NSPS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Spring Business Meeting – Silver Spring, MD
March 17, 2017

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Fokens at 9:05 am.
Reminder of the cell phone policy

2. Roll Call

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The number of attendees for the meeting exceeded the requirement for a quorum.
3. Introduction of Guests

- Chris Lester (MI) – MSPS President
- Steve Falk (NM) – New Mexico State University
- Conrad Roybal (NM) – NMPS President-Elect
- Carla Meritt (WA) – LSAW President
- Pat Beehler (WA) – NSPS Past President
- Jon Warren (WA) – NSPS Past President
- Sheheed Smith (PA) – PSLS President
- Carl C deBaca (NV) – NALS Immediate Past President
- Rick Howard (CT) – Past Chair, Board of Directors
- Frank Thousand (WI) – WSLS Executive Director
- Nathan Vaughn (WI) – WSLS Geospatial Committee Chair
- Scott Freshwaters (OR) – Surveyor
- Christopher Glantz (OR) – Young Surveyor
- D.J. Kyle (TX) – Executive Director TSPS
- Bob Moynihan (NH/MD) – CST Board Member
- James Meis (KS) – KSLS President
- Todd Beers (CO) – PLSC President

Others not introduced by signed in as Guests:

- Lou Campanile (FL) – FSMS Immediate Past President
- John Palatiello (VA) – NSPS Gov’t Affairs Consultant
- Ronald Torrence (WA) – CST Board Member
- Joseph Paiva (MO) – Geolearn
- Rick Brooks (NY) – Surveyor
- Andrew Sturgeon (ME) – NSPS Education Committee
- Bill Coleman (NC) – NSPS Past President
- Wayne Harrison (MA) – NSPS Past President
- Byron Freeman (GA) – Surveyor
- David Anderson (GA) – Surveyor
- Tom Leslie (WI) – Surveyor
- Jon Gustafson (MN) – Surveyor
- Joe Dolan (NJ) – NSPS Past President
- Mark Husik (NJ) – NJSPLS Executive Director

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda and meeting minutes for Fall 2016 Business meeting made by Director Amey (MI), second by Director Neathamer (OR). Motion passes by voice vote.

5. Adoption of Order of Business

Conflict of Interest Policy – acceptance by Board to follow said Policy passes by voice vote.
6. Executive & Committee Reports

a) Executive Committee

(1) President Fokens
    • Traveled to several states fulfilling invitations by affiliate societies
    • ExCom meeting minutes were provided for review and questions. Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Director Brooks (AL), second by Director Dragoo (MD). Motion passed by voice vote.

(2) President-Elect Leavitt
    • Committee communication continues to be a challenge
    • Assignment of sub-committee chairs and participants ongoing
    • Goal of better committee structure, communication and follow-through
    • Participation through committee work is paramount to the success of our organization

(3) Vice President Van Horn
    • The meeting agenda listed all the committees and current chairs for opportunity to provide updates on their work
    • All directors have been requested to provide three (3) committees/subcommittees in which to participate. The purpose of the organization is based upon the work of the committees and everyone needs to contribute.

(4) Treasurer Miller
    • “It’s a great day to be a surveyor!”
    • Current balance $987K with operating account $205K
    • Ongoing analysis to make NSPS accounts changes for higher potential yields

(5) Secretary Burch
    • Furthering our efforts to increase communication and reduce paper
    • Working with NSPS staff to create repositories for group documents and correspondence

(6) Past President Cavell
    • Bylaw revisions are necessary for General Membership Meetings, installation of officers and notice of meetings

(7) Executive Director Sumner
    • 2017 Fall Meeting in conjunction with TSPS – Oct. 4-7 in Frisco, TX
    • heroX contest for replacement of ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey has received 70+ submittals, none of which cover the actual duties under surveyor purview
• Young Surveyors Network is growing quickly and will become a great asset to our association
• Boy Scout Jamboree will be held in West Virginia in July, and will continue to request funds for supporting that event
• Discussions ongoing with CFedS to evaluate NSPS taking on the management of the program
• FIG 2022 Congress bid continues to be evaluated and securing cost estimates for Orlando hotel and conference space

c) Bylaws and Resolutions – Tom Berkland, Chair
  • Committee met on Thursday
  • Finalized a prepared statement on 100% Membership

