1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Patrick Smith at 9:00 am
   - President Smith reminded the meeting members of the cell phone policy and the procedures for speaking to the group (state your name and state for official meeting minutes). He also reminded the group that the silent auction was continuing in the back of the room.

2. **Roll Call** - Roll call was taken by Secretary/Treasurer John Fenn and a majority of the Board was present and a quorum was declared.

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3. **Report of ExCOM Actions / Approval of Consent Agenda**

Director Burn (NV) noted that moving forward the non-voting state affiliates will have representation by an at-large director and we will need to recognize that person beforehand.

Joe Dolan asked that the NSPS Foundation be removed from the consent agenda. Director Boyer requested to remove FIG from the consent agenda as well.

Past President Evers moved approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Neathamer (OR), and passed on a voice vote.

Approval of minutes from the Spring 2014 meeting, motion by Director Baker (AK), second by Director Burn (NV), and passed on a voice vote.

Secretary Fenn reported in the Ex-Com minutes:

- New MOU with Texas as of Jan. 2015
- New MOU with AAGS
- Spring 2015 meetings in DC area
- Fall 2015 meetings in Sundusky, OH
- Conflict of Interest policy must be presented to every board member

4. **Adoption of the Order of Business**

Addition of Item 9.19 – NSPS Foundation
Addition of Item 9.20 – FIG
Addition of Item 9.21 – Director at Large Discussion
Addition of Item 9.22 – Secretary / Treasurer Split (BOG Motion)
Addition of Item 9.23 – No. of Directors in Ex-Com (BOG Motion)
Addition of Item 9.24 - Elimination of Area Directors (BOG Motion)
Addition of Item 9.25 – Elimination of Board of Governors (BOG Motion)
Addition of Item 9.26 – Non-Voting Representative of Non-100% States (BOG Motion)
Removal of Item 9.5 - NSPS Student Competition

Motion by Director Kuehlem (A8), seconded by Director Baker (AK), passed on a voice vote.
5. **Appointment of Day Committee**  
President Smith appointed Board of Governors Secretary Tim Burch and Board of Governors Chairman Mark Sargent as the meeting recorders.

6. **Secretary/Treasurers Report**  
This item will be handled under Section 9.1.

7. **Special Orders and Guests**  
West Fed Chair Richard Heiren  
WSLS Executive Director Frank Thousand  
NY Governor Malcolm Shaw  
NSPS Young Surveyor Chair Amanda Askren  
NSPS Membership Chair Wayne Harrison  
NSPS Past President Bob Dahm  
NSPS Past President Pat Beehler  
NSPS Past President Bill Coleman  
NCEES President David Widmar

Lisa Isom (Assured Risk Managers)  
Lisa gave a short presentation on value of the NSPS Insurance Program

8. **Unfinished Business**  
8.1. **NCEES Definition of Surveying**  
Director Kuehlem added that the definition of surveying in the Federal Highway Act falls under engineering survey.

8.2. **State Affiliate 100% Membership Program**  
Texas is joining as of January, 2016  
Iowa will be signing MOU

8.3. **NCEES Model Law**  
Change to engineering surveys remains unchanged  
New NCEES President (who is a surveyor) will continue to review for a potential change  
Director O’Brien (RI) added they are also looking into tiered licensure  
This item will remain within “Unfinished Business”

8.4. **Geodetic Certification Program**  
Upcoming motion provided by Governors and will continue to work with NGS & AAGS

8.5. **NGS Collaboration**  
Continued coordination and planning for future educational opportunities

9. **New Business**  
9.1. **2015 Budget**  
Secretary Fenn reported that the latest budget was sent to everyone for review. He noted that FIG budget was reduced from $30K to $15K. We also need adjustments
in Budget Item 50901-ST of the President’s account for an additional $1K to $9,600, the CST Budget Item 52403 increase from $6K to $7K for advertising, and FIG Travel expenses of $10K for attending the upcoming conference. Motion to approve line item adjustments made by Director Graham (KS), second by Director Berkland (SD), passed on a voice vote. Motion passed on a voice vote.

9.2. **State Affiliate President Symposium at Spring 2015 Meeting**
President-Elect Warren spoke of a potential upcoming meeting slot and asked for input on future meeting topics and guidance.

9.3. **Spring 2015 National Conference**
Spring 2015 Conference/Business Meetings to take place in the Washington DC area in mid-April with involvement with MAPPS, NGS, and Homeland Security as partners.

9.4. **COFPAES Status Report**
Joe Dolan reported that AIA will be dropping to a non-voting status, NSPE will no longer be a member as of Jan. 1, 2015, and the organization will need to change in order to continue.

9.5. **2015 Student Competition (withdrawn)**
Director Vannozzi (MA) previously gave his report during the Board of Governor’s meeting.

