



National Society of Professional Surveyors

ExCom Meeting Minutes - Approved

July 9, 2026 – 1PM ET/12PM CT/11AM MT/10AM PT

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1. Call to Order: *President Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm ET.*

2. Declaration of a Quorum:

P	<i>President Tim Murphy</i>
A	<i>President-Elect Jeff Clendenning</i>
P	<i>Vice President Cotton Jones</i>
P	<i>Past President Linda Foster</i>
A	<i>Treasurer Patti Brooks</i>
P	<i>Secretary Dan Martinez</i>
P	<i>Director Norm Ellerbrock</i>
P	<i>Director Jim Hollandsworth</i>
P	<i>Director Sandy Peabody</i>

P	<i>Director Chris Juliano</i>
P	<i>Affiliate Executive Director Nancy Hoines</i>
P	<i>YSN Representative Cam Lowe</i>
P	<i>NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch</i>
P	<i>NSPS Office Manager Trish Milburn</i>
	<i>Guest –</i>
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3. Review and Approve Agenda:

The agenda was revised by Burch. Motion to approve the agenda, as amended Ellerbrock/Juliano. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Lost Monument – J. Anthony (Tony) Cavell

Past President Cavell passed away recently. Burch will place a memoriam in the July bulletin. His obituary mentioned a donation to a scholarship in the NSPS Foundation. Burch made a recommendation to ExCom that NSPS make a donation to the Fellows Scholarship Fund in Tony's name in the amount of \$500. Milburn mentioned that NSPS is doing a Final Point memorial for Tony. Motion made to donate \$500 to the NSPS Foundation Fellows Scholarship in the name of J. Anthony (Tony) Cavell by Hollandsworth/Lowe. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review and/or Approve Outstanding Minutes

- a. May 14, 2026 ExCom minutes:

Motion to approve the May 14, 2026 minutes as presented Lowe/Hollandsworth. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. June 11, 2026 ExCom minutes:

To be approved at the August 13, 2026 ExCom meeting.

6. Unfinished/On-Going Business

- a. YSN – Lowe

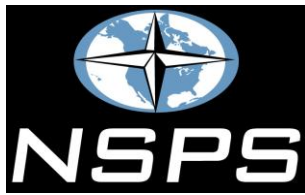
- i. Fall 2026 YSN Activities

Jon Geffre has been organizing the outings for the fall meeting outside of the scheduled events.

- ii. Student Competition – Anything Else?

- iii. Mentoring Program Update

Lowe provided an update: 145 mentors and 125 mentees. Next week they are finalizing the matching and allowing the remainder of the month for onboarding.



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Approximately 10 states have no participants. Scheduled to start meetings in August. Last year they had 50 mentors and mentees.

iv. Anything else

Peabody reported that South Carolina held its first-ever YSN officer installation, and that he performed the installation. Burch reported that we have a new podcast, "Between the Stakes". Stewart Ward, Stacy Pollock, and Nolan Mark are the hosts.

b. Fall business meeting update – Foster/Burch

Foster reported that all plans are being finalized, with no changes to the meeting agenda and registration at this time. She is confirming whether we will be allowed to install the monument at Mount Rushmore. Milburn reported that we are up to 90 registrations, with many bringing their families.

i. Panel Discussion

Panel to include: Workforce Development, Education, Marketing, Scouts, Military, and Membership. Murphy discussed the limited meeting time available at the fall meeting.

Hoines reported that the state executive directors plan to meet Monday evening at the fall meeting. They have been holding monthly meetings since June. The upcoming August meeting topics include data management and database management software used for conference registration. They are working to increase meeting attendance from 10-12. The monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is scheduled for August 4th.

c. Collaboration platform / Conversion to Basecamp – Burch

One state executive director declined the invitation. Three state directors have not signed up: Mississippi, Montana, and Missouri. Efforts will be made to continue to inform directors and executive directors.

d. State statute matrix – Burch:

A new employee was hired – Cara Tryling / 90 days part-time. She will be working on the state matrix, Basecamp, and social media. She will be the host at next years women is surveying summit in Cincinnati. Foster will connect with Cara to include her in the Body of Knowledge mapping work. Cara's mother is the survey lead at Cincinnati State University and a proponent of our student competition.

