



MI-SPS 2026 FALL REPORT TO NSPS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR

The **2027 MSPS Annual Convention & Seminar** will be held at the **Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites in Kalamazoo, Michigan** from **February 16–19, 2027**.

LEGISLATION

HB 6058 – Reciprocity

Introduced by Representatives Joseph Aragona and Mark Tisdell, this bill would allow individuals licensed in another state to obtain a Michigan license under certain conditions, potentially providing an alternative pathway to Michigan's current education and examination requirements.

- This Bill would amend the Occupational Code to expand reciprocity for individuals licensed in another state. The proposed language could allow applicants to bypass some of Michigan's current educational requirements and potentially obtain a Michigan license without taking the Michigan-specific examination. The bill is currently before the House Committee on Regulatory Reform. MSPS is monitoring this legislation and its potential impact on the surveying profession.

SB 1095 – Emeritus License

Introduced by Senators Darrin Camilleri and Jeremy Moss, this bill would create an emeritus license for retired individuals who are no longer practicing their profession.

- This Bill would amend the Occupational Code to establish an emeritus license status. Under the proposal, individuals who are retired and no longer practicing could apply for an emeritus license.

Proposed legislation is available at the Michigan Legislature website<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/>

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (LARA)

- The Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation (OLSR) within the Bureau of Construction Codes.
- The OLSR plays a key role in maintaining accurate land records and boundary information throughout Michigan, including reviewing subdivisions under the Land Division Act, administering the State Survey and Remonumentation Act, and providing support to the Michigan State Boundary Commission.
- Through the state's remonumentation program, annual grants are provided to all 83 counties to help preserve and perpetuate the original government corners that form the foundation for property descriptions across Michigan.
- LARA also provided an update on the ongoing effort to re-establish and remonument Michigan's 110-mile border with Indiana.

- Under the Michigan-Indiana State Line Remonumentation Act, the OLSR is working with the Michigan-Indiana State Line Commission and the five Michigan counties along the border to remonument the mile and meander posts originally established during the 1827 Kendrick Survey.
- After several previous attempts to complete the project, the state is hopeful that this renewed effort will finally bring greater clarity and stability to Michigan's southern boundary.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MILARA/bulletins/421951e>

OUTREACH

The following 2026 Career Quests & Outreach Events are available this year:

- **MiCareer Quest Middle Michigan** | University Center, MI - October 9, 2026
- **MiCareer Quest East** | Flint, MI - October 21, 2026
- **MiCareer Quest Southwest** | Kalamazoo, MI - October 21-22, 2026
- **Michigan School Counselor Association** | Grand Rapids, MI - November 15-16, 2026
- **MiCareer Quest Southeast** | Novi, MI - November 17, 2026

These events serve as excellent outreach opportunities to introduce the surveying occupation to hundreds of middle and high school students.

SCOUT MERIT BADGE

SCOUTING AMERICA: SURVEY MERIT BADGE WEBINAR

August 18



JOIN OUR WEBINAR

MAKE AN IMPACT. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

Scouting America Surveying Merit Badge: A Great Outreach Opportunity

Learn how the Surveying Merit Badge can connect your profession with the next generation—and how you can get involved.

DATE
August 18, 2026

TIME
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Pacific)

WE WILL DISCUSS:

- ✓ The Scouting America Surveying Merit Badge requirements and how we do the training.
- ✓ How to and why you should consider becoming a Scouting America Merit Badge Counselor.

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The flyer features a large image of a surveying instrument on a tripod in the background. In the foreground, there is a circular red and yellow patch with a surveying instrument icon. The bottom right corner features the Scouting America logo and tagline.

YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK (YSN)

MI-SPS YSN continues to be active throughout the year. There are 67 members.

The Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors (MI-SPS) continued its strong support of the Young Surveyors Network (YSN) by sponsoring attendance at both the spring and fall NSPS national meetings,

- The YSN met on March 26 meeting was a success, with 14 members participating
- A canoe, kayak, and camping weekend was held August 21.

SAFE AT WORK

- M-ISPS encourages all members to make workplace safety a priority this month and throughout the year.
- MI-SPS ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS TO Join the National Safety Council's SafeAtWork and Pledge to reaffirm their commitment to protecting yourself, your coworkers, and your community. Take the pledge at: <https://nsc.org/safeworkpledge>

EDUCATION

LUNCH AND LEARN

- "Lines in the Sand: Boundary Line Case Studies." was offered Friday, August 21, featuring Rick Linnell presenting.
- Participants will earn 1 CEU while exploring one of the most challenging aspects of the surveying profession. Boundary line disputes are among the most common, and often the most complex, issues affecting real property.

BOOT CAMP

- Surveyor Boot Camp returned for the fourth year. The Boot Camp was held September 21–25 in Wixom for this intensive, hands-on training experience facilitated by Todd Horton. Designed for survey technicians who want to go beyond on-the-job knowledge, this 5-day course dives into the theory behind your daily work and applies it through practical exercises and real-world simulations.
- Whether you're troubleshooting field challenges or honing your teamwork skills, Boot Camp was geared to help students grow with confidence and take your career to the next level.

MI- SPS NSPS CST

- The committee is working with the Central Office to help track, promote, and host CST Exams throughout Michigan.
- We are looking for certified CST Exam proctor, if you are certified please let the Central Office know.
- MI-SPS is working to maintain a list of available proctors to help support multiple testing opportunities across the state throughout the year.

Boundary Survey Essentials for Technicians seminar was a success, with 19 attendees.

- Todd Horton has been helping tell that story through several survey focused podcasts, talking about why this training matters and what we're building here. Other states are beginning to follow our lead.

If you haven't already, I'd encourage you to listen to Todd's recent conversation with Tim Burch on NSPS's Surveyor Says podcast EP228 Todd Horton - Survey Technician Training.