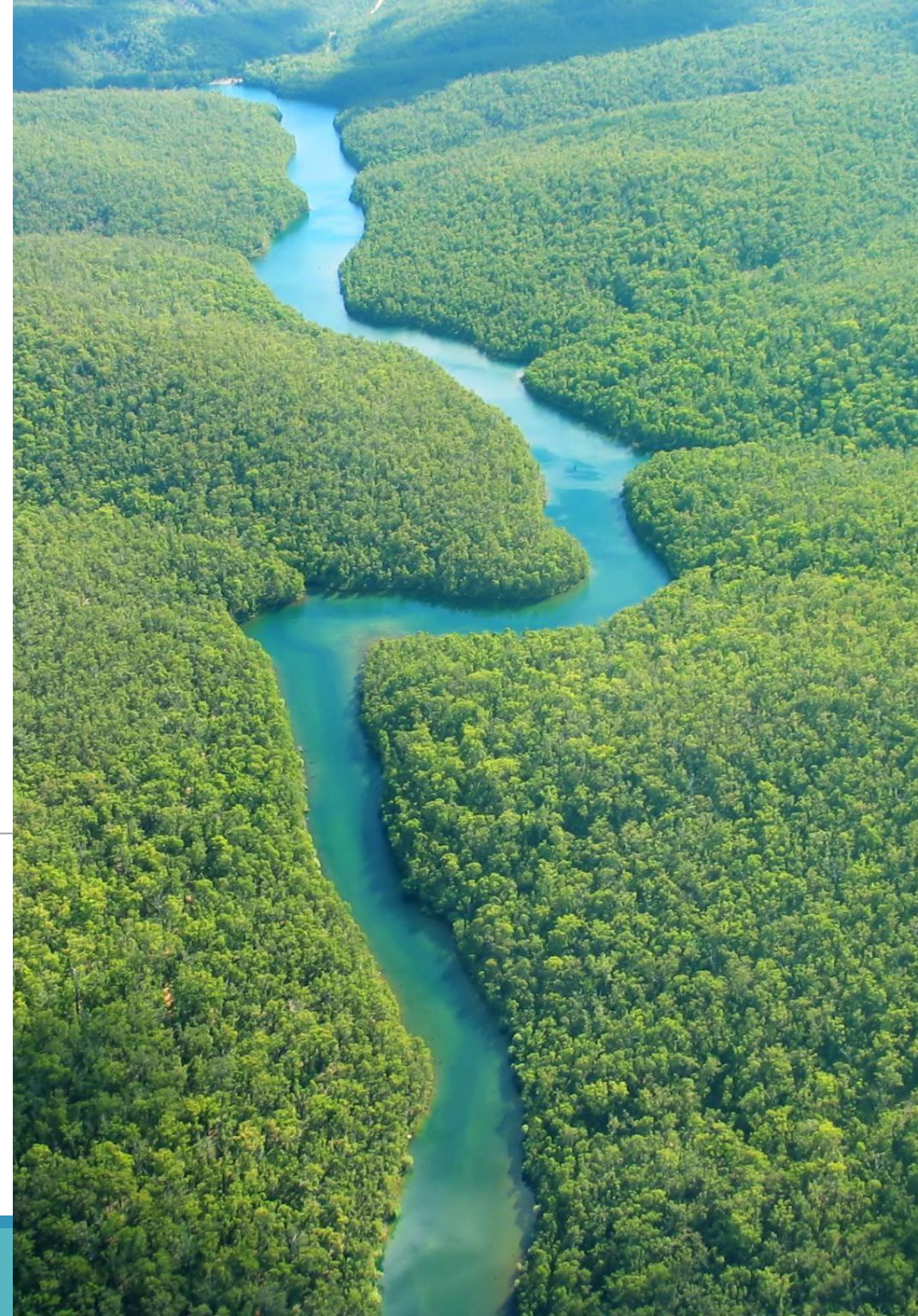




Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors

69th Annual Meeting



Auction Items & Bidding Instructions

The winner of the Bearing Tree will keep the stump and laser engraved display box for 1 year and keep a bronze bust (3 choices) and the plaque.

The winner of the Lincoln Pen will keep it for 1 year, a description of the significance and origin of the pen is included.





