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## WELCOME

March has been one of the most energized months in the NSPS calendar and we're heading straight into an equally packed April.

National Surveyors Week 2026 (March 15–21) has just wrapped up, and the celebration of 250 years of measuring America was felt nationwide. Based upon the amount of content posted on the various social channels, National Surveyors Week visibility increased exponentially over the past few years. A significant amount of state associations, firms, classrooms, and individual members turned out in force to champion the profession and publicize their efforts.

Now, momentum shifts to **Washington D.C. Day on the Hill is April 14** in Washington, D.C. and the annual NSPS Lobby Day event is drawing near. Appointments have been made and short presentations are being polished for the trek to the federal legislative offices. We encourage every NSPS director and state affiliate officers to attend as our participation in the NSPS Day on the Hill event strengthens our unified voice.

The Spring Business Meeting and the National Student Competition run April 13-17. In addition, the annual NSPS Membership Meeting will be held in person on Thursday, April 16 at 2:30pm ET with voting to ratify the establishment of the NSPS Young Surveyors Network as an official Board under the NSPS umbrella. There's a lot happening this month and NSPS is right at the center of it.

Here's your round-up of what you need to know.

### **New NSPS Member Benefit: Geospatial Marketing Academy 2.0**

NSPS members now receive exclusive discounted access to the Geospatial Marketing Academy (GMA 2.0) by Elaine Ball, an online sales and marketing training program built specifically for surveyors and geospatial businesses. Benefits include discounted GMA membership and CEU credits.

Not yet a member? The discount may make joining NSPS more cost-effective than purchasing GMA access directly.

[Learn more.](#)

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## RECENT NEWS

### **Technology & Regulation: What's Shaping the Profession**

The surveying profession continues to evolve rapidly. Recent developments in drone regulation are broadening access to aerial surveying, while advances in AI-powered data processing are compressing the time between field collection and actionable output. The integration of LiDAR with traditional surveying methods is creating new standards for accuracy across all project types.

On the regulatory front, several states are revisiting licensure requirements to reflect the changing technological landscape, and federal agencies are establishing new frameworks for geospatial data collection and sharing.

NSPS actively monitors these developments and engages directly with lawmakers, agencies, and regulators at both national and state levels to ensure surveyor voices inform policy decisions.

Members receive regular updates through our communications channels. We also provide resources to help surveyors navigate new requirements and adopt emerging technologies effectively.

[Stay current with NSPS membership](#)

### **Hiring Our Heroes: 16 Career Summits, 20+ Job Offers**

The NSPS Military Committee has been on the road. Through the Hiring Our Heroes program, the team has completed 16 Career Summits across the country, connecting with over 2,000 transitioning service members, accepting 30+ resumes, and extending more than 20 job offers. The surveying profession has a lot to offer veterans – and veterans have a lot to offer in return.

Interested in getting involved? Contact [info@nsp.us.com](mailto:info@nsp.us.com).

## ADVOCACY

### Day on the Hill

On April 14, 2026, NSPS members from across the nation will gather on Capitol Hill to meet directly with Congressional representatives. This is how the surveying profession gets heard at the highest level of government and it only works when every state shows up.

This year's advocacy priorities:

- Geodetic Framework as a National Priority
- Workforce Development through the Transition Assistance Program
- Alpha-gal Allergen Inclusion Act addressing tickborne disease affecting field surveyors

Day on the Hill is held alongside the Spring Business Meeting, Annual Meeting, and Student Competition (April 13–17). Every state that sends representation adds strength to the unified message. Your state's participation matters.

For more information about this year's legislative efforts along with past stories and successes, [click here](#).

### Now streaming: The ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards – 2026 Edition

Has it been five years already? It has, so we must prepare for the 2026 Edition of the updated ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards and we have you covered! "Surveyor Says! The NSPS Podcast" (both audio and video!) catches up with a central figure in these standards, Gary Kent, PS, to give an overview into the reasoning we have these critical standards.

[Watch Land Title Survey Updates on YouTube](#)

### Now streaming: The Silver Tsunami

As firm owners across the profession near retirement age, the industry faces real questions about succession, stability, and who carries the work forward. In the latest episode of Surveyor Says! The NSPS Podcast, host Tim Burch sits down with John Allen of Allen Business Advisors to unpack what this ownership transition means for both employers and employees and the strategies that can make it a smooth one. If you're thinking about the future of your firm, planning your exit, or simply want to understand what's coming for the profession, this episode is essential listening.

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## EVENTS

### **Free Webinar: Is DIY Marketing Costing Your Firm More Than You Think?** **April 8, 2026 | Free to attend | Online**

NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch is sitting down with marketing specialist Elaine Ball for a free webinar.

If you're handling your own marketing, you might think you're saving money, but the real costs often show up elsewhere: in your time, underpriced services, an unpredictable pipeline, and visibility that quietly fades. Survey firms are particularly vulnerable to these traps, and most don't see it until the damage is done.

This session is built specifically for anyone who runs a survey firm or wants to. [Reserve your spot](#)

### **Webinar Recap: Digital Transformation of the Geospatial Industry**

NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch joined Trimble and GPS World on March 26 for a panel discussion on how AI and cloud workflows are helping address workforce shortages, break down data silos, and build a more connected future for surveying.

If you missed it, you can catch up on-demand at [GPS World.com](#).

### **Webinar Recap: NSRS Modernization is Here: What Surveyors Need to Know Now**

NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch joined NGS and other industry professionals on March 25 for a panel discussion for GeoWeek News on the upcoming NSRS Modernization. The panel shared their views on the adaptation and challenges being faced by the geospatial professions. For more insight on how the surveying profession is working with other geospatial specialists, this is a good source for learning more about our "coordinated" future.

If you missed it, you can catch up on-demand at [Geo Week News](#).

### **Certified Floodplain Surveyor Training** **April 18, 2026**

Hosted by the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors

[Find out more](#)

## NATIONAL SURVEYORS WEEK ROUNDUP

National Surveyors Week 2026 (March 15–21) has come and gone, and what a week it was. Under the theme Surveyors: Measuring America for 250 Years, the profession showed up loud and proud across the country. Here are just a few of the highlights that came through our channels.

### The NSPS Mount Rushmore cut-out banner made its NYC debut.

Three of the four presidents on Mount Rushmore were land surveyors, and we made it so that other worthy surveyors could stand among them! Here Lemuel Morrison strikes his best pose!

[Read more](#)



But Jennifer Reap stole the show in NYC as she joined the celebration in style, dressing as NYSAPLS Get Kids into Survey character, Libby! A standout moment that captured the spirit of NSW perfectly.

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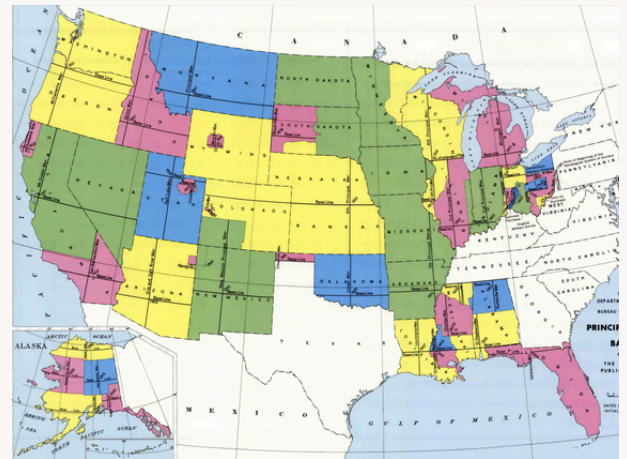
### Atwell LLC

Atwell Crew Chief Tory Williams from our Florida Survey team recently spent the day at a local elementary school career day sharing what it's like to be a surveyor. Among the many topics discussed, students were especially excited to hear about the surprising discoveries surveyors sometimes find in the field—like shark teeth! You never know what you might uncover in a career in surveying! [Read more](#)



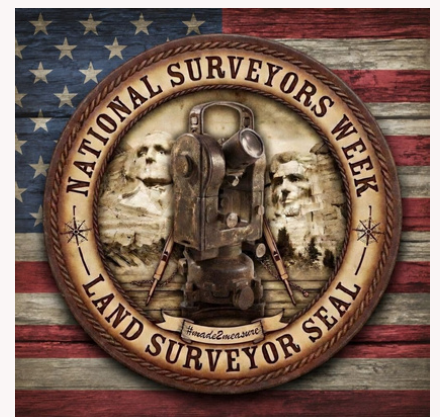
### Berntsen

Land surveying is an on-going, massive project that has mapped more than 1.5 billion acres of public land since the late 18th century, primarily using the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). During Colonial times, surveyors (including Thomas Jefferson) used the system of metes and bounds, which relied on measuring distances between geographic features such as rocks, trees and so on. Later on, surveyors used a grid system developed by Jefferson, to map the vast territories west of the original 13 colonies. [Read more](#)



### G4 Geomatic Resources

Did you know? Land surveying is one of the world's oldest professions—dating back to ancient Egypt around 2700 BC for building the Great Pyramids—and in America, it helped lay the foundation of our nation. Founding fathers like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson worked as surveyors, and President Ronald Reagan officially proclaimed National Surveyors Week in 1984 to honor the vital role surveyors play in building safe, accurate, and enduring communities. [Read more](#)



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