



Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors (CALS)

NSPS Connecticut Director's Report
For Fall 2026 NSPS Meeting

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2026 Highlights & Accomplishments:

Conferences & Professional Development

- CALS conducted Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam study sessions on February 5, February 18, and March 5; an open discussion on preparing for the land surveyor examination was held March 4.
- Boundary Law sessions were offered February 25, March 11, March 25, and April 7. Dane Courville, PLS, presented an April 16 session on the Public Land Survey System (PLSS).
- An additional Exam Study Group is scheduled for November 3, 10, 17, and 24, anticipated to be the final study series of 2026.
- The 2026 General Membership Meeting drew 41 attendees and featured Dr. Kristen Keegan on "Loyalists, Confiscation, and Title in Connecticut."
- CALS is preparing its 59th Annual Meeting for November 2026, with health and safety as a principal theme. A Certified Floodplain exam retake is planned for eligible prior course participants.

Education, Mentorship & Workforce Development

- CALS funded travel for two Young Surveyors Network (YSN) representatives, Preston Hunt and Jacob Fox, to attend the April NSPS Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C.; member contributions fully covered the reported \$2,183.34 cost. Both subsequently shared their experiences with the CALS Board.
- The YSN held a hands-on GPS and OPUS gathering at Harkness Memorial Park on May 2, attended by seven young surveyors, including one high school student, with support from experienced CALS members.
- On May 20, CALS members proctored a Certified Survey Technician (CST) examination in Meriden; three of four examinees passed.
- CALS members continued classroom and career outreach, and the Board approved a motion encouraging each county director to visit at least two elementary or high schools to promote surveying.
- CALS supported development of surveying education opportunities at Central Connecticut State University. The state Board of Examiners clarified experience credit for applicants completing at least 15 relevant surveying course credits, potentially benefiting certificate-program participants.

- CALS reviewed scholarship guideline changes and pursued establishment of an Education and Career Advancement Fund; these initiatives were under development, not reported as fully implemented.

Advocacy & Legislative Activities

- CALS monitored Connecticut SB 82 and SB 105 concerning occupational and professional licensing fees, and HB 5222 addressing Department of Consumer Protection recommendations, including provisions relating to professional engineers and land surveyors. The Board requested more definitive legislative summaries from its government-relations advisor.
- CALS discussed establishing a committee to evaluate surveying regulations in light of GNSS technology and practices in other states; committee membership and work were still being developed as of September.
- CALS tracked modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). Connecticut legislation enacted in 2025 aligned the Connecticut Plane Coordinate System with the latest NGS system for specified state uses; CALS discussed the NGS beta products, testing period, CTDOT guidance, and anticipated ACORN implementation. The legislation was not described as mandating private surveyor use.

Membership & Engagement

- CALS celebrated the 2026 Festival of Terminalia, bringing members together despite severe winter weather.
- The September 18 CALS Golf Tournament at Timberlin Golf Course was reported as successful, with strong support from sponsors and volunteers.
- CALS continued regional engagement: President Bob Baron attended the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors annual meeting in September, emphasizing collaboration among northeastern societies.
- CALS participated in the NSPS spring meeting and nationwide membership efforts, including support for YSN participation.

Communications & Publications

- CALS advanced plans to modernize its website for easier member and public use. Multiple vendors were being evaluated, with recommendations anticipated at the October Board meeting.
- A comprehensive CALS bylaws revision was drafted and circulated for Board review. A Board vote was planned for October, with possible membership consideration at the November Annual Meeting; the revision had not yet been adopted as of the September minutes.
- CALS authorized printing 50 copies of “Statutes and Case Law Pertaining to Land Surveying in Connecticut” and began discussions about updating the publication.
- CALS planned a 2027 Annual Reference Book emphasizing health and safety, with additional information to be available online.

Respectfully submitted October 9, 2026

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