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NSPS Director's Report

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS:

As NSPS Director for the Commonwealth of Virginia I have the following report:

Officers:

President – Reed Adams
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NSPS Director – Alison Hanson
Region 1 Director – Sean Peiffer
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Membership: (as of 9-30-2026)

Affiliate 11
Associate 12
Corresponding 12
Regular 331
Retired 14

Student 9
Technician 44
Honorary 3
TOTAL 436

Increase of 12%+/- since our last report

Annual Convention:

- The 78th VAS Annual Convention for 2026 was held April 22-25 at Omni Hotel, Richmond, VA immediately following our Spring Meeting. We offered many educational opportunities and included our John Foster Exam Review Again this year.
- An archive of online continuing education sessions continues to be made available for purchase through the VAS website. Go to www.vasurveyors.org and click on "webinars". This replaced our previous method of providing archived education sessions.

Education:

- VAS Continues its partnering with the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association on an online Survey Technician Training program, known as ST2. Reference www.iplsa.org/st2.html.
- Our summer Seminar and Quarterly Board meeting were held virtually on July 24, 2026. Holding a virtual meeting allowed us to include Nationally known speakers. - The 8-hour webinar had two parts: 2026 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys for Field Technicians and Their Managers with Presenter: Gary Kent, Meridian Land Consulting, LLC and "Key Strategies for a Successful Land Surveying Business" with Presenter Trent Keenan, Diamond Back Land Surveying, LLC.

- Our Fall Seminar and Quarterly Board Meeting was held in person in Front Royal, Virginia on October 2-3rd, 2026. The 8 hours of educational credits was broken into 4 sessions: “Reality Capture = Land Surveying: Delivering Old School Data Utilizing New Methods” – Presented by Jason Dixon of Leica Geosystems, “Do the Work. Get Paid. Stay Sane” – Presented by Maggie Shelton, PE, Senior Operations Manager, Rinker Design Associates; “Working with VDOT: A Partner in Excellence” – Presented by Leon Treutle, LS, VDOT District Survey Manager, Northern Virginia District and “New Coordinates - New Datums - New Heights” – Presented by David Doyle of Base 9 Geodetic Consulting Services, NGS Chief Geodetic Surveyor (Retired). We had over 70 Attendees in the day’s programs.
- We’ve continue our sold-out attendance in our John Foster School exam prep classes, with more than 50 future surveyors at each of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 sessions. John Foster is a 4-day, 32-hour comprehensive FS and PS preparatory class. The program will again be offered April 20-23, 2027 during the VAS 79th Annual VAS Convention at the Wintergreen Resort.
- As is the VAS custom, 2026 quarterly seminars are provided across the Commonwealth to bring quality continuing education near members, with 8 hours of continuing education presented in conjunction with each meeting. Our next Board Meeting and Seminar is scheduled for January 2027 and will be hosted by the Mount Vernon Chapter, location to be determined. Meetings and Chapter host have been set through 2028.
- VAS members are participating in an effort to increase student enrollment and retain instructors for the surveying programs at 3 community colleges.

Legislative:

- The Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) is exploring legislation for the 2027 session of the General Assembly to amend Va. Code § 1-610 to transition the designated and authorized state administrative agency responsible for geodetic coordinate system data from Old Dominion University (ODU) to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). This administrative realignment follows critical statutory updates completed during the 2025 General Assembly session. Under SB 1173 (Patron: Senator David R. Suetterlein) and HB 2503 (Patron: Delegate William M. Wiley), the Commonwealth successfully conformed Virginia law to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) and the National Geodetic Survey’s (NGS) modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) framework.
- The VAS Legislative Committee will meet on November 5, 2026 with our Lobbyist to discuss the above matter and upcoming session. We will meet weekly to review legislation through the session.

Workforce Development:

- A VAS-endorsed program, “The Path: A Land Surveyor’s Apprenticeship”, a full education and training program to meet the requirements for licensure as a Land Surveyor in Virginia has been approved by the APELSCIDLA Board, our licensing board.
- VAS has participated in several career day events to promote a career in surveying.

Miscellaneous Items:

The Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA) on April 29, 2026 with Action 6394 / Stage 11045: General Review of the Board for APELSCIDLA Regulations adopted final amendments to the Board’s regulations on November 14, 2025. The final adoption period concluded on March 11, 2026, and the regulations became effective on May 1, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,



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NSPS Director, Virginia