d) Certification
  (1) CFedS – No Report
  (2) Certified Floodplain Surveyor – No Report
  (3) Certified Geodetic Surveyor – No Report
  (4) Certified Hydrographic Surveyor – No Report
  (5) Certified Survey Technician
  • Executive Director Curt Sumner gave a special presentation for the original members of the Certified Surveyor Technician board:
    o CST board formation began in 1986
    o Original members: Clay Adams, Dick Bull, David Scott, Ron Torrence, Bob Moynihan
    o Ron & Bob were in attendance and received commemorative paperweights

e) Education
  (1) ABET – No Report
  (2) Student Competition – Rich Vannozzi, Chair
  • Results of the Student Competition
    o Four (4) Year Program:
      1. Texas A&M Corpus Christi
      2. Oregon Institute of Technology
      3. Penn State University Park
    o Two (2) Year Program
      1. Central New Mexico Community College
      2. Dunwoody College of Technology

f) External Affairs – Pat Beehler (WA)
 • Ongoing coordination with all subcommittees under External Affairs
 • Creation of secure file exchange system for committee communications is being sought

g) Government Affairs – Pat Smith (TX)
 • Very active Lobby Day w/ MAPPS on March 15 with three (3) main topics for discussion with legislators
• Ongoing correspondence w/ USDOL on Davis/Bacon memo reversal
• Workforce development continues to be a hot topic, but focusing on how individual states need to take the lead on creation of programs
• Political Legislation Action Taskforce (PLAT) continues to grow but asks that all Directors request their state members to sign up with the registry to provide better coverage
• Creating more interaction with state affiliate’s G/A committees so issues are addressed nationwide
• Constant review of new legislation to stay abreast of opportunities to address surveying issues
• Successful in promoting the passage of FLAIR Act, Digital Coast Act and PIPES Act
• PAC will require additional funding for continued support of legislators

Recessed at 10:40 am by President Fokens
Reconvened at 10:50 am by President Fokens

f) External Affairs – Pat Beehler (WA) (continued from earlier)
   (9) FEMA - Dan Martinez (NE)
   • New elevation certificate is now available for use
   • Tennessee will be holding CFS training and exams in Sept. 2017
(14) NSPS Foundation - Dolan
   • New appointments – Dolan & Curtis
(16) Surveyor’s Historical Society - Rich Leu (IA)
   • Gave a short presentation of the Fall 2016 event in the Adirondack Wilderness, New York
   • Next event - Concord, MA at Walden Pond – Sept. 14-15, 2017
(18) NSPS PAC T. Brooks
   • Request that every member consider contributing to the PAC to sufficiently fund the efforts of our GA Committee.
(19) NSPS Young Surveyors - Vice President Christopher Glantz

• NSPS YSN Officers:
  • President Dan Kvall (MN)
  • Vice President Chris Glantz (OR)
  • Secretary Heidi Jackson (WA/OR)
  • NSPS YSN Delegate Amanda Askren (WA)
• Currently have members in all 50 states and districts
• Still looking for YSN Representatives for the following states:
• Arkansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina
• Participating with NSPS on Future of Surveying and Workforce Development Task Forces
• Working monthly to continue building group goals and unity
• Next full gathering will be at NSPS Fall Business Meeting in Frisco, TX during October 2017

h) Membership - Wayne Harrison (MA)
   (1) Admissions - Gerry Curtis (TX)
       • New NSPS Fellows – Bob Akins, Bob Miller

k) Professional Practice - Henry Kuehlem (TX)
   (2) NCEES – Curt Sumner
       • Volunteers will be needed for exam question review
   (3) POLC – Bill Coleman (NC)
       • Written report is online
       • Average age of LS test taker – 38
       • Average age of SI test taker – 33
       • 49% passing rate for LS nationwide

(4) Private Practice – Gerry Curtis (TX)
   • Working on manual for suggested practices

l) Professional Standards – Bob Dahn (MA)
   • Time to revise/update model standards
   (2) UAS – Joanne Williamson (HA)
       • Committee meeting established goals
       • Whitepaper on recommended UAV use to be published

