

NSPS Board of Governors Meeting

Gaithersburg, MD April 14, 2013

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:13 am by Chairman Rick Howard. Mr. Howard expressed his appreciation and congratulations to those States which have become 100% membership States.

1.1 – Operating Rules

- 1.1.1 – Name and State when addressing the group and speak into the microphone.
- 1.1.2 – **Cell phone policy**, \$100 contribution to the scholarship fund for those who violate said policy.

2. **Roll Call/Proxies/Declaration Quorum** – Chairman Howard requested the roll call by Secretary Mark Sargent

Affiliation	Governor	Present	Absent
Alabama	Billy Grizzard	X	
Alaska	Mike Fretwell	X	
Arizona	Mike Fondren	X	
Arkansas	Lanny Beavers	X	
California	Carl C. De Baca	X	
Canada	Denis Blais		X
Colorado	Warren Ward	X	
Connecticut	Rick Howard	X	
Delaware	Bill Derry		X
Dist. Of Columbia	Rick Driest	X	
Florida	Mike Maxwell	X	
Georgia	Robert Armstrong	X	
Guam	Tom Condon		X
Hawaii	Arden Torcuato	X	
Idaho	Dave Short	X	
Illinois	Tim Burch	X	
Indiana	Don Bengel	X	
Iowa	Richard Leu	X	
Kansas	Larry Graham	X	
Kentucky	Craig Palmer	X	
Louisiana	Tony Cavell	X	
Maine	John Lloyd	X	
Maryland	Alan Dragoo	X	
Massachusetts	Rich Vannozi	X	
Michigan	Craig Amey	X	
Minnesota	Tony Blumentritt	X	
Mississippi	Jeff Black	X	
Missouri	Troy Hayes	X	
Montana	Debi Anderson	X	
Nebraska	Danny Martnez	X	

Nevada	Paul Burn	X	
New Hampshire	Mark Sargent	X	
New Jersey	Jim Sens	X	
New Mexico	Glen Thurow	X	
New York	Malcolm Shaw	X	
North Carolina	Bill Coleman	X	
North Dakota	Curt Glasoe	X	
Ohio	Bob Akins	X	
Oklahoma	D.W. Converse	X	
Oregon	Bob Neathamer	X	
Pennsylvania	Bob Miller	X	
Puerto Rico	Ismael Carrasquillo		X
Rhode Island	Ed O'Brien	X	
South Carolina	Henry Dingle	X	
South Dakota	Tom Berkland	X	
Tennessee	Allen Crawford	X	
Texas	John Watson	X	
Utah	Steve Keisel	X	
Vermont	Tricia Kules	X	
Virginia	David Holland	X	
Washington	Jim Wengler	X	
West Virginia	Jared Wilson		X
Wisconsin	Lisa Van Horn	X	
Wyoming	Cotton Jones	X	
Small State	Kay McDonald	X	
Large State	Frank Thousand	X	
AAGS	David Doyle	X	

A majority of the Governors were present and a quorum was declared. Chairman Howard asked that all new Governors and proxies to stand and thanked them for serving our profession.

3. **Introduction of Guests** – The following guests of BOG members were introduced:
- Mike Maxwell FL. Governor introduced Marylyn Evers Ex. Director of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society
 - Alan Drago MD. Governor introduced Maryland Society of Surveyors President Berry
 - Billy Grizzard AL. Governor introduced the Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors Ex Director Jennifer Sellers
 - Debi Anderson MT. Governor introduced Dick Smith past Gov of MT representing West Fed
 - Craig Amey MI. Governor introduced the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors President Zak Stevens
 - John Watson TX. Governor introduced the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors Ex Director DJ Kyle
 - Jim Wengler WA. Governor introduced past president Pat Beelher

