



Speaker Biographies 2016 Spring Conference

James J. Demma

Mr. Demma, is of Counsel to the firm of Miles & Stockbridge P.C., located in Rockville, MD. He has practiced law in Montgomery County, MD for over 40 years, and has an extensive practice dealing with boundary disputes, land patents, real estate contracts, titles, conveyancing, title insurance, easements and condominium developments. In addition to being an attorney-at-law, he is a registered Maryland professional land surveyor, and has presented innumerable lectures and seminars on all of the above listed subjects.

Henry Emery

Henry Emery graduated from Paul Smith's College in 1974 with an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Surveying. In 1988 he obtained his surveying registration in Texas and in 1993 he obtained his surveying license in Maryland. He has worked in the private sector for 24 years and in the public sector for 18 years. In the private sector he has done boundary surveys, staked out subdivisions and roads, building stake out, and topographic surveys. In the public sector he has worked for the City of Dallas, Texas, Department of Transportation, surveying and establishing road right of ways for the City. Henry is currently employed by Montgomery County, Maryland, where for 7 years he was the Chief of Surveys for the Department of Public Works and Transportation in responsible charge of surveying and establishing the County road right of ways and on several occasions had been called to appear as an expert witness in court. Henry presently reviews Subdivision Record Plats and Montgomery County Right of Way Plats for the Department of Permitting Services.

Kristopher M. Kline

Kristopher M. Kline, president of 2Point, Inc., has a four-year degree (class of '84) in general science from Bridgewater College located in Bridgewater, Va. He has been involved in the surveying profession since graduation. Kris became licensed in North Carolina in 1991 (P.L.S. L - 3374). He is a 1999 graduate of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors (N.C.S.S.) Institute, a three-year continuing education program that for many years drew national attention for the quality of its curriculum and instructors. Kris served for 3 years as Chairman of the N.C.S.S. Education Committee. He has appeared as an expert witness in court on numerous occasions, and has spent the last several years in the hard school of boundary dispute (an informal class taught the hard way with no fixed curriculum, location, or schedule!). Kris began presenting continuing education courses in North Carolina in 2001. His particular are of interest is legal principles as they apply to land surveyors. In the last five years, he has been invited to teach classes in numerous states nationwide on topics including: Boundary Retracement; Adverse Possession; Mining interests; Railroad Rights-of-Way; Riparian Boundaries; Intent of the Parties. Kris now writes a bi-monthly column for "Point of Beginning", a professional trade journal for land surveyors. He often spends his spare time researching material for upcoming articles and classes. In August 2013, Kris published his first book "Rooted in Stone: The Development of Adverse Possession in 20 Eastern States and the District of Columbia." This text considers adverse possession and prescriptive easements from their inception to the present day. In June 2015, his second book "Riparian Boundaries and Rights of Navigation" was completed. This short volume focuses on property rights along smaller rivers, streams, lakes and estuaries.

David Merkey

David is a Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Arborist with a diverse professional and academic background. He has worked in the fields of stream and wetland delineation, permitting, mitigation, creation, construction inspection and post-construction monitoring; natural resource permitting; wetland, stream and upland habitat assessment; stream, vegetation and water quality monitoring; environmental compliance; TMDL-related watershed assessments for possible SWM facility locations; and outfall stabilization and channel retrofits using natural channel design techniques. He has authored guidance documents for monitoring coastal habitat restoration projects; designed LID BMPs for residential use, performed forest stand delineations and tree evaluations, and developed techniques for wetland classification using GIS.

Scott Lokken

Scott Lokken, a professional geodesist with a degree in Geomatics from Oregon Institute of Technology, and 25-years' experience at National Geodetic Survey. He is the Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisor for NGS. A long-time OPUS presenter, Scott is traveling from North Carolina to teach this session.

Charles Pecchio

Charles Pecchio is President of Kingston Capital Corp. (KCC) which provides consulting services to businesses and other consulting companies related to strategic planning, business expansion, and mergers and acquisitions. Charlie has over 40 years' experience in executive management, business development, venture capital, and mergers and acquisitions, and he has served as officer and director of many private and public companies. Charlie has been involved in several transitions affecting surveying and mapping firms.

William Stephens

Bill Stephens, President of Stephens Environmental Consulting, Inc. (SECI), is a licensed professional geologist (DE, NC, PA, VA) with over 30 years of experience in the environmental consulting, surveying and land development engineering fields, 20 years as owner of SECI. Mr. Stephens holds a Bachelors (1982) and Masters of Science (1988) in Geology from the University of Pittsburgh and completed his thesis mapping the geology along the Mojave-Sonora Megashear in northwestern Sonora MX in 1984. Mr. Stephens has authored and co-authored publications on geologic and archaeological topics in Maryland and Delaware and has participated in research at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. In the private sector, Mr. Stephens applies his extensive cross-disciplinary expertise to many contaminated site investigations, remedial design and remediation and Brownfield redevelopment projects as well as conventional land development projects and associated environmental mapping components.