2020 Board of Directors

President

Patrick Veraguth

President-Elect

Preston Dowell

Past President

Bryan Balcome

Treasurer

Mark Severtson

Secretary

Julie Groetsch

NSPS Governor

Marcus Hampton

2020 Board of Directors



Director Chad Conner

Director Denny Honsa

Director Kory Thurnau

Director Virginia Winberg

Director Jesse Zeig



Elevate Management Team



Alec Young



Jaclyn Sarandrea



Tanya Martin



Aaron Martin

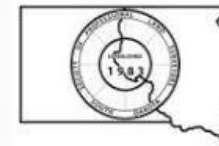
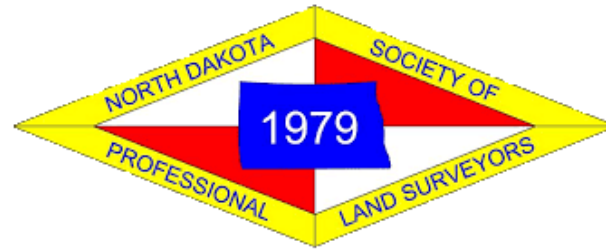


Karlie Severinson

Welcome to VIP Guests



Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa



SDSPLS
South Dakota Society of
Professional Land Surveyors

2020 Year in Review

Navigated a Surreal Year

Finances Remain Strong

Dip in Membership

Successful Annual Meeting in Duluth

Cancellation of Spring and Summer Meetings

First VIRTUAL Winter Seminar

2nd Sandbox for Membership Use

Change and Updates to Bylaws

2020 Annual Member Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Key Income Sources

- Annual Meeting 43% | \$117,397
- Member Dues 43% | \$117,253

Major Expense Drivers

- Annual Meeting 27% | \$63,114
- Management 41% | \$94,900
- NSPS Membership Dues 6% | \$14,370

Profit and Loss Statement

- Income \$272,738.08
- Expenses \$232,392.38
- Net profit \$40,345.70

Profit & Loss Report

Income

Interest	\$104.24
Exhibitors	\$11,525
Hotel Rebate	\$2550
Registrations	\$99,802
Other Annual Meeting	\$3520
Books	\$3732
Membership Dues	\$117,253
Winter Workshop	\$31,892
Miscellaneous	\$2360.39

Total Income **\$272,738.08**

Expenses

Board	\$1957.52
Education	\$3175
NSPS Membership	\$14,370
Bank/Processing Fees	\$7020.29
Insurance	\$2502
Lobbyist	\$9000
Management Fees	\$94,900
Miscellaneous	\$299.77
Outside Services	\$2764.25
Storage	\$3329.68
Taxes	\$1091.30
Telephone	\$862.76
IT Maintenance	\$6630.19
Young Professionals	\$275.24
Annual Meeting	\$63,113.83
Public Relations	\$3870.54
Winter Workshop	\$17,230.03

Total Expenses **\$232,392.36**

Balance Sheet

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	\$73,270.81
Money Market/Investments	\$188,642.77
Total Checking/Savings/Investments	\$261,913.58

Other Assets

Inventory	\$510.92
Accounts Receivable	\$965.00
Depreciation	-\$4991.00
Equipment	\$5370.75
Total Other Assets	\$1,855.67

TOTAL ASSETS

\$263,769.25

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

Membership	Chris Ambourn	Events	Connie Villari
Government Relations	Paul Voge	Board Development	Bryan Balcome
Public Relations	Paul Vogel	Editor	David Zenk
Education	Sam DeLeo	Budget	Preston Dowell
Young Professionals	Tim Holperin	Awards	Bryan Balcome
Trig-Star	Janele Fowlds	Historical	Pete Jenkins
Manual	Brian Praske		

Young Professionals Committee

2020 Key Activities:

- Successfully lobbied for changes to the bylaws allowing for:
 - Training Members to have a vote
 - Training Members to hold a seat on the Board of Directors
- Created promotional video for the 2020 Annual Meeting in Duluth
- Represented MSPS at two NSPS YSN virtual meetings
- Held a YP Happy Hour during the summer

Government Relations Committee

For the 2020 Minnesota Legislative session, application was created which pulled bills that referenced relevant statutes (ex: 505, 508, 515, etc.) Volunteers were assigned difference sections to monitor. The session started strong and had a healthy budget projection, but Covid-19 became the focus and swiftly reversed the budget projections.