Other attendees – Trish Milburn; John Matonich, NSPS Past President; Curt Sumner, NSPS Executive Director; Kim Leavitt, Area 7 Director; Steve Gould, Area 1; John Fenn, NSPS Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Fokens, Area 5 Director; Patrick Smith, NSPS President-Elect; Lamar Evers, NSPS President; Bob Dahn, NSPS Immediate Past President; Jon Warren, NSPS Vice President; Joe Dolan, NSPS Past President; Joe Baird, Area 3 Director; Chris King, Area 4 Director; Wayne Harrison, NSPS Past President; Henry Kuehlem, Area 8 Director; Carl CdeBaca, Area 9 Director, Tim Kent, Area 10 Director; Frank Lenik, Area 2 Director; Gerry Curtis, NSPS Past President; Gary Kent, NSPS Past President; Pat Kalen, President of the Alaska Section of ACSM; John Palatiello; Nick Palatiello; John Byrd.

- John Hohol, FIG Delegate, introduced Mr. CeeHai TEO the current FIG President. Mr. TEO presented a power point slide show and spoke on the FIG organization.
- Curt Sumner spoke on and introduced the new government affairs consultant John Palatiello -& Associates, Inc and the new media consultant Neil Sandler. Mr. Sandler spoke on the need of attracting young people to the profession through technology and gave examples of different types of measurements which may or may not be surveying and possible opportunities for surveyors. Mr. Palatiello introduced himself as the new NSPS Government Affairs consultant and his credentials. His firm will be the eyes, ears and voice of NSPS in Washington, DC and will work very closely with Curt and Neil with the goal to help enhance the surveying profession. He views his responsibility to improve member's business conditions and create opportunities for members to increase their practices. John will be the manager of his team and introduced his team members. Jon Byrd is a registered lobbyist and Nick Palatiello is the IT professional. John and his team then presented the results of a questioner that he put out to all surveyors through the Professional Surveyors Magazine and conducted a strategic planning charette. At the conclusion of the charette Chairman Howard thanked John and his team as well as all participates in the conversation.

The meeting was recessed at 11:58 am and called back to order at 1:06 pm.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Gaithersburg, MD September 29, 2012- Chairman Howard asked for any additional changes to the minutes a motion to approve was made by Curt Glasoe, Gov. of ND which was seconded by Alan Drago, Gov. of MD and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Additions and Approval of Agenda** – Chairman Howard reviewed the days agenda, mentioned that some of the items would be taken out of order and asked if any additional items needed to be considered, hearing none requested a motion. Motion by Paul Burn, Gov. of NV to approve the agenda, second by Rich Leu, Gov. of SC which passed by voice vote.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.10**FIG** – John Hohol spoke on FIG and how NSPS has taken over the role of ACSM. The next FIG working week will be held in May in Abuja Nigeria followed by the 2014 FIG Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Currently there are 10 FIG Commissions, 9 of those have NSPS representatives, the

10th is outside the survey definition. There are two American affiliates in FIG; the BLM and NOAA/NGS as well as three American universities. Mr. Hohol also spoke on the invitation that was extended to NSPS to participate in the CLGE (Council of European Geodetic Surveyors) spring general assembly meeting in Budapest, Hungary. John attended the meeting on NSPS behalf and signed a declaration in conjunction with CLGE marking March 22, 2013 as Surveyor's Day. Although the Council is not a member of FIG they would like to establish a formal relationship with NSPS.

6.6 NGS—Ms. Juliana Blackwell, the Director of NGS thanked the Board for the opportunity to address NSPS and that it had been a number of years since she had the opportunity to do so. NGS wants to be involved with NSPS, the latest budget cuts that took place as part of sequestration have made that more difficult but NGS will strive to keep the lines of communication open. The fiscal year budget for 2014 does provide for an increase of \$3 million to improve elevation and height information as part of the redefinition of the NAVD, and an increase of \$8 million to participate in a government sponsored LIDAR program in the coastal areas. NGS is receiving \$12.5 million to work on topo-bathymetric LIDAR from NC to ME. Ms. Blackwell went on to highlight the product and services that have been completed or will be completed in the near future. NGS updated its 10 year strategic plan which includes modernizing and improving the vertical datum. Grav-D is airborne gravity collection initiative that will help support the development of a new geoid and in turn a new vertical datum, as of this date 27% of the observations have been completed. She stated that there will be a role for surveyors, data will be needed to convert the old datum to the new datum. Last year, national adjustment 2011 was released, new coordinates are lined up with current CORS coordinates. Geoid 12A is the new model that should be utilized, some issues were found with Geoid 12. LOCUS is another on-line utility that is available on the NGS website it is meant to simplify the office adjustment of geodetic leveling. Lastly Ms. Blackwell spoke on the challenges of hiring new people to replace the recently retired and the change from State NGS advisors to Regional advisors.