Recessed at 12:00 pm for lunch by President Fokens

Reconvened at 1:05 pm by President Fokens

m) Public Relations – Lisa Van Horn (WI)
   • Communications Chair Patti Brooks reported on the ongoing progress of committee interaction
   • Workforce Development Chair Emily Pierce provided an update on the groups formation and goals of interaction with the individual state’s programs
   • Michigan Director Craig Amey noted that the reciprocal program with other states helping cover NSPS activities helps the host director tremendously
   • TSPS Executive Director DJ Kyle spoke of the success with attending the School Counselor’s conferences
   • Chair Van Horn shared YouTube videos of the “augmented sandbox” and how it could be utilized as a centerpiece for a conference display

7. Executive & Committee Reports
   A short presentation on “The Surveyor & GIS” was provided by Tom Leslie of Wisconsin.
8. Old Business
   a) Previous Motion 5.4.5 – Best Practices Guidelines
      • Still waiting for additional language to complete document

9. New Business
   a) Motion 9.1 - 3DEP State Legislation Template - JGAC Committee
      • Motion made by committee (no second necessary)
      • Passed by voice vote
   b) Motion 9.2 - CIBORG Program - JGAC Committee
      • Motion made by committee (no second necessary)
      • Passed by voice vote
   c) Motion 9.3 – Spring Meeting / Lobby Day –
      • Motion made by Henry Dingle, second by Alan Dragoo
      • Seeking to separate from MAPPS for the Spring Conference and Lobby Day activities
      • Comments
         o Do we have a backup plan? (Henry Kuehlem)
         o This requests to central to our deal with MAPPS and not JB Byrd. (Henry Dingle)
         o Western States agree, we can do this better ourselves with JB (Paul Burn)
         o MAPPS reps insisted on sticking to set agenda (Cliff Baker)
         o No permission is needed from MAPPS to discuss other items (Pat Smith)
         o As a larger group, we can do this ourselves (Rich Vannozzi)
         o Agrees with motion and should have addressed Alaska DPPS (John Russell)
         o We have benefitted from additional strength in #’s by partnering (Ed O’Brien)
         o Supports conference with MAPPS, would like to clarify what separation will entail (Amanda Allred)
         o Packet of info was for NSPS & MAPPS and Cliff could have asked officials about other issues as well (Pat Smith)
         o In favor of motion, separate meeting (Paul Burn)
         o Divided; should we talk to MAPPS first? (Greg Copeland)
         o Conferences were shortened and still shouldn’t compete with states (Paul Burn)
         o Was able to meet more MAPPS members (Dan Martinez)
         o To clarify: we are still under contract with JMPA for Lobby Day organization (Tim Burch)
Q: How do we end up financially with this arrangement? (Craig Amey) A: Break even (Curt Sumner)

Favors the motion and gave the relationship enough time to make this decision (Tony Cavell)

We should align ourselves with likeminded groups (Steve Dale)

Call for the Question (Tommy Brooks, second by Larry Graham, passed by voice vote)

- Passed by voice vote

d) Motion 9.4 – Officer Elections
- Motion made by Henry Dingle, second by David Holland
- With low voter turnout, it is proposed to hold officer elections internal to the Board of Directors.
- Comments
  - Does not necessarily want to take the vote away, so could soften the language (Henry Dingle)
  - Speaking against the motion, and cost cannot be that much (Carl CdeBaca)
  - Texas struggled with same situation but stuck with the process. The process also allows for a non-director to be nominated, so it still possible to know very little about the candidate. (Pat Smith)
  - Talking about this is good but still wouldn’t support it. Is it possible for state affiliates to assign overall vote to their director? Just a thought (Rich Vannozzi)
  - Against the motion, do not take the vote away from the member (Armand Marios)
  - Against the motion, every member should have a vote but provide the states with better candidate info (Bart Crattie)
  - Against the motion, do not take the vote away from the member (Mike Maxwell)
  - Against, we want our vote (Curt Glasoe)
  - Will withdraw motion if it pleases the Board (Henry Dingle)
  - Call for the question (Larry Graham, second by Alan Dragoo, passed by voice vote)
- Motion fails by voice vote