To find an application more sustainable we researched and found a monitoring company called FiscalNote, which helped track bills at the State level. Paul Voge, Denny Honsa and Julie Groetsch have been working with FiscalNote to develop the web application and email notices which would be acceptable to the Committee.

Manual Committee

1. Manual Update: This group has been focused on the “Manual of Guidelines for Platting in Minnesota”.
2. Review Comments: Currently working between committee members commenting and discussing “Part I” and “Part II” of said manual. Developing new examples and language changes. Moving into “Part III”. Additional comments will be incorporated later from the wider membership.
3. Other Manuals: Referring to recent manual efforts such as Right of Way Platting in MN and Remonumentation Manual for content and consistency.
4. Other Association Manuals: Prepared to aid other manual efforts as needed.
5. Other Association Standards: Prepared to aid other agencies as needed including state statute related comments derived from manual overhaul.

Events Committee

Due to COVID-19 the Events Committee only hosted 2 events In 2020.

The 68th MSPS Annual Meeting was held at the Duluth Convention Center February 19-21, 2020. The meeting consisted of a Wednesday seminar and the Thursday and Friday breakout sessions. Jason Foose, Western Reserve Land Consulting, presented “3 Halfs”, “Ethics and Professional Conduct When Working with Public Agencies”, and “Survey Case Law Review.” Thursday and Friday had concurrent sessions: Professional topics, General topics, Technical topics and Vendor Sessions. We ended up with 335 Registrations.

The Winter Seminar was a first for MSPS. We went V-I-R-T-U-A-L! Gary Kent brought us into the new world of Zoom Webinars split into 2 sessions, “Ethics and Ethical Dilemmas” and “2021 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys” and “The Art of Retracement”. We had 220 registrations and received generally positive comments for our first virtual endeavor.

Public Relations Committee

Due to challenges and implications of COVID the Committee was unable to effectively perform the work the committee had planned for 2020.

Historical Committee

Worked with MACS to inventory the condition of the kiosk for the Initial Point on the State Line. Last done in 2019 and the group concluded that the south facing graphics needed to be reprinted and placed on the north facing side of the kiosk. A draft of the combined graphics was completed and approved.

Scheduled field trips and put on hold due to COVID:
Monumentation search at the western end of the Iowa State Line.
Establishment of the 7th Guide Meridian in North Dakota

Inventoried historical survey equipment and reference material in storage.
Inventory was transferred of Executive Services from Ewald to Elevate and the termination of the storage contract.

Trig-Star

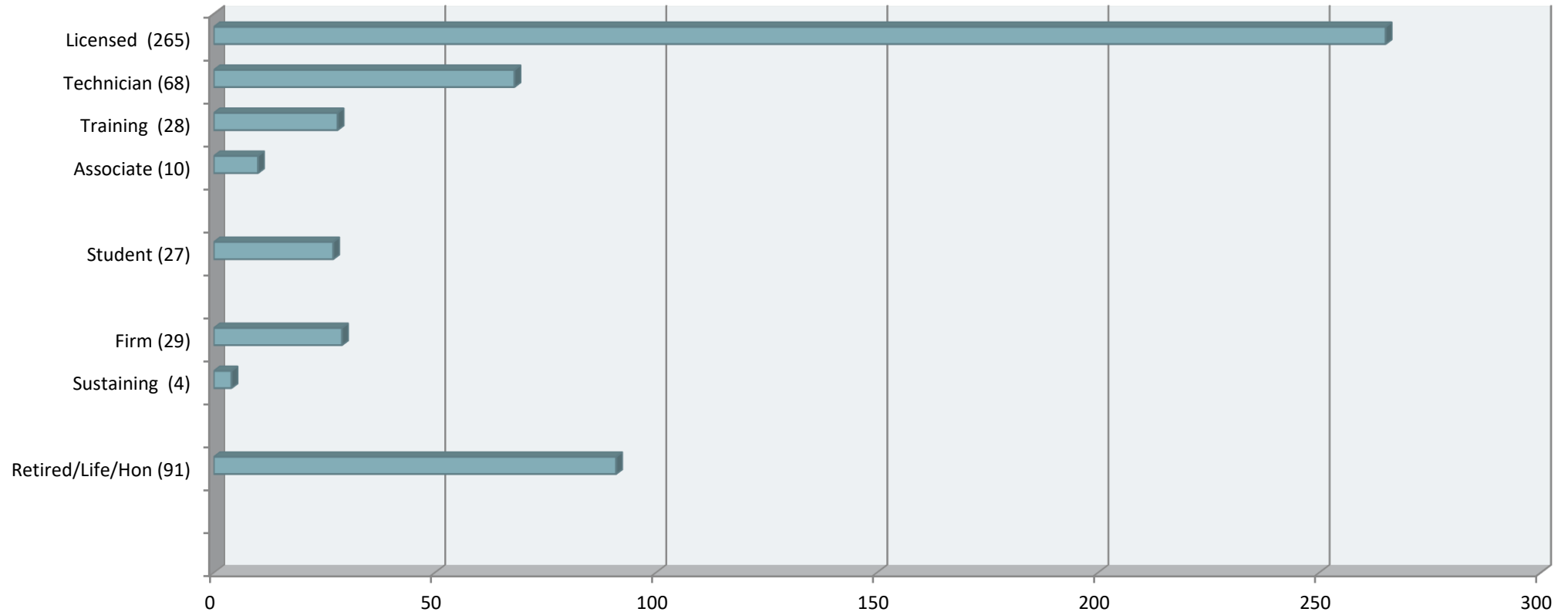
Due to COVID there were no Trig star events in 2020. The state local exam was not available to be administered as an on-line exam. With most schools in Minnesota doing remote learning no exams took place. Hopeful by Spring 2021 regulations may allow some exams to be administered in the classroom setting.