9.6. **New Meeting Structure**
Tentatively schedule as the last meeting of the Board of Governors, so general duties and program structure will need to be adopted at the Board of Director meetings. Director Howard (CT) offered input that the current procedures of the Governor’s meetings will need to continue in order to be an effective organization. Executive Director Sumner stated that a clarification of the timing of the elimination of the Board of Governors will need to be clarified.

9.7. **Other Affiliate Organization MOU & Voting Seat Determination**
Director Howard (CT) stated that affiliates must be dues paying members in order to

President Smith requested that we recess for 15 minutes at 10:45am. President Smith reconvened the meeting at 11:00am.

Motion to re-open agenda made by Director Boyer (TN), second by Director Kuehlem (D8). The motion passed on a voice vote.

Adding the following items:
Addition of Item 9.27 – Acceptance of the NSPS/PSC Memorandum of Understanding
The agenda was closed on a voice vote.
9.8. Motion - CST Board Appointment
President-Elect Warren presented the motion for the re-appointment of Celeste Van Gelder to the CST Board for the 2015-2018 term. Second by Director Miller (PA). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.9. Motion - CST-NSPS Memberships
Director Howard (CT) presented the motion into the record for increasing the annual certification to $40 and waives the certification fee if they join NSPS. Second by Director Sens (NJ). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.10. Motion - Geodetic Certification Program
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “Whereas the NSPS ad-hoc Geodetic Certification Committee has submitted the NSPS and AAGS Geodetic Certification Program as described in the Geodetic Certification Program Description dated August 13, 2014 submitted to the NSPS Board of Governors on October 23, 2014. It is moved that the committee be directed to develop an NSPS and AAGS plan of implementation. This plan with expected costs will be presented to the NSPS Board of Directors for their approval prior to the actual implementation.” The motion was seconded by President-Elect Warren. Director Allred (NM) offered a friendly amendment to add “licensed in a state or territory in US” to the language and second by Director Baker (AK). Director Dragoo noted that NGS employees will not be allowed to participate under this amendment as their professional geodesists are not licensed. Director Maxwell (FL) added that this language would disqualify most AAGS members from participating as well. The amendment fails on voice vote. The original motion passed on a voice vote.

9.11. Motion - Public Relations Material
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “The NSPS Board of Directors directs the NSPS office staff to create an area on the NSPS website to publish Public Relations information and documentation along with any contact details that is provided by NSPS Board members, State Executives, member surveyors and other sources deemed relevant to the Public Relations of the Profession of Land Surveying by the NSPS Public Relations Committee.” Motion was seconded by Director Hollandsworth (MI). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.12. Motions - Public Relations Award
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record “The NSPS Board of Directors directs the Public Relations Committee to create an award and award criteria for the best Public Relations project of the year for the Profession of Land Surveying.” The motion was seconded by Director Gregory (IN). The motion passed on a voice vote.
9.13. Motion - NSPS Education Policy
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “Replace the existing NSPS education policy with the following language: ‘The official position of the National Society of Professional Surveyors shall be that a Bachelor’s Degree in Surveying, Surveying Engineering, or Surveying Engineering Technology be the minimum educational requirement for licensure as a Land Surveyor in all jurisdictions’.” The motion was seconded by Director Baker (AK). The motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “The National Society of Professional Surveyors direct the NSPS Education Committee to study the feasibility of creating an on-line peer reviewed journal with the title of “Journal of Applied Geomatics”, or other similar name. This study shall include an analysis of volunteer needs, paid staff time needs, and budget implications, and shall be submitted to the Board of Governors at or before its Spring 2015 meeting.” The motion was seconded by Director Burn (NV).

Vice President Cavell added that the title should include surveying. Past President Evers noted that NSPS just got out from under the SaLIS Journal. Director Vannozzi (MA) stated the title should be discussed and the intent of this journal is to be online and not fee based. Director Dragoo (MD) also added that we will need to make sure we provide the content to support it. Director Vannozzi (MA) commented that it would only be published as enough articles could be put together for distribution. The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.15. Motion - NSPS Strategic Plan
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “A member designated by the NSPS Board of Directors or elected by the NSPS Membership will provide to NSPS staff, within a 30 day period after the bi-annual meetings, a summary of the meeting and a copy of all final approved motions to be disseminated to all State Executives, NSPS staff, Governors, Board of Directors and EX-Com members.” The motion was seconded by Director Boyer (TN). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.16. Motion - New NSPS 2022 Datum Model Law
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “Whereas NGS will be updating the NAD83 to a more geocentric datum in about 2022; Be it resolved that NSPS develop model law for use by the state legislatures for their proper use of the National Spatial Reference System, the appropriate projection(s) and vertical datum(s) in their state. Appropriate realizations would include projections similar to the current State Plane Coordinate System. They should also guide more general-purpose projections useful for GIS that cover an entire state. They should also guide the definition and use of local Low Distortion Projections. All legislated projections should be relative to the contemporary National Spatial Reference System promulgated by the NGS and thereby have explicit one-to-one correlations between
them.” The motion was seconded by Director Lenik (D2). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.17. **Motion - Use of Robert’s Rules of Order**
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “Be it resolved that National Society of Professional Surveyors formally adopt Robert’s Rules of Order as the rules of order for its meetings. Said resolution shall be reflected in the Policies and Procedures of the National Society of Professional Surveyors. (Whenever there is a direct conflict between the by-laws or written Policies & Procedures and Robert’s Rules, the by-laws or written policies take precedence over Robert’s Rules.)” The motion was seconded by Director Akin (OH). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.18. **Motion - NSPS Strategic Plan**
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “The NSPS Boards of Governors/Directors approve the Strategic Plan as presented.” The motion was seconded by Director Baker (AK). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.19. **NSPS Foundation**
Chair Joe Dolan reported on the current activity of the Foundation. They will be redesigning the group’s logo and holding a fund raising raffle early next year. The Foundation is also offering to manage your state’s scholarship so contact Joe with any questions.

