



ALABAMA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

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2026 Alabama Society Fall Meeting Report

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Staff

- General Counsel – Matthew Beam
- Executive Director – Jim Ranieri

2026 Year in Review

The society is on par with 2025's membership, finances and conference attendance to date. We held a successful two-day Summer Conference once again in Orange Beach, AL featuring Jeff Lucas as keynote presenter and will hold our Fall Conference at the Galleria Mall in Hoover, AL in two weeks.

Our state society's board of directors selected Matt Herrell as its new Young Surveyor Network state representative at our March 2026 meeting. Mr. Herrell has been working from a grass roots start gaining traction. He now has about 50 participants in monthly newsletters.

The society funded the Troy University Geomatics Students trip to NSPS's Spring Student Competition in Washington DC and raised enough money to help fund additional scholarships to qualified geomatics students.

The society has closely monitored state legislation and worked with the parties, agencies and other societies to guide legislation for the betterment of the profession and public, such as an amended 811 bill that recently passed into state law.

Society representatives attended the NSPS spring meetings and Day on the Hill in DC in efforts to assist the national society with legislative efforts via Day on the Hill and other activities. In attendance from Alabama were Mark Clark, its President, Troy Halliburton, its NSPS AL Director, Matt Herrell, its YSN Coordinator and Jeff Clendenning, NSPS President-Elect.



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2026 Outlook

The society's fall conference is scheduled for October 26 - 28 at the Galleria Mall in Hoover, AL. Keynote presenter will be Frank Willis. Lots of fun will be had as well with a YSN Topgolf event with about 40-50 planned to participate. A golf scramble is also planned as a fundraiser for scholarship money.

We may host one more in-person day seminar in December on Ethics and Alabama Standards of Practice.

Our professional practices committee has been hosting well attended meetings on municipality overreach. Its goal is to derive future pathways in working with municipalities for the protection of the public. Whereby ultimately removing unnecessary barriers with current subdivision plat restrictions and other current requirements.

We continue providing other updates and news from the society's quarterly publication of Turning Points and via our website at ASPLS.org. Our website also offers numerous online courses for continuing education needs.

Closing remarks

The society continues to strive in helping the profession and its professionals with navigating important legislation, working with NSPS, providing educational opportunities and protecting the public. Please feel free to reach out to ASPLS should you have any questions or comments. We appreciate the opportunity to join with NSPS in preserving this wonderful and vital profession.

Regards,

Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors

Its NSPS Director