NSPS Board of Director’s Meeting
Fall Business Meeting - Chandler, AZ - September 30, 2016

The NSPS Board of Director’s Fall Business Meeting was held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino & Conference Center in Chandler, AZ on Friday, September 30, 2016.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING INCLUDE:

Approval of the Spring 2016 Business Meeting minutes

Executive Director Curtis W. Sumner spoke on the following topics:

- Plaque remembering Malcolm Shaw commissioned by Director Akins (OH) and will be presented to Malcolm’s family by Director Brooks (NY)
- NSPS Young Surveyors are now affiliates via signed MOU
- U.S. Institute of Building Documentation (USIBD) seeking MOU w/ NSPS
- Draft language created for Alaska DPPS
- International Property Measurement Standards seeking MOU w/ NSPS
- heroX is offering $100K prize for replacement of ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey
- Membership Poll – majority would like to have CEU’s available at national meetings
- Staff is working on a database of speakers for national/state/chapter use.
- Dan Muth, APLS Chairman, spoke regarding efforts from legislative groups to deregulate professional licenses.
- The National Association of Realtors rejected the NSPS request to add suggested language to their Code of Ethics.
- Workforce Development is a main concentration of staff.
- NSPS is now the lead organization behind “Future of Surveying Taskforce” originally introduced by NCEES.
Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair Jan Fokens asked that members forward all educational programs consider creating a student chapter.

Geodetic Surveyor Certification Committee Chair Mike Dennis reported the group is moving forward and is looking to broaden the certification beyond strictly surveyors.

Certified Survey Technician Chair Art Haase provided the following details:

- CST applicants up 40%
- Two new Board Members (Rambeau & Burch)
- Updating tests to reflect new technology

Education Committee Chair Andrew E. Sturgeon reported on good attendance at the committee meeting and getting good ideas for new directions to entice participation. There has been a good deal of conversation regarding 4 year degrees in surveying and the difficulty many have in obtaining them due to life circumstances and the lack of a program in their area. Great Basin Community College in Nevada is currently offering a 4-year degree in surveying online which many may find interesting and beneficial.

Student Competition Chair Rich Vannozzi shared the theme of the 2017 contest – “High Precision Vertical Control Application” and will be held on Monday, March 13 in Silver Springs, MD during the Spring Business Meetings.

External Affairs Committee Chair Patrick J. Beehler reported that very few committees reported activity and would appreciate more effort by membership.

Government Affairs Committee Chair Patrick A. Smith offered these items:

- Ongoing correspondence w/ USDOL on Davis/Bacon memo reversal
- Continuing to seek legislators for utility location legislation
- UAS legislation w/ FAA Re-Authorization
- Water Resource Development Act (WRDA)
- Creation of the Political Legislation Action Taskforce (PLAT)
- PAC will require additional funding for continued support of legislators
- NAD22 Datum Sample Legislation now available from NGS

Nominations and Elections Committee Chair Jon Warren stated a slate of candidates will be introduced as a motion later in the meeting.
NSPS Political Action Committee Thomas W. Brooks, Jr. requested that every member consider making a contribution to the PAC in order to sufficiently fund the efforts of our GA Committee.

Public Relations Committee Chair Lisa Van Horn provided a short presentation on the efforts of the committee, new materials available for directors to utilize at meetings and contests aimed at promoting the profession.

Young Surveyors Committee Chair Amanda Askren thanked the Board for completing the MOU signed prior to this meeting and provided a short presentation on the progress of the group.

NSPS Foundation Chair Joe Dolan encouraged the Board to donate to specific funds and promote scholarships to all students. He also reported the 2016 scholarship winners will be announced within the following week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ALTA/NSPS Certificate Chair Paul Burn reported the committee is active and using the CST and hydrographic certification program as a template. Be aware that News and Views often has question and answer section on the ALTA/NSPS Standards, moderated by Gary Kent. Mr. Kent has entertained many questions on survey requests to perform an update. Look for his response in News and Views in the near future. During the committee meeting is was noted that the 2016 standards have addressed a lot of questions and the committee members have been please with them.

F.I.G. 2022 Chair John D. Hohol reported that he and Curt visited Orlando to meet with a conference planner for the proposed Congress. The formal bid will be finalized and made in 2018.

The official adoption of the three-day meeting schedule was accepted by the Board with further emphasis to be made on committees.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion – Ascension of Vice President to President-Elect
- Motion – Nominations for NSPS 2017 Elections
- Motion – Policy on Elections
- Motion – Policy on Affiliation with NSPS
• Motion – National Surveyor’s Week
• Motion – Public Relations Photo Contest
• Motion – NSPS/AAGS Minimum Standard GNSS Survey
• Motion – “Be A Surveyor” Website Administration Duties

(Results of motions and final documentation attached)

The following committees provided written reports prior to the meeting (See NSPS website):
• Professional Practice
• Standards Committee
• Certified Hydrographic Surveyor

KEY DIRECTOR BALLOT & PREVIOUS AWARD

The 2016 Spring NSPS Business Meeting Key Director was presented to Lisa Van Horn. The recipient for the 2016 Fall Business Meeting Key Director by written vote is Rick Howard.

RANDOM NOTES

During the West Fed meeting Ray Mathe, representative from CA, mentioned new test/review during license renewal. The licenses would be required to review various surveying issues during online renewal and be quizzed at the end of the presentation. The format is such that if the licensee answers a question incorrectly, they are guided towards the right answer in review. In other words, everyone passes, but has to go through the informative session to complete their renewal. It seems like a great way to instill knowledge and raise the overall level of the profession, which is ultimately what we are all striving for in representing all surveyors throughout the country. Let us not forget the big picture as we meet and discuss the individual issues.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 17, 2017 @ 9:00AM IN SILVER SPRINGS, MD.