6.1 NSPS Past President—Immediate Past President Bob Dahn told the Board that it had been an honor and a privilege to be President of NSPS and thanked the members, the Board of Governors, the Board of Directors, staff and the officers for everything they had done this past year . He created the same with helping the organization go through some significant changes in a very short period of time. Past President Dahn had awarded certificates, at the General Membership meeting, to those states which had become 100% membership states and went on to name the 10 additional states that were currently working on their MOUs. He continued by mentioning the relationship that NSPS is continuing with other organizations such as ABET, NCEES, FIG and COFPAES. NSPS recently received the necessary votes from ABET member organizations to be recognized as the official lead society for the evaluation of surveying and geomatic programs.

Monies were found to improve government affairs, which was demonstrated today and publications and communications have been approved. Past President Dahn explained that time was dealing with IRS issues due to the transition from ACSM to NSPS. The NSPS disaster relief fund has grown and is being distributed. In closing Mr. Dahn again thanked the membership and that NSPS greatest challenges lie ahead and urges everyone to continue with the same efforts that were put in this past year.

6.2 NSPS Executive Director—Curt Sumner explained that NSPS has a new person leading the evaluator team, Jason Ressette. Curt reported that it has been an interesting year for the NSPS staff given the joint membership program, that NSPS shirts are available for \$20.00. He explained that we have acquired some new give-aways, NSPS note pads, new NSPS brochures and NSPS scales. Issues currently being discussed, right-of-entry, copy right use by surveyors on their plats, Express Map and utility locates. The staff enjoys the new office and has enjoyed working this past year and the past several years with Mr. Dahn.

6.3 NSPS Treasurer – Treasurer John Fenn reports that the business of ACSM has been put to bed but would like to give credit to ACSM for bringing surveying to the forefront back in 1941. Mr. Fenn reported the following:

- To date the CST program has had an income of \$25,325.00 with a budgeted income of \$121,300.00, the expenses have been \$12,000.00 with a budget of \$66,000.00 for a net income of \$13,325.00.
- The Hydro program has had an income of \$2,240.00 with a budget of \$3,900.00, the expenses have been \$2,850.00 with a budget of \$7,975.00 for a net loss of \$610.00.
- The Trig Star program has had an income of \$8,35.00 with a budget of \$17,325.00, the expenses have been \$1,587.00 with a budget of \$13,000.00 for a net income of \$6,727.00.
- The NSPS budget has had an income of \$405,000.00 with a budget of \$960,000.00, the expenses have been \$235,000.00 with a budget of \$853,222.00.
- 100% Membership through March had collected \$46,000.00, to date in April had collected \$18,400.00.
- The NSPS financial resources included \$241,900.00 in a CD and \$171,627.00 cash on hand.

Mr. Fenn also reported that the BLM has remitted \$1,500.00 for their sustaining membership and Ohio, Tennessee and Florida have each paid \$1,500.00 for their respective state affiliate memberships. To date no

sustaining memberships have been received from suppliers. NSPS now has a signed MOU with AAGS, for services and they will be contributing \$650.00 towards FIG, \$400.00 towards COFPAES, \$1,250.00 towards ABET and \$1,179.99 for staff services and overhead. Mr. Fenn explained that membership costs have been greater than expected due to the swift response of the 100% membership program.

