



MAPPS

Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors
An Association of Photogrammetry, Mapping, and Geospatial Firms®

Legislative Roundtables

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MAPPS Legislative Affairs Committee

MAPPS Winter Meeting

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A Little Quiz

1. Average years of service in the House?
2. Average years of service in the Senate?
3. % of House members with less than 2 years experience?
4. % of Senators with less than two years experience?
5. # of Bills before Congress?
6. % of Bills passed both chambers yearly?

Answers

1. Average years of service in the House?

9 years

2. Average years of service in the Senate?

10 years

3. % of House members with less than 2 years experience?

36%

Answers

4. % of Senators with less than two years experience?

30%

5. # of Bills before Congress?

More than 5000

6. % of Bills passed both chambers yearly?

5%

Purpose

- + To provide a forum for member-interaction on legislative and policy issues;
- + To foster innovative thinking by the membership on ideas for legislation and policy that might be advocated by MAPPS.

Purpose/Rules

- + Small group discussions to discuss threats and opportunities in Congress affecting private geospatial firms.
- + Brainstorming discussions to generate ideas for legislative initiatives MAPPS may propose to Congress.
- + Look for tent card and join the roundtable that most interests you.
- + If there is more than one person from your firm, please participate in separate roundtables.

There ought to be a law ...

- + Grow the market, make the pie bigger, create private sector jobs and business opportunities;
- + Provide a societal benefit;
- + Enhance and expand the use of geospatial services, data, technology & applications
- + Save tax dollars, make government more efficient
- + Increase profitability !!!

Topics

- + University/Nonprofit Competition
abuse of Federal grants for activities
commercially available from the private
sector
- + Mitch Long, moderator

Topics

- + Privacy

issues that intentionally or unintentionally affect the collection, use, storage or dissemination of geospatial information in the name of protecting individual citizen privacy

- + Susan Marlow, moderator

Topics

- + UAVs

the COA process, unfair competition from entities using COA's that private firms' cannot yet secure, and the FAA roadmap

- + Jim Van Rens, moderator

Topics

- + Federal Contracting
 - with some agencies taking 18 months to 2 years to complete a QBS acquisition, this roundtable will explore why is it taking so long and what reforms MAPPS can recommend to make the process more efficient and less time consuming
- + Pat Olson, moderator

Topics

- + Transportation & Infrastructure including MAP-21 re-authorization, focusing on highways, railroads, underground utilities and infrastructure, what's coming before Congress in 2014 and how MAPPS might affect them to benefit our member firms through legislative initiatives and amendments
- + Chris Ogier, moderator

Format

- + Select a recording secretary to take written notes, turn into John Byrd
- + Select a spokesperson to verbally report a summary at the end of the session
- + Open discussion, no filibusters, respect all opinions
- + Agreement not necessary
- + No such thing as a bad idea
- + Put your thinking cap on!

Find your able and begin

- + Jeff Lower, Kurt Allen and MAPPS Staff will “float” among roundtables and are available as a resource and to answer questions



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