e) Motion 9.5 – Conference Schedule  Dingle
- Motion made by Henry Dingle, second by David Holland
- Seeking to return to shorter, concise two-day meeting
• Comments
  o All various functions of committee and board meetings are necessary (Tony Cavell)
  o Q: Does this proposal intend to include Lobby Day as part of the two-day? (Curt Glasoe) A: No
  o Q: Does this proposal intend to include Student Competition as part of the two-day? (Bart Crattie) A: No
  o Two-day meetings might not work with logistics of joint meetings with state associations (Pat Smith)
  o In favor, we need to coordinate better (Paul Burn)
  o Against motion, we haven’t given the three-day enough time make a rational decision (Craig Amey)
  o For motion, we need to consolidate the days (Rich Vannozzi)
  o We need to be smarter with our schedule (Cliff Baker)
  o In favor of the motion and would request a roll call vote (Tommy Brooks)
  o By having subcommittee work done prior and holding only standing committees at meetings, we could effectively make decisions (Emily Pierce)
  o Agenda should dictate days, otherwise it’s micromanaging (Becky Roland)
  o Against motion, supports three-day (Bob Akins)
  o Wait until after Fall Meeting in Texas, table motion in order to give three-day a chance (Lisa Van Horn)
  o Long history w/ NSPS and would favor the motion (Marshall Robinson)
  o We need to compress and streamline our meetings (Henry Dingle)
  o Three days is not too much, against the motion (Paul Burn)
  o Call for the question (maker unknown, second by Emily Pierce, passed by voice vote)
  • Motion fails by roll call vote, 38 nays to 12 yeas
f)  Motion 9.6 – PAC Appointments
  • Motion made by committee (no second necessary)
  • Passed by voice vote

g)  Motion 9.7 – Opposition of Alaska DPPS
  • Motion made by Steve Dale, second by Paul Burn
  • Motion directs NSPS to create a Position Paper Stating Opposition of Alaska DPPS Program
  • Comments
o Nevada is 30% public lands, utilizing DPPS is BLM not following its own rules (Carl CdeBaca)

o Q: Is there a template available? (Tony Cavell) A: WestFed has developed language to provide guidance (Paul Burn)

o Definition of DPPS is still being developed yet being pushed into implementation by BLM (Cliff Baker)

o Challenge accepted, JGAC will develop position paper (Pat Smith)

o It will take a national effort to stop BLM from getting this implemented (Cliff Baker)

o Creation of this position paper will be able to be utilized in stopping DPPS implementation in other states (Amanda Allred)

o We need to honor the Monument Doctrine (Tony Cavell)
  • Passed by voice vote

h) Committee Appointments
  • All committee slots to be reviewed and filled within 30 days by Vice President Van Horn

i) ExCom Director Election
  • Nominations for two (2) director slots for ExCom duties
    o Mark Sargent
    o Henry Kuehlem
    o Alan Dragoo
    o Bob Akins
  • Slate closed by Curt Glasoe, second by Rich Leu
  • Mark Sargent and Bob Akins are voted to fill a two-year term by paper ballot

10. **Awards and Recognition**

a) Service Awards
  • 5 Years - Jim Sens
  • 10 Years - Larry Graham & Rick Howard
  • 15 Years - Cotton Jones & Rich Leu

b) Key Director
  • Rick Howard – Fall 2016
    • 2017 Spring Business Meeting Key Director Award to Henry Dingle by paper ballot

11. **ExCom Authority – Vice President Van Horn**

   “To hereby delegate to the executive committee the authority of the Board of Directors to act on its behalf on specific matters delegated to it and routine administrative matters relative to the conduct of NSPS
activities and objectives within the provisions of the by-laws of NSPS until the next meeting of the Board of Directors provided all actions of the committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board.”

12. **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The 2017 Fall Business Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors on October 4-7 in Frisco, Texas.

13. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Tommy Brooks, second by Jim Coan, passed by voice vote at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Burch, PLS
Secretary – NSPS Board of Directors
(w/ attachments)
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 03/17/2017    Location: Silver Spring, MD    Agenda Item # 9.1

Governmental Affairs Committee

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:
3DEP State Legislation Template

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

3DEP is an ongoing initiative at the federal level and will require implementation at the state level of any final federal level legislation, the Governmental Affairs Committee believes an ongoing initiative of state level legislation will supplement the effort of achieving the goals of 3DEP.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

That the NSPS Board of Directors approve the attached template legislation for distribution to the NSPS State Directors for implementation of state level 3DEP legislation.