Historically Chapter One, Chapter Two, and Chapter Four have participated in Trig-Star events.

Chapter Three, Chapter Five and Chapter Six have not held competitions.

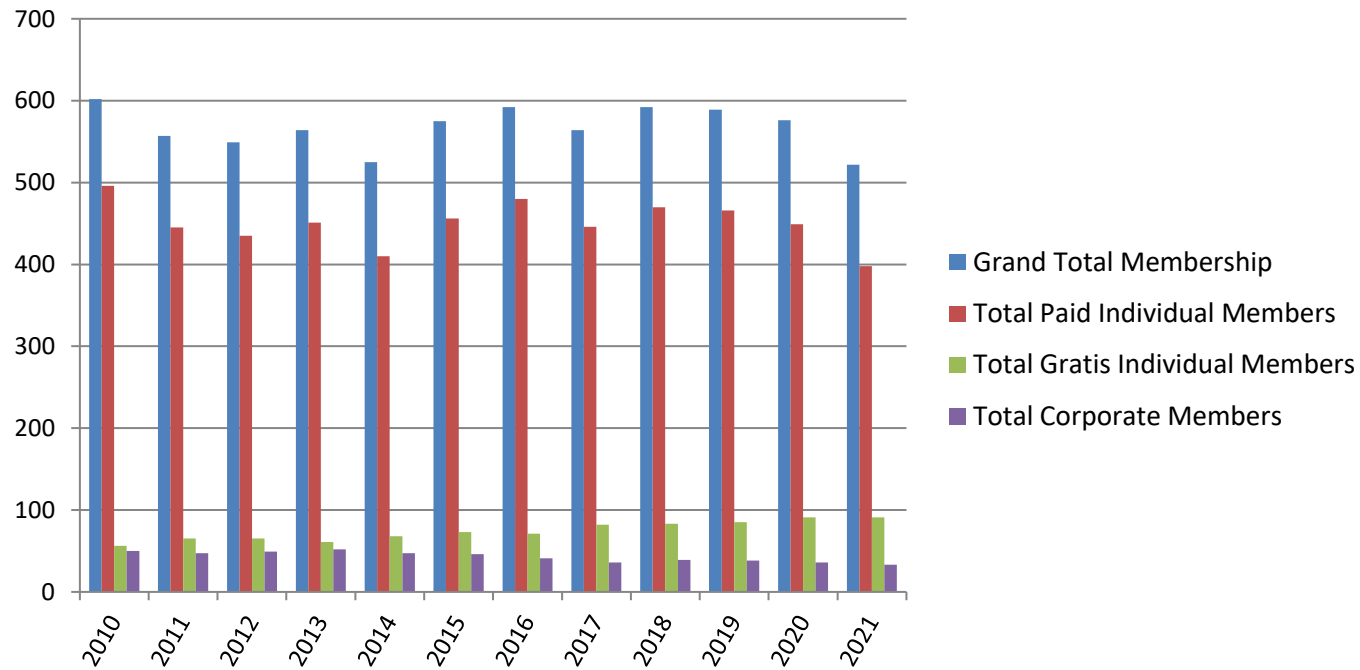
Membership

Current Numbers By Type (522 Total)



