

Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia
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Meetings

Georgia holds two conferences per year. Our technical seminar is held in January in the Atlanta Metro area, and our summer meeting rotates between coastal cities. This year's was in Savannah. Attendance to both conferences was better than in recent years.

Legislative

There are currently no major issues to report, but we're keeping an eye out and partner with ACEC when appropriate.

State Board

Since privatizing our board and decoupling our exams, we have seen both an increase in effectiveness and responsiveness from our board and an increase in new licensees. It is encouraging to see more young faces at our meetings.

Education

While Georgia does not require a 4-year degree, we do have a requirement that applicants obtain 18 hours of survey specific, board approved education. We currently have 3 schools in the State that offer surveying programs, two of which are affiliated with GIS programs, with the other being affiliated with a Civil Engineering program. Generally, it seems that our classes are full, which is encouraging as numbers have lacked in past years.

Scholarships

Our education foundation awarded a record \$50k in scholarships this year, doubling our previous record. This is a direct reflection on the quality of our applicants and the generosity of our members.

Outreach

Individuals, companies, and our society participated in events throughout the state including military events, getting into schools and exhibiting at the home-schooling conference. We have partnered with ACEC in their efforts to reach young women, and our society sponsored trips for two ladies to attend the Women Surveyors Summit in San Diego.