Action Taken: Passed Person responsible for implementation: NSPS Secretary
Projected Cost: $0 Schedule: Within 30 days of passage
Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

the attached background information indicates that the Commercial Initiative to Buy Operationally Responsive GEOINT (CIBORG) Program undertaken by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and GSA's Federal Acquisition Services (FAS) to make satellite imagery available to agencies for purchase thru the GSA schedule is morphing into having surveying and mapping services included in this program, thereby bypassing/violating the Brooks Act QBS process. NSPS has joined with the other members of COFPAES to take a firm stance against the CIBORG Program thru a COFPAES response. The Governmental Affairs believes that NSPS should also take an individual stance against the CIBORG Program in not being in the best interest of the surveying profession.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

That the NSPS Board of Directors grant the approval and authority to the NSPS Governmental Affairs Consultants (Palatiello & Associates and JB Byrd) to take advantage of every opportunity and avenue to state the NSPS position of being adverse to and in disapproval of the CIBORG Program that would make surveying and mapping services available through the GSA Schedule.

Action Taken: Passed
Person responsible for implementation: NSPS JGAC
Projected Cost: $0
Schedule: Immediately
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 3/17/17 Location: Silver Spring, MD Agenda Item # 9.3

Henry Dingle - South Carolina

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Alan Dragoo - Maryland

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:
NSPS Spring Meeting / Lobby Day

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

We have partnered with MAPPS in our joint conference for three (3) years. We feel that we have not reached the benefit of this association.


Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

That we discontinue the Joint Conference with MAPPS.


Action Taken: Passed Person responsible for implementation: NSPS Staff
Projected Cost: $0 Schedule: Immediately
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 3/17/17    Location: Silver Spring, MD    Agenda Item # 9.4

Henry Dingle - South Carolina
Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Dave Holland - Virginia
Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:
NSPS Officer Elections

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

annual elections for NSPS office positions are held and often the candidates are unknown by the voters outside of their home state. With little to no specific knowledge of each candidate, the NSPS voter has little background information on which to cast their ballot. This situation has led to low voter turnout as well as value to NSPS for the expense of the ballot distribution.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

that the officers of the NSPS be elected by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Action Taken: Failed    Person responsible for implementation: N/A
Projected Cost: N/A    Schedule: N/A
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 3/17/17 Location: Silver Spring, MD Agenda Item # 9.5

Henry Dingle - South Carolina

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Dave Holland - Virginia

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:

Conference Schedule

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

the current Semi-Annual Business Meeting schedule has proven to be expensive to participate to each Director/Affiliate as well as to NSPS. It has also proven expensive in terms of time invested as well, and whereas, the extra meeting time set aside for committees is counter-productive to effective committee work. Most of this committee work can and should be completed prior to the meeting.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

we return our Semi-Annual Business meetings to a concise, two-day schedule that includes all committee meetings and the Board of Directors meeting.

Action Taken: Failed Person responsible for implementation: N/A

Projected Cost: N/A Schedule: N/A
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 03/17/2017  Location: Silver Spring, MD  Agenda Item # 9.6

Political Action Committee

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:

PAC Appointments

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

the NSPS Political Action Committee is recommending these individuals be named to the its board in compliance with the PAC Bylaws.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

to re-appoint Rick Howard to the PAC Board.

Action Taken: Passed  Person responsible for implementation: NSPS President
Projected Cost: $0  Schedule: Immediately
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 3/17/17          Location: Silver Spring, MD          Agenda Item # 9.7

Steve Dale - Utah

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Paul Burn - Nevada

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:

NSPS Position Paper Stating Opposition of Alaska DPPS Program

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

the BLM continues to move forward with the implementation of the DPPS program of establishing Public Land boundaries in the State of Alaska. NGS has led a movement to disclose the flaws within the program with NSPS support. The Western States Council ask that our Government Affairs Committee create a position paper confirming NSPS opposition to the program.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

for the NSPS Government Affairs Committee without delay draft a position paper stating NSPS opposition to the BLM DPPS method of Public Land Surveys in Alaska and elsewhere.

Action Taken: Passed          Person responsible for implementation: NSPS JGAC

Projected Cost: $0          Schedule: Immediately