Membership Trends

MSPS Membership

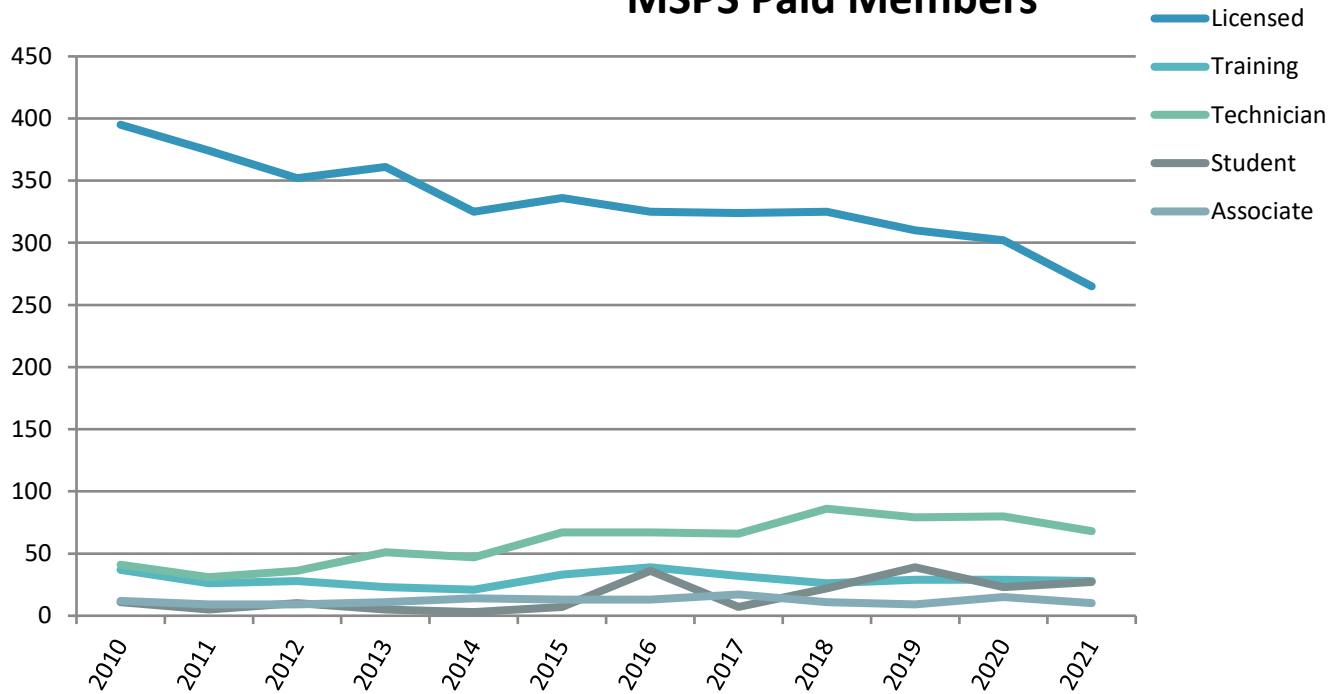


MSPS Corporate Members

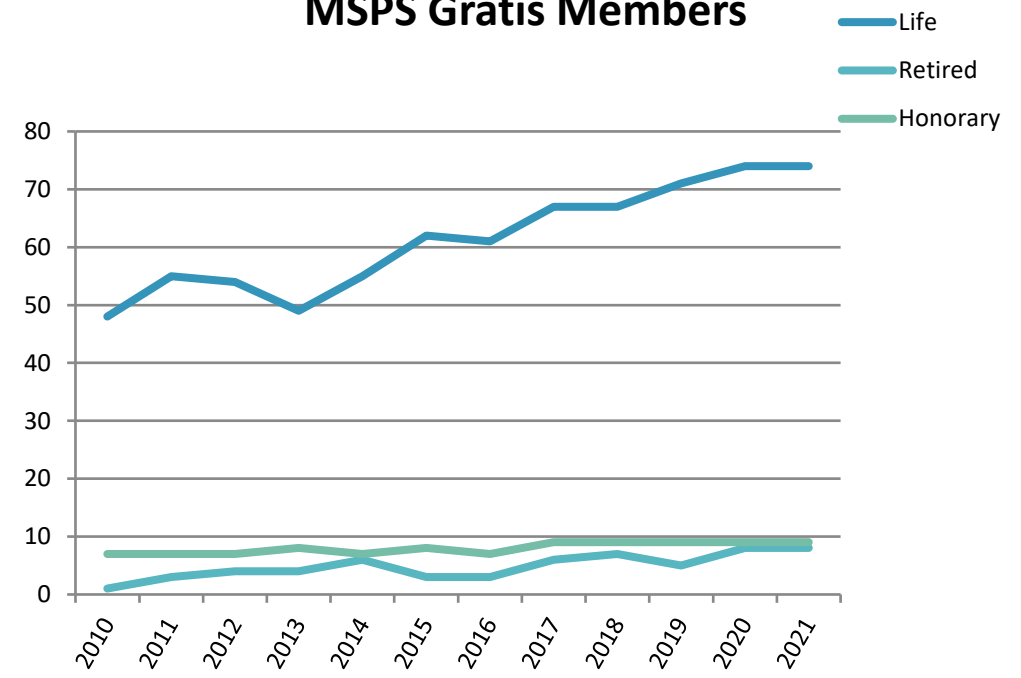


Membership Trends

MSPS Paid Members



MSPS Gratis Members



Chapter Reports

CHAPTER ONE: SOUTHWEST



President: David Richardson

Vice President: Ben Madsen

Secretary/Treasurer: Jesse Zeig

Board Liaison: Jesse Zeig

Activity Report:

February 20, 2020: MSPS Annual Meeting, Duluth, MN - No Meeting was held.

Trig Star Report: Cancelled due to the COVID.

June 3, 2020: Zoom Meeting. The group discussed how we were getting along with COVID. Everyone seemed busy at the time. Jesse talked about what the state boards was up to and how the association will move forward with our gatherings. The Summer meeting has been cancelled and Chapter 5 has asked to hold the following summer.

CHAPTER TWO: NORTHWEST



President: Patrick Trottier
President Elect: Terry Freeman
Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Heyer
Event Chair: Dan Hanson
Board Liaison: Chad Conner

CHAPTER THREE: HIAWATHA LAND



President: Eric Schmitt
Vice President: Open
Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Oetliker
Board Liaison: Mark Severtson

Activity Report:

February 20, 2020: MSPS Annual Meeting, Duluth, MN

Chapter Officers 2020: Motion carried to elect Eric Schmitt as President and Peter Oetliker as Secretary /Treasurer.
Mark Severtson reported about the activities of the MSPS Board.

May 28, 2020: Zoom Meeting