6.4 Joint Government Affairs – John Matonich reported that the committee had a great meeting yesterday. John explained that the JGA committee asked the Board of Directors for more money for the government affairs program and put out an RFP for a new government affairs consultant using QBS procedures. Six proposals were received, three firms were interviewed and John Palatiello & Associates, Inc was the selected firm. NSPS pays a monthly fee for a range of services and provisions are made for some additional fees for work beyond the outlined services. Mr. Matonich reviewed some of the issues that the committee is following:

- Digital Coast is a program authorizing the Secretary of Commerce, through NOAA, to collect geospatial data in the coastal regions and may present some work opportunities for surveyors working in the coastal regions.
- Federal Prison Industries Reform continues to be an issue. New legislation is being developed to fight this program similar to that that was introduced last year.
- Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act was part of the last years Congress and NSPS has recommended Wendy Lathrop to be part of the Technical Mapping Advisory Committee.
- The FLAIR is legislation to develop a current and accurate inventory of all real property owned by the U.S. government and could be a great opportunity for our membership.
- The reintroduction of the Geospatial Governance and Coordination act will be happening soon.
- Hoping to see the reintroduction of the Freedom for Government Competition Act that would require federal agencies to rely on the private sector when providing goods and services that are commercially available.
- The MAP-21 Act was signed into law which includes provisions applying QBS to all FHWA funded projects.
- National Parcel Data deals with the collection of parcel numbers that correspond to real property pledged as collateral and may present opportunities for our members.
- Pipeline and infrastructure inventory has come up in the past and may be re-introduced next year.
- Privacy legislation deals with the requirement of obtaining affirmative expressed consent from citizen prior to collecting geolocation data. NSPS is working on getting exemptions from the law. Three resolutions pertaining to these issues will be going before the Board of Directors tomorrow.

- QBS continues to be an issue relating to the surveying profession and NSPS continues to pursue those proposals that are put out as a price quote and should be on quality based.
- Tax reform issue being followed with the potential for professional service firms to do tax filing on an accrual rather than a cash basis. Currently being thought about for larger firms, those doing over \$10 million.

John reminded the Board that the committee is there to help out individual states, not to lead the charge but to provide support. He is also looking for information from the individual states pertaining to QBS enforcement, specifically if there is a contact at the state's board of licensure who could be contact should a question arise concerning if an item within a contract is considered surveying in that particular state.

6.5 AAGS – David Doyle reported that it has been a challenging year for AAGS and introduced the new AAGS president Wes Parks. One of the challenges facing AAGS is the issue of leadership. Most NSPS governors have served in some leadership position within their state organization, which is not the case for AAGS. To that end AAGS is looking to setup regional sections which will help facilitate more face-to-face interaction and produce leadership. Due to the challenges faced by NGS, AAGS wants to provide those resources that in the past had been provided by NGS.

6.8 Student Competition – Chairman Howard reported that Rich Vannozzi stands by his written report.

6.9 National Museum of Surveying—Rich Leu reported that the funding program for the National Museum didn't work out and read highlights of a letter from Mr. Church which stated the Museum closed on January 2nd of this year. The main issue was funding and the Museum was always behind on their mortgage. The building is for sale and the artifacts have been returned to those individuals who had loaned them to the Museum, other materials are being stored in a climate controlled facility. Curt Sumner explained that a lot of states sent a state society flag, those are being sent to the NSPS office.

6.11 ABET—Written report provided

6.12 CST—Bill Coleman reported that the chairman of the CST Board to presented a written report. Bill believes the program is one of the most successful programs NSPS offers. There are CSTs in every state in the country, and even with the downturn in the economy a number of individuals continue to apply. Mr. Coleman went on to explain that the CST Board meets four times a year and two members have been on the Board since its inception in 1984.

