

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

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Vermont NSPS Report

In December, VSLS has had their annual business meeting with new officers being installed by NSPS Past President, Bob Dahn. The new Officers are: President Mark Day, Vice-president Nate Yager and Board members Becky Gilson and Paul Hannon.

VSLS is currently watching a bill that has been introduced into the house that would abolish adverse possession.

VSLS is working on a short video to put on the web page to hopefully attract people in the surveying profession.

As our membership ages, VSLS is often offered retired or deceased surveyors' records. We have a scanning program but setting up a searchable database has been an obstacle. VSLS plans to continue scanning old surveyors records but is open to younger surveyors taking over the records and referring requests for copies to them.

The VSLS board of directors is considering a dues increase. Like most state societies, our members are getting older and we have a reduced rate for members that are 65 and older that have been members for 10 consecutive years. We also give the "life members" a discount at seminars to encourage them to participate. This hasn't worked out too well. Unfortunately, we have more members turning 65 than new members. Besides considering raising our dues, we are also going to look at the qualifications for Life Membership.

The NSPS dues increase was discussed as part of our own dues increase. The Board understands that the NSPS dues increase is needed, but the general membership needs to approve the increase.