A discussion was held regarding the use of software generated legal descriptions.
A discussion was held about situations, in which Certificates of Surveys are not required, though newcomer monuments have been set.

September 17, 2020: Zoom Meeting

Peter Oetliker highlighted some of the topics our NSPS Governor, Marcus Hampton, as written about in the 'Minnesota Surveyor' magazine.
Mark Severtson reported about the activities of the MSPS Board
Don Borcharding published a new book with the title "Surveying the Northern Boundary of Iowa".
MACS: Eric Schmitt gives an update on the Board activities.

November 19, 2020: Zoom Meeting

Mark Severtson reported about the activities of the MSPS Board.
Motion carried to donate \$300 to the MLS Foundation and \$200 to the SCSU Endowment Fund.
A discussion was held about a proposal discussed by MACS, to be able to limit the use of public easements on a subdivision plat.
Chapter Officers 2021: Motion carried to elect Eric Schmitt as President and Peter Oetliker as Secretary/Treasurer for a second year.

CHAPTER FOUR: ARROWHEAD



President: Chris Mattila
President Elect: Nick Stewart
Secretary/Treasurer: Zach Neunsinger
Liaison: Kory Thurnau

Activity Report:

February 20th, 2020: MSPS Annual Meeting, Duluth, MN

April 15th, 2020: Meeting cancelled due to concerns with Covid-19

August 19th, 2020: Nick Stewart's Residence, Gilbert, MN

October 21st, 2020: Zoom Meeting

December 9th, 2020: Zoom Meeting

Items addressed by the Chapter at meetings included the following:

- Discussions on Survey GIS pages created by Cook County and by the USFS for the Superior Nation Forest. Both pages are up and running and available to the public.
- The annual Trig Star competition was cancelled due to concerns over Covid-19.
- A Craigslist advertisement offering what appeared to be surveying services was brought to the Chapter's attention. After discussion it was decided to send a letter to the individual explaining the PLS licensing process and the potential repercussions of an unlicensed person determining and marking boundaries. After the letter was sent, the individual responded and pulled his add from Craigslist. Further discussions were had on how the Chapter would respond to future instances of unlicensed individuals offering Professional Surveying Services.
- Discussions on the St. Louis County PLSS corner reimbursement program. The program has been successful so far and St. Louis County has filed a number of corner certificates this year. Cook and Lake County have also inquired about a reimbursement program, but nothing is in place for either county as this time.

CHAPTER FIVE: CENTRAL LAKES



President: Juergen Brunkhorst
Vice President: Tyler Dahlheimer
Secretary/Treasurer: Shannon Bollman
Board Liaison: Bryan Balcome/Pat Veraguth

Activity Report:

Chapter 5 meets every other month, with the organizational meeting in March.

January 2020: St. Joseph, MN - The January Meeting provided a discussion about a proposed local County Subdivision Ordinance update. The members present were working with that county in understanding some of the subdivision procedures they were proposing. Craig Johnson presented a unique survey in Section 13 Island Lake in Cass County. Discussed upcoming elections and summer meeting plans.

March 2020: Cancelled due to the COVID.

May 2020: Zoom Meeting There was no presentation and work was done to discuss future meetings.

July 2020: Zoom Meeting Denny Pederson & David Meyers presented “Who owns the Land Under the Road?”

September 2020: Zoom Meeting Pat Veraguth presented “The Shortcut Method”

November 2020: Zoom Meeting for business matters only and no presentation.

In 2020 Chapter 5 donated \$800 to the MLS foundation

The chapter has set up an area on the agenda each meeting for issues by members. We hope to present a one-hour ethics credit to our members each year.

CHAPTER SIX: METRO



President: Chris Ambourn
President Elect: Tim Holperin
Treasurer: Marcus Hampton
Secretary: Manking Lee
Board Liaison: Marcus Hampton

Activity Report:

January 19th, 2020: Gabes at the Park, STP

- Motion to send 1200 to foundation
- Proposed language to include LSIT and technical members on the MSPS board
- Joint meeting at Brunson's
- Presentation by Chis Amborn on MSPS

March 14, 2020: Joint meeting with CALSA: Brunson's Pub STP

- Discussion of combing CALSA with Chapter 6
- Developed language to include an LSIT or Technical member a seat on the MSPS board and to give full voting rights to LSIT and Technical members. This language was sent to maps president
- Update from Paul V. on the Alphabet soup board
- The presentation was a panel discussion on Ethics.

May 21, 2020: Cancelled due to the COVID.

September 17, 2020: Cancelled due to the COVID.

December 16, 2020: Zoom Meeting

- Started collecting electronic dues
- Lots of discussion of MSPS board
- CALSA preferred wait until the public health emergency is done before committing to merger. No Speaker in this meeting



NSPS - Mark Sargent

Special Recognitions

Life Members

D. Edward Ames
Tom Arneson
John Barnes
John Basinger
Dale Berntsen
Donald Blaisdell
Arvid Bodin
Dale Boklep
Donald Borcharding
Richard Brady
Roger Brand
William Brown
Bruce Buxton
Frank Cardarelle
Gary Caswell
Keith Caswell Jr.
C. Donald Coulter
Larry Couture
William Cutting
John Dwyer
Vincent Fangman
James Fenske
John Freemyer
Gary Germond
Keith Graham

Walter Gregory
David Griggs
Jeffrey Grosso
Gary Harris
Maureen Hayes
Douglas Herzog
Gary Hopko
Richard Howe
Don Hult
David Johnson
Fred Johnson
Anthony Kerick
David Knutson
Gerald Kopacek
Francis Kvidera
James Kyro
Bernard Larson
Frank Lenz
Eugene Marburger
William Okerman
Ronald Olson
Robert Peters
Harold Peterson
John Peterson
Dennis Purcell