6.13 NCEES (POLC)—President-Elect Smith reported that he had represented NSPS at the recent meeting of NCEES POLC. NCEES is pleased that

NSPS has completed the transition from ACSM and is looking forward to working with NSPS. NCEES has formed a task committee to study the engineering survey definition and the results should be out this summer. Computer testing is being developed and should be ready for the spring of 2014. The annual meeting of NCEES will be held this summer in San Antoine Texas.

The meeting was recessed at 2:50 pm and called back to order at 3:04 pm.

6.7 Professional Surveyor Canada- NSPS Past President Pat Beelher spoke on PSC which is the replacement for the Council of Surveyors. In Canada all surveyors must belong to the Province Cooperation in order to practice land surveying. Mr. Beelher has had discussions with the various Presidents of Province Coopertions pertaining to their relationship with the PSC and the ability to work cross Provincial.

6.14 National Association of County Surveyors – fall report.

6.15 Trig-Star – fall report

6.16 Surveyors Historical Society – fall report

6.17 NSPS Foundation – fall report

7 Old Business- Chairman Howard briefly reviewed the motions from the May 2012 meeting.

Motion 9.1 – MN Governor Tony Blumentritt will replace former Governor Chris Ambourn on the Excellence in Journalism & Student Project Committee

Motion 9.2—A Policy Review Committee was formed made up of NV Governor Paul Burn as Chair, MT Governor Debi Juhasz Anderonm NY Governor Malcolm Shaw, and Maryland Governor Alan Dragoo. Chair Burn gave a brief report recommending that the committee not make policy change recommendations till the 100% membership is fully implemented.

Motion 9.3—Postponed to the fall 2013 meeting.

Motion 9.4—The NSPS Education Plan motion was approved by the BOG and amended and approved by the BOD. MA. Governor Rich Vannozzi chairman of the committee is looking for members to help put the plan together, currently Andy Sturgen, KS Governor Larry Graham, Director Tim Kent, and MO Governor Troy Hayes are committee members and Rich is looking for additional 4 or 5 members. Rich explained how the committee would function and outlined critical dates.

Motion 9.5—The Student Membership category was approved by the BOG and approved and amended by the BOD.

Motion 9.6—Western States meeting was approved by the BOG and failed at the BOD.

Motion 9.7—Modify NSPS 100% MOU to encourage student members was approved by the BOG and BOD

Motion 9.8—The collaboration of NSPS and AAGS to establish a digital library was approved by the BOG and BOD.

Railroad Committee Report—CO Governor Warren Ward presented an update on the Railroad legislation. Since NSPS presented a white paper on this subject over 400 railroads have been abandoned. Warren asked the Governors for examples of survey issues with abandoned railroads to help with his presentation to our bill sponsors.

IL Governor Tim Burch inquired if this may be an appropriate time to address motion 9.3 given the closure of the NMoS. Chairman Howard agreed it could be done but recommended that where action was postponed to the fall that the Board take the issue up in the fall.

Motion 9.10—ALTA Certification, committee chair SD Governor Tom Berklund reported that the committee is looking into the cost of preparing a program for both presentation and testing.

8 New Business – Chairman Howard reviewed the motions on the floor.

8.1 Committee Appointments-

Excellence in Journalism & Student Project—GA Governor Bob Armstrong and AL Governor Billy Grizzard

Affiliate of the Year & Surveying Excellence—CA Governor Matt Vernon and WA Governor Jim Wengler

Map/Plat Contest—VT Governor Tricia Kules, IL Governor Tim Burch and NJ Governor Jim Sens.

8.2 State Society Executive Director Participation—MT Governor spoke on the need for all Governors who have a executive director or administrative secretary to encourage those individual to attend at least one NSPS meeting a year.

8.3 Western Federation of Professional Surveyors—Dick Smith, President of West Fed. explained to the Board the West Federation organization. Mr. Smith wants to assure the membership that they are a regional group and they believe NSPS is the national voice for the surveying profession. West Fed has funded itself in the past by putting on a bi-annual conference but will most likely be backing away from that due to the lack of attendance and will be looking for different ways to obtain funding. West Fed has offered over \$75,000.00 in scholarships and provided speakers for society meetings. The organization will be requesting a MOU with NSPS to define the relationship between the two organizations.

