

Advocacy

To shape and influence federal government legislation related to the surveying/geospatial profession, NSPS participates in active government affairs and lobbying activities:

- Testimony on proposed legislation
- Introduce, through legislators, concepts and issues related to surveying profession
- Annual NSPS Day on the Hill, in which members meet with legislators
- NSPS Political Action Committee raises funds for promoting selected candidates



Education

To help perpetuate the surveying profession and to endorse degree requirements for licensure, NSPS:

- Serves as the lead society within ABET for the accreditation of college programs in surveying and geospatial curricula, and maintains a team of approved program evaluators
- Encourages the creation of NSPS student chapters within the respective educational programs to facilitate interaction among students and practitioners, and to reinforce the importance of face-to-face interaction with other professionals
- Sponsors the project-based NSPS Annual Student Competition, for which the national finals presentations are given during the spring NSPS conference
- Offers a scholarship program through the NSPS Foundation for which students in associate's degree, bachelor's degree, and graduate programs are eligible

Promotion

To promote the profession as a career choice for the next generation, NSPS:

- Has established a Young Surveyors Network, which associates with other international networks and encourages participation in professional organizations
- Urges its members to participate in local high school programs, including the:
 - NSPS Trig-Star annual competitions
 - TwiST (Teaching with Spatial Technology) program for high school teachers
 - ACE Mentoring Program and Project Lead the Way
- Continues its long-standing role in providing opportunities and training for administration of the Boy Scouts Surveying Merit Badge, one of few original badges that is still offered
- Partnered with Elaine Ball LTD for sponsorship and distribution of the Get Kids into Survey Posters – getkidsintosurvey.com



Benefits

NSPS offers programs to benefit members, their businesses and their employees:

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| ■ Professional liability insurance | ■ Career Center |
| ■ Health and life insurance | ■ Car rental, tires and general discounts |
| ■ Group health | ■ Dell Computers |

! For a complete list of benefits, please visit nsps.us.com and nsps.savingcenter.net.

Standards

NSPS participates in the development and review of a number of standards associated with the surveying profession, such as:

- ALTA/NSPS Standard Detail Requirements for Land Title Surveys, in partnership with the American Land Title Association
- NSPS Model Standards of Practice
- NSPS Creed and Canons
- Advising other organizations (i.e. American Institute of Architects; Associated General Contractors) on their surveying standards
- Participating as a member of international coalitions for the establishment of models for codes of ethics and property measurement

Professional Collaboration

NSPS represents the profession through interaction with related professional and advocacy groups.

- Maintains its long standing role as the United States' member of the International Federation of Surveyors
- Maintains affiliations, nationally and internationally, with more than 30 organizations having geospatial interests
- Maintains active collaboration with federal agencies such as Bureau of Labor Statistics, BLM, FEMA, FGDC, NOAA/NGS, USGS, etc.
- Represents the surveying profession as a member of the NCEES Participating Organizations Liaisons Council, and is actively engaged with the NCEES Surveyors Forum
- Is the lead organization for the Future of Surveying initiative, which is comprised of 18 nationally oriented organizations
- Is active in advocacy groups such as the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations, and COFPAES, the Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services

Certifications

To advance the profession, and individual growth, NSPS:

- Administers its four-level Certified Survey Technician program to provide credentials to survey technicians for skills and knowledge
- Partners with the Hydrographic Society of America to administer the Certified Hydrographer program
- Works with the Bureau of Land Management and the Public Land Survey System Foundation to administer the Certified Federal Surveyor program
- Supports the efforts among the respective state surveying societies in adopting/implementing the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program
- Is considering whether providing additional "specialty" certifications within the surveying community is desirable