



Maryland Society of Surveyors (MSS) NSPS Maryland Director's Report For Fall 2026 NSPS Meeting

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2026 Highlights & Accomplishments:

Conferences & Professional Development

- MSS hosted its annual Chesapeake College Seminar on June 12, 2026, featuring presentations on Vertical Land Motion in the Chesapeake Bay Region; New Datums – New Coordinates – New Heights; 2026 Legislative Update; Construction of Ellicott City North Storm Tunnels; Techniques and Theory of Modern Boundary Retracement
- The next MSS Spring Technical Conference is scheduled for March 12–13, 2027, at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.
- MSS will host the 59th Annual Fall Conference & Exhibition on October 14-17, 2026, in Ocean City, Maryland. The Conference offers more than 20 educational sessions covering Maryland surveying laws and regulations, boundary retracement, professional ethics, emerging technologies, and specialized surveying applications. Topics include GNSS, LiDAR, SLAM, UAV photogrammetry, artificial intelligence, SHA rights-of-way, underground utilities, and professional liability. The conference also features a Licensing Board Town Hall and licensing exam preparation courses, including the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) Review Course.

Education, Mentorship & Workforce Development

- MSS continued its outreach efforts by participating in several career day events throughout Maryland, promoting the surveying profession and engaging with students exploring potential career opportunities.
 - MSS maintained a presence at the annual Towson University Geographic Information Sciences (TUGIS) Conference, hosting a booth to promote the surveying profession and connect with the broader geospatial community.
 - MSS voted to elevate its Women in Surveying Committee to an official Chapter. The newly established chapter is currently working to fill its board positions and establish its leadership structure.
 - The Women in Surveying Chapter is organizing a breakfast at the upcoming MSS Fall Conference in Ocean City, Maryland.
 - MSS continued its support of surveying education by awarding scholarships through the MSS Educational Trust and individual chapters.
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Advocacy & Legislative Activities

- Surveyors' Right of Entry: MSS successfully opposed proposed legislation that would have restricted surveyors' access to adjoining properties for the purpose of locating boundary evidence. MSS representatives provided testimony in opposition, and the legislation did not advance.
 - Legislative Monitoring: MSS monitored several additional legislative matters with potential impacts on the surveying profession, property rights, and land records, including:
 - Transfer-on-death deeds
 - Maryland State Archives document fees
 - Private road dedication
 - The Silver Homes Act (Aimed to address housing shortage)
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Membership & Engagement

- A General Membership Meeting was held in February the featured topic of *Property Owners Association of Arundel on the Bay, Inc. v. Tose*.
 - MSS promoted several individual members' activities during National Surveyors Week.
 - The MSS Baltimore Chapter hosted its Annual Crab Feast in October, attracting more than 70 attendees. In addition to supporting chapter activities, the event included a 50/50 raffle benefiting the scholarship program.
 - This year's event introduced corporate table sponsorships, allowing firms to reserve tables for their employees and receive additional sponsorship benefits.
 - MSS developed and implemented its first year long corporate sponsorship program, providing participating firms and exhibitors with expanded recognition and promotional opportunities throughout the year, beyond traditional conference sponsorships. The program is scheduled to launch at the Fall Conference.
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Communications & Publications

- MSS introduced a new format for its newsletter, transitioning from a traditional digital PDF publication to a more interactive, web-based format.
 - The new format provides readers with article previews and links to full articles, making content easier to navigate.
 - The platform also allows MSS to track readership, article engagement, and link activity, providing valuable insight into member interests and helping guide future communications.
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Respectfully submitted October 8, 2026
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