8.4 GIS-Authorization Data—RI Governor Edward O'Brien spoke on parcel mapping and how it will change the face of surveying. Ed recommends that each State surveying society have a representative on the State GIS Committee. Ed spoke on the term "authoritative data" and the lack of a definition for the term. The term is in a HUD report entitled "The Feasibility of Developing a National Parcel Database" and could greatly impact the source of data for GIS mapping.

8.5 Ad-Hoc Datum Committee— The committee was formed to discuss how we would handle the upcoming datum change in 2022. MD. Governor Alan Drago addressed the Board and explained that the datum may change slightly, by a meter or so or could change 1000 meters, the decision has yet to be made. The committee will be looking at the best way to communicate the change to our members and in turn educate the individual state legislatures.

8.6 NSPS Museum Committee— The motion was read into the record by IO Governor Rich Leu and seconded by WI Governor Lisa Van Horn.
Move NSPS continue the Museum Committee with the new charge that the committee provides support for existing and future museum displays containing surveying artifacts and/or information and explore the feasibility of creating a display to be offered to museums throughout the United States.

8.7 ExpressMap—The motion was read into the record by MI Governor and seconded by ME. Governor John Lloyd.
Recommend that the NSPS Board of Directors direct the ALTA/ACSM committee to investigate ExpressMap Services to see if it violates professional practice and direct the committee to recommend an appropriate course of action.

9 Assignment of Motions & Action Items to Task Committees - The following assignments were made:

- Task Committee One & Two – Item 8.6
- Task Committee Three & Four – Item 8.7

11. Task Committee Breakout Sessions taken at 3:58pm
Meeting reconvened at 4:23pm

12. Reports and Recommendations from Task Committees – Voting on Issues

Item 8.6-NSPS Museum Committee—IO Governor Rich Leu reported that there were no changes made to them motion, which then passed on a voice vote

Item 8.7-ExpressMap—MI Governor Craig Amey spoke on the changes to the motion and reasons for the changes and presented the following revised motion

Recommend that the NSPS Board of Directors direct the ALTA/ACSM committee to review ExpressMap Services to see how it relates to the professional practice of surveying and direct the committee to report its findings.

Gary Kent spoke on the ExpressMap issues, the first being what services ExpressMap are offering, and the second the marketing materials that make it appear as if they are offering land surveying services. Mr. Kent encourages the membership to go the individual State Boards and express the concerns we may have with the perception that land surveying services are being offered. Gary will be providing a copy of a recent article he wrote on ExpressMap to the membership. Chairman Howard called for the vote which passed on a voice vote.

13. Elections/Presentations

13.1 Governor Service Award Presentation—Chairman Howard presented 10 year service awards to the following individuals:

- Warren Ward, CO
- Craig Palmer, KY

13.2 Illinois Professional Surveyors Association—IL Governor Tim Burch spoke on the law book the Northeast Chapter had put together with the help of Jeff Lucas and mentioned that at the February conference the book was given away. Tim also presented an honorary membership to the Illinois Professional Surveyors Association to David Doyle for his contribution to the survey profession.

13.3 Key Governor Presentation—Chairman Howard presented David Holland, VA the Key Governors plaque for the fall 2012 meeting.

- a. **Key Governor Vote**—Votes were cast for the fall 2012 Key Governor and Bill Coleman, NC was announced as the winner.
- 14. Good of the Order**—Chairman Howard instructed the BOG to complete the envelopes which were passed out for funding of the Governor’s Scholarship Fund. An auction was held by the courtesy of ND Governor Curt Glasoe for a brass plumb bob in a wooden business card holder. Past President Joe Dolan conducted the auction with the winning bid made by Director Tim Kent for \$150.00.
- 15. Next Meeting**—TBD
- 16. Adjournment**—Chairman Howard declared the meeting adjourned.