Donn Rasmussen
David Regan
Dennis Robinson
John Rother
M.B. Rude
Lowell Schellack
Donald Schmidt
Jerome Smith
Warren Smith
John Starway
Gary Stevenson
Gerald Sullivan
Edward Sunde
James Swanson
John Swenson
David Torgersen
Thomas Veenker
Gerald Vickerman
Donald Wall
Richard Walter
Paul Wellen
Sidney Williamson
Timothy Wotzka
Larry Zeig

New Members

Bryce Sansom
Shane Rosch
Jordan Chouanard
Sean Kavanagh
Toheeb Adewale
Brad Nyberg
Gage Spillman
Jason Dorgan
Neil Bowe
Jennifer Tarnowski
Daniel Silvers
Eric Meyer
Jeremy Flatau
Tony Stremski
Colin Eury

Keith Anderson
Cody Kisthart
Josh Pfeffer
Scott Walz
Tiffany Walz
John Thousand
Habtamu Gudissa
Eleanore Stang
Taylor Kesler
Svjetlana Kojic
Alex Miller
Matt Campbell
Jay Malenke
Ron Hoekstra
Steve Blom

Colin Marum
Mike Taverna
James Perala-Dewey
Conor Schultz
Jesse Johnson
Thomas Mariucci
Joshua Taylor
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Alan Dale
Melissa Holperin

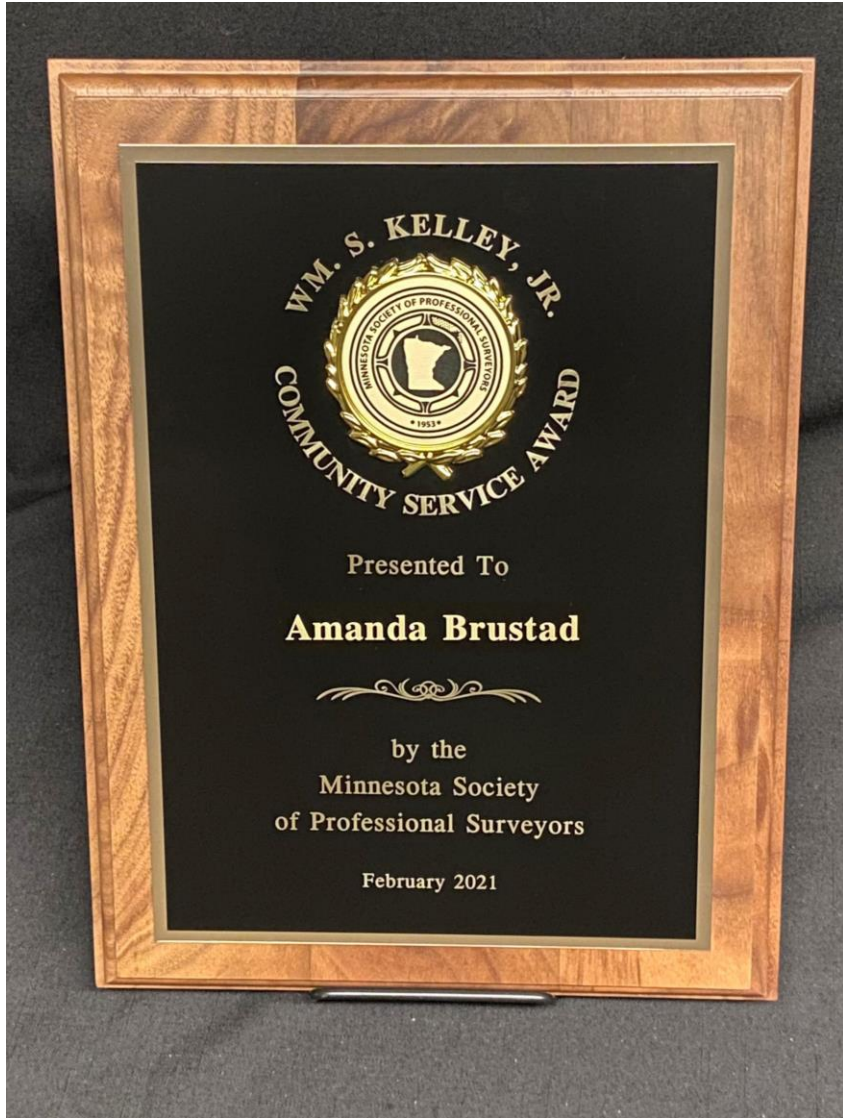
Past Presidents

2019 - Bryan T. Balcome
2018 - