveyors within our markets. If your business is slow on work, sitting back and waiting for the phone to ring isn't the way to fill up your schedule. Get involved with our Cleveland Chapter, bring your ideas. Network with other surveyors and help find ways we can reach out to raise awareness of Professional Surveyors. That can do a lot more for your business than waiting for the phone to ring!



Robert Hoy
 President

We have officer holes to fill. We need a President and a President-Elect, Secretary, and Delegate for next year. That's all offices except Treasurer! Delegate is vacated because Tom Snezek is running for PLSO Secretary and Michael Ackerman is graciously filling in as Secretary even though he formally stepped down at the end of his term which ended at our Annual Meeting. Even State PLSO is having difficulty finding someone to run for their officer positions. We need your time and your fresh energy.

Professional Surveying needs everyone to be vigilant observing where Professional Surveying laws are being skirted. With technology as it is today, we need to be aware when actions are being made that are such that should be performed by a Professional Surveyor. We need to educate those using surveying related technologies and don't realize they performing duties that only a Professional Surveyor can legally perform. Get active with PLSO and engage your local government to promote Surveying.

Robert Hoy, PS
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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.

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

November 7 Seminar

We are planning a seminar on field safety. Who will be the speaker? Everyone that comes. It will be a group discussion. Everyone has stories to share of “near misses” or even times they’ve been injured to some degree. By sharing what we all do and think on field safety we can each better understand how our northeast Ohio surveying industry handles field safety. Look for details in upcoming newsletters and in the meantime take a brief assessment of your field safety practices.



Robert Hoy introducing our scholarship recipient John Dechant Jr.



Peter D. Zwick introducing our Trig*Star winner Gregory Pataky from St. Edward H.S.

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2013

6611 Ridge Road, Parma - Parma City Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

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



Michael Ackerman
Acting Secretary

Secretary's minutes:

Executive Committee meeting minutes from April 15, 2012 accepted as submitted by Tom Snezek.

Treasury:

Tim Feller submitted the April report. Acceptance of report is subject to review.

Chapter Delegate:

- George Hofmann read the May Delegates report.
- The State Chapter is still waiting for answers to questions posed to NSPS about the proposed merger.
- Payment of PLSO dues will now be made available online.

Committees

Communication:

Newsletter Committee: Robert Hoy announced the newsletter deadline will be May 23, 2013.

Program:

The June 6 Education Recognition Dinner will be held at The Berea Union Depot Tavern.

Education: MOTION PASSED to award John DeChant Jr. a \$1000 scholarship.

Elections: Still looking for officers to fill vacant positions

Special Committees:

Ken Hejduk updated the progress on the 2014 Annual Conference. Due to a conflict, the location has been changed to the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky.

New Business:

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Ackerman, PS
Acting Secretary

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 July 12, 2013

Call to order 6:06 PM

- 21 Officers and Delegates present, Quorum Established.
- Review and passage of May meeting minutes.
- Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and accepted subject to the Finance Committee's review, as per the Charter guidelines.
- New Members: Motion passed to accept 4 professional re-instatement members, 2 student members, 1 retired member and 3 life members.

State Board of Registration: The Board continues to review the mineral rights issue. The house is on summer break. No activity on computer based testing. Probable effective date sometime in early 2014.

Ohio Surveying News deadline is July 1st. Notably its annual budget is down from \$22,000 to \$10,000 due to computer based technology and on-line publishing.

N.S.P.S. Governor:

- Vote passed to send e-ballots for the constitution changes and the N.S.P.S. membership issue on August 1st. Members will be given 30 days to review and voting deadline will be August 31st.
- 11 states have already signed the M.O.U. with N.S.P.S.
- N.S.P.S. Governor Bob Akins has an 18 page Power-Point presentation available for review as a PDF on the web-site. He will Tele-conference with any group wishing to review the presentation and issues.
- In a separate vote the support of the N.S.P.S. membership issue was passed. 19 yeas, 3 nays.
- Trig Star had a very active spring and seven chapters sponsored the test at eight Ohio high schools.

Program:

- Annual Conferences: 2014 committee met at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center to continue the final planning of the Annual Conference. Programming is moving forward. We are on schedule.
- The Workshop Program has done very well with its statewide efforts and realized double the anticipated income.

Scholarship: Out of six applications 5 scholarship awards were made. 3 for \$2000 each at University of Akron. 2 for \$1000 each at Ohio State university.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Thomas Snezek
Delegate