

Brian Raber Bio

Brian Raber, is a Vice President within Merrick & Company's Geomatics Business Unit, located in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Brian has a Geography B.A. from West Virginia University and a M.S. in Geography from the University of Idaho.

As a Vice President at Merrick, geomatics is now a sustainable \$30M business unit. Over the past 29 years Merrick has also become an international geomatics leader. During this period Brian held positions as President of the Merrick-owned subsidiaries in Mexico and Colombia. Over his career, Brian has delivered over 90 conference/workshop presentations, and published over 30 professional papers/articles.

Brian and his project teams have received over 50 recognition awards from national and international organizations, including the American Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC), the Management Association of Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS), DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, and the State of Colorado. A few examples are:

- 2007 and 2009 MAPPS Project of the Year,
- 2008 "Exporter of the Year" by the State of Colorado,
- 2010 DigitalGlobe Latin American "Innovator of the Year",
- 2015, Geospatial Project of the Year from the Latin America Geospatial Forum, for the Tamaulipas State Cadastral Modernization Program.

Brian also gives back to the community and profession by volunteering his time, resources and talent. Specifically, he is involved in geospatial political advocacy as President of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS). Additionally, Brian mentors high school students and plans logistics at youth conferences his Catholic Church and Archdiocese of Denver. Brian is also active as a Board of Director on the West Virginia University Visiting Committee, and non-profit World Trade Center Denver association.

Brian has been a regular attendee at MAPPS events for the past 16 years. Brian is an annual PAC contributor and Merrick has been a Sustaining Member (now Ascent Member). He has contributed his expertise on the several committees and task forces including: Membership, Excellence Awards, Salary Survey and Legislative. Brian has been on the MAPPS Board of Directors since 2012 and served as President Elect from 2015-2017, President from 2017-2019, and is serving as the Past President from 2019-2021.

One of Brian's most memorable MAPPS achievement was being an expert witness for Colorado Congressman Doug Lamborn's hearing on the Map it Once, Use it Many Times Act in 2012. During the 2019 Summer Conference in Park City, UT, Brian received the first ever MAPPS Distinguished Service Award for his efforts growing and leading the transformation of MAPPS.