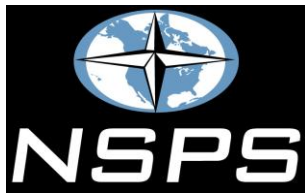
e. Committee Chairs/Liaisons update – Murphy

Murphy reported that all positions have been filled except for the PAC. He is working with Brooks to identify individuals who meet the regional requirements of PAC by-laws.

f. Bylaws/policy updates – Murphy – Policy changes need to catch up to By-Laws
Murphy will follow up with Julianio.

g. Education Committee – SaLIS Journal – Foster

Milburn reported that the meeting included herself, Seneca, and Tom Meyer. They reviewed the to-do list and timeline. The plan is to complete the branding, website, and publisher update by the end of this summer. Distribute the member communication



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regarding the journal access in August. Monitor member engagement and registration activity during the fall of 2026. Publish the first issue of the journal in November 2026.

h.

i. Non-Boundary license update – Murphy

Murphy has been in discussion with NCEES, but we still do not have any information on what's behind the subject matter of the license. Hollandsworth said more information will likely be made available at the NCEES August meeting. He believes the test will include all current subject matters other than boundary.

ii. Communications/Working Group – Murphy

Murphy is continuing with offline conversations with NCEES. He would like to see a meeting that includes an NSPS representative from each region and the NCEES regional vice presidents. Foster reported that the Education Committee and SPS are working on a body of knowledge update. This update could be very helpful with test development.

i. O'Net Data Collection Program – Clendenning

This was sent out and is posted on Basecamp.

~~j. America 250 Swag (stickers, tee shirts, pins)~~

~~k. America 250 Celebrations (Colorado)~~

l. ACOE - Base Flood Determinations – Murphy

Murphy will reach out to the individual who brought this concern forward.

~~m. FIG Discussion/Update – Murphy/Burch~~

n. Federal Rules on U.S. Science (AGU) – Murphy/Foster

i. Online format for comments

Comments can be made using the online platform. Comments are due by July 17th.

~~o. RFI from USDOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) – Foster/Burch~~

p. COGO – NSDI Survey distribution update – Foster

The survey distribution went out, and they have started compiling the results.

7. New Business

~~a. GeoWeek Abstracts Due on 7/17 – Murphy/Burch/Foster~~

b. FEMA Elevation Certificate Expiration

Peabody reported that the current elevation certificate has expired and that an official extension memo has not been issued. This memo would be helpful to provide to our clients who question why we are using an expired form. He will contact John Hintermeister with FEMA to inquire about the extension memo. Murphy would like to see the NSPS CFS Committee involved with these types of issues.

~~c. Hydrographic Services Improvement Act (HSIA) Reauthorization – Murphy/Burch~~

~~d. July Town Hall Topic(s) – Murphy/All~~

~~e. Awards Discussion – Murphy/All~~

f. 2027 Budget

Burch will be working with Patty to develop the 2027 budget to address the decreasing membership numbers and income and increases in costs across the board. The plan is to



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review the budget at the September Directors Town Hall meeting. This budget will include some new ideas.

g. CFS Coordination

Burch informed us that the Tennessee Society recorded videos for the CFS renewal course. The CFS Committee has given verbal approval for others to use the videos. A written approval is needed from the Tennessee Society.

8. Next ExCom Meeting (2nd Thursday) – August 13 (1:00 PM to 2:30 PM ET)

9. Next Directors Town Hall (4th Thursday) – July 23 (2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ET)

10. Next State Executives Town Hall

a. Last meeting on May 12, 2026

b. Next meeting on August 11, 2026

11. Adjourn: *Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm ET.*

Note: Agenda items not discussed during the meeting are marked by a line through the text.