9.20. **FIG**
Director Boyer (TN) commented that our current dues to FIG are scheduled for $30K but negotiated down to $16K through 2015. After that time, we will have to open talks with FIG to determine our future dues.

9.21. **Director At Large - Removed**

9.22. **Motion - Secretary / Treasurer Position Split**
Wayne Harrison read the motion into the record: “Move that the Board of Directors approve to amend the NSPS Bylaws by taking all references within the Bylaws to the position of Secretary/Treasurer and or Secretary-Treasurer and separating them into two individual officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer and make all the appropriate changes to language throughout the entire bylaws document to allow for this change.” The motion was seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Fenn. The motion passed on a voice vote.

At this time, the “Conflict of Interest Policy” was distributed for all members present at this meeting for review.
9.23. **Motion – Change in No. of Directors within ExCom**
Wayne Harrison read the motion into the record: “Move that the NSPS BOD approve amending the wording of Article IV Section 4 of the bylaws “They shall, at the Annual Meeting, select two members of the Board of Directors to serve on the Executive Committee.” by replacing the word two with the word four State Directors.” The motion was seconded by Director Burn (NV). The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.24. **Motion - Elimination of Area Directors**
Wayne Harrison read the motion into the record: “Move that the NSPS BOD approve amending the bylaws by removing all references and language relating to the position of Area Director from the entire NSPS Bylaws document.” The motion was seconded by Past President Evers. The motion passed on a voice vote.

9.25. **Motion - Elimination of Board of Governors**
Wayne Harrison read the motion into the record: “Move that the NSPS Board of Directors approve amending the bylaws by removing Article VII (Board of Governors) in its entirety, as well as all other references to the BOG and the BOG Chairman from the entire NSPS Bylaws document.” The motion was seconded by Past President Evers. Director Sargent (NH) offered a friendly amendment to add “and the BOG Secretary” to the original motion, seconded by Director Boyer (TN). The amended motion passed on a voice vote.

9.26. **Motion - Non-Voting Representative of Non-100% States**
Wayne Harrison read the motion into the record: “Move that the NSPS BOD amend the bylaws by inserting new language within Article VIII Institutional Affiliation “to allow any affiliate not participating in the 100% Membership Program the offer to send an individual, in a non-voting capacity, to the Annual Spring and Fall business meetings to represent that affiliate for the sole purpose of bringing forth any issues that they feel should be addressed by NSPS.” Director Akin (OH) offered a friendly amendment to remove “state,” seconded by Director Glasoe (ND). The motion was seconded by Director Baker (AK). The motion passed on a voice vote with one abstention of Director Boyer (TN).

9.27. **Motion - NSPS/PSC MOU**
Chairman Sargent read the motion into the record: “Move that the Board of Directors to accept the MOU of the PSC.” The motion was seconded by Director Baker (AK). The motion passed on a voice vote.

Pat Beehler asked for clarification of the NSPS members in the non-100% states and who represents them. With the dissolution of the Area Directors, these members will be without representation in the short term. Our bylaws contain a provision that allows for the Board of Directors to appoint a Director At Large. This action would provide an effort to represent these members and he asked that the Board consider this at future
meetings.

Executive Sumner asked that we consider making final bids on the silent auction items at the rear of the room.

Past President Evers added that we have a full slate of nominees for the upcoming 2015 NSPS officers. This slate is as follows:

President-Elect: Tony Cavell (LA), Glen Thurow (NM)
Vice President: Jan Fokens (MI), Henry Dingle (SC)
Secretary: Larry Graham (KS), Tim Burch (IL)
Treasurer: John Fenn (MI), Bob Miller (PA)

10. Excom Authority- Vice President Cavell read the ExCom authority into the record which was seconded by Director Allred (NM) and passed on a voice vote.

Director Van Horn (WI) asked to confirm the two (2) Directors for the ExCom as named at the Spring 2014 Business Meeting – Directors Maxwell (FL) and Holland (VA).

11. Time and Place of Next Meeting
Spring Business Meetings will take place the week of April 12, 2015 in the Washington, DC area.

12. Adjournment – President Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm.