

ASPS Notice of Nominations for 2020 Election

ASPS President, Danny Boyett, has appointed a Nomination Committee chaired by ASPS member, James Montgomery. Other committee members were Roger Gilley, Paul Walla, and Daniel Philips. The committee has submitted the following candidates for ASPS Officers and Directors for the 2020 election. Pursuant to the ASPS Bylaws, any ten voting members of ASPS may submit in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer additional nominees for the positions listed below. If they are eligible and their nominations are accompanied by a statement from them that they are willing to be a candidate, their name shall be placed on the ballot. Any additional nominees must be submitted before February 27, 2020. An email with a link to vote will be sent to our voting members by March 24, 2020. If you prefer to receive a ballot by snail mail please inform the ASPS office by March 1, 2020.

For President...



Terry Cleaver, PS After graduating from the surveying and drafting program at Petit Jean Vocational and Technical School in Morrilton (now UACCM) in 1984 I worked on field crews and eventually in the office for three different companies before becoming a partner in Lachowsky-Cleaver Surveying Inc. in Conway County, AR. I eventually became the principal owner of that company and changed the name to Landmark Surveying Inc. and continued to operate until 2003. At that time I made a career change and became a surveying instructor at UACCM where I will complete my 17th year in that same position at the end of this semester. I have been a member of ASPS for many years and have served on different committees through that time as well as write an article in the Point of Intersection under Campus Corner informing members of the happenings concerning UACCM's surveying program. I certainly believe ASPS is a worthy organization that truly represents the best interests of surveyors in Arkansas.

For President Elect...



Scott Foster, PS Scott was born in Hot Springs and grew up in Little Rock . He attended Central High School in Little Rock and the University of Arkansas. His past experience includes Ed Fryar Engineering, City of Little Rock Public Works, White Daters and Associates, Ben Kittler and Associates, Ducks Unlimited and Arkansas Surveying & Consulting. He and his wife Julie live in Benton.

For Immediate Past President...



Danny Boyett, PS Danny received his BS in Biology from Henderson State University in 1999 and a MS in Geospatial Surveying Engineering from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in 2010. Danny began surveying in 2001 and became a registered surveyor in 2012. He joined B&F Engineering, Inc. in Hot Springs, AR in 2010. He is a member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Danny enjoys the history and analytical aspects of surveying. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends and spending time outdoors.

For Secretary/Treasurer...



Charlie Storey, PLS Charlie is a 1977 Graduate of Purdue University. He has a Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying. He is a 1985 Graduate of BLM/Forest Service Advanced Cadastral Surveying. Since 1985 he has been a Forest Land Surveyor for the Ouachita National Forest. Charlie lives in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is a Past President of ASPS.

For NSPS Governor...



Lanny Beavers, PS Lanny is the Director of Surveys for Garver LLC in Little Rock, Arkansas. His diverse work includes being the Director of Surveys for all the survey departments with Garver LLC offices located in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida. Lanny is licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor in Arkansas and Mississippi. He was ASPS President in 2009. Mr. Beavers and his wife Sherry have been married for 33 years and reside in Hot Springs Village. His major hobbies include radio broadcasting and website design. He owns two of the largest sports websites in Arkansas.

For Vice President...



Michael Daniels, PS Michael Daniels is the owner of Daniels Land Surveying, PLLC in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Michael is a licensed land surveyor in Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, & Tennessee. He is also currently serving his third term as the Craighead County Surveyor and second term on the ASPS Board of Directors.

More about the candidate...

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The greatest strength ASPS has is the passion that its members have for their profession. However, communication and active participation could be viewed as our organization's greatest weakness.

Over the past 4 years as District 2 Director, our ASPS board has worked hard to promote, defend, and communicate with our membership. If elected, I will continue to champion those efforts and actively recruit and engage our community of professionals to become more involved. It's been a privilege to represent District 2 and I hope to have your vote for Vice President so we can continue to build together.



Jeremy Lawson, PS, CFedS

Jeremy lives in Dardanelle with his wife Mindi and son Tucker. He attends Jesus Name Christian Fellowship in Mayflower where he and his wife help to lead worship. He is a Vice President-Survey within Crafton Tull's Infrastructure Division. In addition to Arkansas, Jeremy holds licenses in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Kentucky. In 2013, Jeremy completed the Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS) program that is co-administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Jeremy earned his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surveying from UACCM in May of 2016. He is also a big nerd who loves Star Trek, tolerates Star Wars because his son enjoys it, plays a real mediocre guitar, and loves to read.

More about the candidate...

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The strength of ASPS is its members. Over the past four years that I have served as District 5 Director, I have seen our members step up and take a more active role in our continuing education by volunteering their time to teach classes. Although, there are things that we may glean from practitioners in other parts of the country, it is no substitute for the experience that our members have gained right here in Arkansas. The biggest and maybe the only real weakness that I see in ASPS is not the quality but the quantity of our members. The total number of licensed surveyors has decreased due to the advent of the one-man survey crew, education requirements, and attrition. Therefore, we must be creative in how we operate as an organization. We have begun that process by taking a more active role in our own continuing education. My priority as Vice President will be to continue that initiative as well as work with the other members of the board and our Executive Director to find new and creative ways that we can add value to ASPS membership.

For District 1 Director...



Robert Johnston, PS Age: 54, Years Surveying: 33, Years in Arkansas: 12, Licensed in: 2001, Licensed in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida. Have worked for Garver for 13 years as a project surveyor with projects in transportation and civil projects in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas.

More about the candidate...

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Keith Sikes, PS Being a native Arkansan growing up in a small, west-central Arkansas community surrounded by the Ouachita Mountains, work or play outdoors was an everyday part of life. After graduating high school in 1983, I attended the University of Central Arkansas to study Computer Science. Between the 1984 Spring and Fall semesters of my Sophomore year, I was offered a position with what was then the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS), and it was that summer that I was introduced to surveying, albeit construction surveying, as a chainman/axe man on the construction survey crew. After a couple of appointments working with the SCS as a chainman and later an Instrument Man, I transferred to Louisiana Tech University to study Engineering in August 1986. In the Summer of 1990, I officially began my career in surveying, accepting a position as an Instrument Man with Hoffman and Associates, Inc., located in Van Buren. After quickly being promoted to Party Chief, then working several years as a Survey Coordinator, I obtained Arkansas Professional Surveyor licensure in May 2004.

In 2005, I accepted a position as staff Land Surveyor with Morrison Shipley Engineers Inc., located in Fort Smith. Having an extensive background and knowledge in the use and maintenance of conventional instruments, extensive training, knowledge, and use of GPS equipment, and extensive knowledge and background in boundary retracement and cadastral surveys, I quickly advanced to the position of Survey Coordinator and ultimately Survey Supervisor/Project Manager.

In 2008, I obtained licensure in Oklahoma, followed by licensure in Kansas in December of 2009. In the Fall of 2010, I began the Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS) program, passing the exam for certification in the Summer of 2011. In the Fall of 2014, I transferred to Morrison Shipley's Bentonville office to manage the survey department and projects based out of the NWA office. I currently reside in Farmington, with my lovely wife of 31 years, Michell. We were blessed with two sons, Zac and Kurt, who both also live in Northwest Arkansas with their beautiful wives. The highlight of most weekends is our granddaughter, Kennedy, age 4. When not searching for evidence and dissecting the next survey, my hobbies away from work, are boating, woodworking, hiking, grilling for our friends and family, and some days, just piddling...outdoors.

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Based on the recent conferences I've attended, I feel like the attending ASPS members have been well engaged, injecting good questions and adding relevant input to the session discussions. That said, maybe an alternate question to consider is, how do we better engage ASPS members and non-members into the society? And how can ASPS become a go-to resource for all survey professionals signing surveys completed within our state boundaries? I guess if there was a simple answer to those questions, all licensed professionals would be ASPS members. But maybe the answer to both of these questions begins at the ASPS website.

From where I sit, the ASPS website is really not utilized, and I would like to see it recognized as a first-stop resource for all things land surveying in the State of Arkansas, whether that be by surveyors, city, county, or other state officials, as well as other professions organizations, and the private citizen. It would also be good to add information to answer the questions that others might have. I know that sounds like it could be a big undertaking. But every structure begins with a first brick. So, if we provide professionals and others with a useful tool and resource, maybe more would want to be a member and support that.

For District 2 Director...



Michael Archer, PS Mike started his surveying career at the age of 11 cutting line for his dad. Mike has surveyed in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Missouri. He became a Professional Arkansas Land Surveyor in 2003. He is currently the Mississippi County Surveyor. Mike is President and owner of Archer Engineering and Land Surveying in Blytheville, Arkansas. He has been married to Tammy Archer for 35 years and they reside in Blytheville. When he is not surveying, Mike likes to volunteer his time working at his church cooking for St. Joseph Kitchen and the Knights of Columbus.

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Jamie Hall, PS Jamie Hall is an employee and a shareholder at Consolidated Land Services, Inc. She has been a part of the Consolidated family for 6 years. Jamie works primarily on government jobs but also does local work. She has worked diligently over the past 6 years to assume more responsibility and become one of the leaders at CLSI. Previous to CLSI, she also has surveying experience at Isbell Engineering and Surveying (now NTB Associates). She is now working to pursue her Missouri license within a year.

Graduating from Hiwassee Dam High School in North Carolina in 1996, she moved back to Arkansas and continued her education by earning an Associate of Arts Degree and a Technical Drafting Certificate from Arkansas State University Mountain Home. After a few years of working in the surveying field she decided to go back to college and earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surveying from the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton. She obtained her professional license in 2008. Since starting college in Morrilton, she has attended numerous surveying conferences. She always enjoys the friendly connections and informative sessions at the ASPS conferences.

Jamie's family is always supportive of her career. Jamie and her husband, Brandon, live in Jordan Arkansas and have 2 children: son Isaac, who is graduating from high school this year; and daughter Bella is a sophomore. When Jamie is not working you might find her starting a new home improvement project, or outdoors hiking, kayaking or fishing on Norfolk Lake or the White River.

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I first attended conferences while I was in college. They were not just a way to get your continuing education but also a way to connect with other surveyors, shop for new equipment, keep up to date on legislation and just to get a reminder of what surveying really means to all of us. Companies would bring interns and their non-licensed party chiefs along. Now, you will mainly only see the licensed surveyors from the bigger companies, and a handful of students/vendors.

The cause of this setback in part is the fact that technology has made the online PDH's convenient and at lower cost. I also believe the conferences can be too expensive and time consuming for the smaller companies. What I have heard directly from friends that have small companies with just a few employees, is that they can't afford to miss several days of work and can't afford the travel expense. I have also heard that they don't feel like their voice has any impact. I believe to increase attendance and membership; we need cater to the needs of the smaller surveying companies, as well as the larger ones. Making sure every member's voice is heard.

One thought is to offer a smaller, more cost reasonable conference in the fall. Keep cost down and rotate the location of the fall conference, maybe having it in a different part of the state every year.

Another idea includes doing one-day event conference in each district. Location would be central to a district so that members in the region could conveniently travel to and back in a day. District Directors could help plan the events and work with local chapters to bring back in the smaller company surveyors. Offer a conference like this at half or even a third of the rate of the bigger conferences, with a discounted rate for party chiefs, interns and students, thus encouraging companies to bring the non-licensed individuals.

We need to reach out to meet the needs of all surveyors and all types of surveying companies. We can do this by offering more convenient and cost-effective options. We also need to start focusing on local chapters, making connections to our fellow surveyors, making sure they are heard and bringing camaraderie back to the forefront.

For District 5 Director...



David Garza, PS Born in Texas, my family and I have resided in Arkansas for the last 29 years in Russellville. I have been involved in surveying for over 37 years in Texas, Nevada, Kansas, and Arkansas; and my son, Alex, is now surveying for Carter-Jones Engineering in Richardson, TX. I have enjoyed being the Past Director from 2006-2008 and Pres-Elect & President of ASPS from 2009-2011. Currently I am the Pope County Surveyor elected in 2011 to the present. I use a common sense approach to surveying along with the knowledge, experience, and education that I have received over the past 36 years in the field. Surveying and engineering design are a big part of my life along with my family and church. It would be an honor to serve you as your next director if elected.

More about the candidate...

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Typically in a crowd of around 100 you may find 5% to be very vocal and not shy to get up and speak. While 20% more may respond, the remaining 75% will sit back and listen without reacting. As to the question of how do we get more participation during sessions we must look at what has worked in the past and at other conferences. It will take time and a great deal of planning on those that are going to facilitate the measures. Group discussion has been one of the most effective tools used to get participants involved. Not the large group, but more the small group discussion. Questions for the discussion will need to be directly inline with the subject matter of the presentation so knowing the material early on is a must. You do not announce that your going have these so called group discussions, they are a surprise so as not to have participants aligning each other with buddies. Section the room into 5 areas representing the 5 districts. The district director shall facilitate the question. This will also allow the surveyors within that district to get to know their director. Each group then selects a spokesperson to give their findings. Do this for each 4-hour session, but not the smaller break-outs as they are already sided for discussion. Another option is to asked the presenter to ask for examples that come to mind during the session that pertain to the subject matter. Have the presenter walk up to an area and ask that surrounding group and only that group before moving to the next area. These are just a few options, I am sure with a little research is business presentation there may be more ideas that could be incorporated into the sessions. Some people do not volunteer to speak until they are put in a position to volunteer, but it must feel like it is being forced, must be voluntary.



Eric Holloway, PS J. Eric Holloway is the current Owner, Principal Engineer and Surveyor of Holloway Engineering Surveying and Civil Design. Mr. Holloway has over 15 years experience managing the design and implementation of several multi-million dollar construction projects. These include the construction of a new Pulaski County High School in Maumelle, a 684 unit Apartment Complex with a 9-hole golf course, and many other commercial, industrial, and residential projects. Currently under construction is the NLR Improvement District #35, which includes a 3 mile extension of a 4 lane road with a minor arterial road (Vestal Blvd.), a commercial collector road (Paul Eells), and has a large modern 2 lane roundabout. He has also managed multiple public projects such as the widening of Counts Massie & Collins Road and the Crystal Hill Road Improvement project for the city of Maumelle. Previous to his career in Engineering and Surveying, Mr. Holloway served the citizens of Pulaski County for 11 years at the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office rising to the level of Lieutenant before joining our team. In this capacity, he garnered over eight years of supervisory experience and a deep appreciation of the role of local governments.

Mr. Holloway is a licensed Professional Civil Engineer and Surveyor as well as an Associate Constructor. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Maumelle Chamber of Commerce; he graduated from the Leadership of Greater Little Rock in 2003 and serves as the President on the White Oak Bayou Conservancy Board. He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers and Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors.

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Though I have limited knowledge of the yearly efforts of the ASPS Board and staff, I welcome the opportunity to learn more and work hard to uphold the association's standards and reputation. I have a proven record with the Maumelle Chamber of Commerce of significantly increasing engagement and membership. I believe in my tenure we have increased enrollment over 20 percent and have boosted annual revenues significantly. I am confident the current director who deserves the majority of the credit would agree that I was a vital and energetic part of the team.