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## PRESIDENTIAL VIEWPOINT

Spring begins just two days after this month's GPLA membership meeting and it can't get here soon enough to suit me. Maybe it's just one more sign that I'm getting older, but this winter has felt colder and seemed windier than any in the past 5 years or so. True, we haven't had as much snow as in the past (remember 3 years ago?), but I'd bet we've had more cloudy days than even in that winter. Spring is my favorite season, and not just because Rita's offers free water ice on that first day! The calendar says the new year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup>, but in my mind March 20th is the beginning of the year. I think that's because spring reminds me that no matter how cold and gloomy the weather has been, no matter the disappointments or missed opportunities of the past year, everything is again possible when spring returns. Spring marks the return of daylight savings time, the return of the Phillies and the return of outdoor living. That's the trifecta and it doesn't get any better than that!

This spring also heralds the introduction of a new benefit for GPLA members. I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Connelly-Singer Scholarship Fund of GPLA. The scholarship was created by combining the monies from the Gerald Connelly Library with those of the Singer Scholarship Fund, which was created several years ago through a donation in memory of Leonard and Louise Singer. I believe this is a fitting tribute to honor these outstanding individuals who contributed so much to our industry. My thanks to both Martin Arnold and Carolyn Connelly for proposing and executing this merger.

With the combined funds, GPLA will be able to award 2 scholarships of two classes each to our annual convention each year. GPLA members that are classified as active, apprentice and the newly created shop member (another reason to have your employees join GPLA as shop members!) are eligible to apply. Members of several other local locksmith associations are also eligible to apply, but at least one of the two scholarships awarded each year must go to a GPLA member. The applications for the scholarship should be available on our website

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## **Minutes of the February 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting**

The February 2013 GPLA General Membership Meeting was held at the GPLA Headquarters on February 18, 2013 and was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Cliff Shafer.

The President welcomed one guest to the membership meeting: Ryan Loughnane from A-1 Lock.

A program was then presented by Jim Handschuh on Trine products and concluded at 8:16 PM.

**Reading of the previous meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Orvis Kline to accept the January 2012 General Membership Meeting Minutes as printed/mailed in the Newsletter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Williams and was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** President Cliff Shafer stated that the report was presented to the Board of Directors and unanimously approved. He also reminded all in attendance that any member in good-standing may have a copy of the financial statement upon request.

**Correspondence In & Out:** John Williams reported that the proxy ballots were mailed out and some were received after having been filled out by members not attending the meeting.

**Convention Committee:** Cliff Shafer stated that chairman Sven Hellwig was ill and would provide a summary report at the next membership meeting.

**President's Report:** Cliff Shafer informed the membership that there were two nomination forms at the head table for Tom Demont and Joe Cortie. Each looking to run for the ALOA presidency. Interested parties should sign it if they wish to support the petition.

**NJ Legislation:** Ed Fitzgerald stated that the State of NJ is meeting with a believed illegal locksmith in one of the first enforcement actions of the licensing initiative.

**PA Legislation:** Nothing to report.

**Education:** GPLA is sponsoring a class on March 23 on *Life Safety Codes & ADA, Means of Egress and Industrial & Shop Safety*. The President reminded everyone that this would be a good opportunity to take advantage of the new Shop Membership category to receive a discount when enrolling in a class.

**By-Laws:** Orvis Kline discussed the proposed changes that were printed in the February Newsletter and being considered for the vote. An involved and spirited discussion ensued. Orvis stated that if anyone has any questions pertaining to the new By Law changes that they should be directed to the membership before the vote at the March meeting.

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# **Proposed By-Law Changes**

The following Articles and Sections have been modified.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION C - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

1. The applicant must attend a GPLA membership meeting as a sponsored guest, after which applicant may request an application from the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, any OFFICER or DIRECTOR or download from GPLA Website at [gpla.org](http://gpla.org).
2. The completed application and appropriate initiation fee, as specified in the STANDING RULES, must be returned to the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN or any OFFICER or DIRECTOR. Upon acceptance of the applicant, an invoice for prorated dues for the remainder of the year (from date of member acceptance) will be presented to each new member (excluding Shop Member) and must be paid by the following meeting.
3. The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE will verify whether the qualifications under ARTICLE III, SECTIONS A and B are met as well as any additional qualifications listed in the STANDING RULES.
4. The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN will report to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS the results of the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE findings, with only BOARD OF DIRECTORS present.
5. Applicants, after submitting their application and receiving notification of completion of review by the BOARD, must attend two (2) of the next four (4) general meetings. After attending the second meeting, the applicant's name will be published in the Newsletter as being voted on for membership at the next general meeting. Applicants will not be permitted to attend that meeting.
6. The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN will report the findings of the Application Review to the membership.
7. Applicants will be voted on by the general membership by secret paper ballot. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present is required to approve an applicant for membership. To insure the secrecy of voting members, the PRESIDENT will appoint an OFFICER or MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and two (2) members in good standing to act as ballot counters.
8. Accepted members will serve up to a six (6) month probationary period, during which the BOARD OF DIRECTORS will determine whether the new member will be an asset to the ASSOCIATION. At any time during the probationary period, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS may terminate the probationary period and grant full membership privileges or terminate such membership. During said probation period, no decals or other form of advertising of ASSOCIATION membership is allowed.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION A - REGULAR MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the ASSOCIATION members shall be held the third Monday of each month. Meeting dates may be cancelled at the discretion of the PRESIDENT or THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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very soon. In an effort to introduce the scholarship to the industry, we will be awarding **four** scholarships to the convention this year and have declared the theme of our 2013 convention as:

***Honoring Their Legacies - The Connelly-Singer Scholarship Fund of GPLA***

Just a reminder, we will be voting on the proposed By-Laws changes that are again printed in this issue of the newsletter at this month's meeting. Please be sure to attend and let your opinion count.

Fraternally,  
Clifford L. Shafer, CPS, CML  
President



**Membership:** Nelson Dayton reported that Bruce Wallen and Alvin Jackson have been granted full Active Membership.

**Health and Welfare:** Cliff Shafer stated that Ed Pfeil, Jr. continues to receive cancer treatments and we wish him a successful outcome. The President reassured the membership that Ed's Board of Directors position has been held pending his return or notification of his interest in keeping the role. Ed would appreciate any phone calls and words of encouragement as he continues to recover. He can be reached at: 609-790-2381.

**Good of the Association:** Bill Neff provided revised 2013 Rosters for the members in attendance. Bill Neff stated that the CPLA will be holding a class on March 17. All parties interested should contact Bill directly for enrollment. Marty Arnold stated that there will be an Antique Safe Auction on March 30 in Pennsylvania. Orvis Kline stated that Just Cars will be in Las Vegas on May 4-5. Mike Nimmo informed the membership that SAVTA will be May 6-11 in Lexington, KY and that many GPLA members will be teaching at the event.

**50/50:** The amount of \$58 was won and various prizes from Jim Handschuh were distributed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Sundstrond, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Fitzgerald and was carried unanimously at 9:41 PM.

Michael Nimmo  
Recording Secretary



## The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association

GPLA is pleased to present a NJ Locksmith Licensing Board Approved CEU Course:  
**Life Safety Codes & ADA, Means of Egress and Industrial & Shop Safety**

Instructor: *Thomas R. Demont, AHC, CAI, CFDI, CFL, CMIL, CML, CPS, ARL*

Date & Time: Saturday, March 23, 2013 - 8 am to 5:30 pm

Location: GPLA Headquarters, located at 8014 Craig St. Philadelphia, PA, 19136.

Cost per Person: **GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ and SJLA Members = \$150.00**; Non-Members = \$200.00

Class Description: This lecture-based course will cover 4 of your mandatory requirements for licensing. The areas covered will include the new International Building & Fire Code IBC-2009, UL listings for hardware, Accessibility, Doors, NFPA 80-2010, 101-2009, Doors and Hardware Institute guide to the ADA Act of 1990 and Chapter 11 IBC Accessibility, Industrial & Shop Safety. Students will receive four 2 CEU certificates, one for each two hour class, and a 3-ring binder consisting of the covered codes.

NO TOOLS REQUIRED \* NO PREREQUISITES

Information: Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. This class has limited seats available.

Lunch will be provided. Go to [gpla.org](http://gpla.org) for class or weather cancellation updates, or contact: Cliff Shafer at 609-352-6426. **NJ Locksmiths – You MUST bring your license to class to receive credit.**

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***CUT HERE and RETURN BOTTOM WITH PAYMENT***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ NJ Locksmith License# \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Correct Price: **GPLA, ILA-DVC, MLANJ & SJLA Members = \$150.00** Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Members = \$200.00 Please make **check** payable to: **GPLA**

Remit registration and payment to: GPLA Life Safety & ADA Class  
C/o CLC Locksmiths  
2013 Branch Pike, Unit 5  
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077-3044

## Calendar of Events

March 18	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
March 23	CEU Class at GPLA HQ	Philadelphia, PA
April 15	GPLA General Membership Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
May 3-4	<i>JustCars</i> Convention	Las Vegas, NV
May 6-11	SAVTA Convention & Trade Show	Lexington, KY
July 13-20	ALOA International Security Expo	Baltimore, MD

### Members to be voted on at the March meeting:

Larry Shafer	Shop Member	Sponsor: Clifford Shafer
Thomas Shafer	Shop Member	Sponsor: Clifford Shafer
Robert Neville	Shop Member	Sponsor: Clifford Shafer
Donald Sly	Shop Member	Sponsor: Clifford Shafer

If you have information on any event that may benefit the association, please forward it to GPLA Newsletter Editor Mike Nimmo

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 7:30 PM**

**GPLA HEADQUARTERS**

8015 CRAIG STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA

**SCHEDULED PROGRAM:**

**JOEY DALESSIO WILL PRESENT THE NEWEST  
PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM CODELOCKS**

**The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association  
C/o Michael Nimmo  
71 Cutchogue Trail  
Medford Lakes, NJ 08055**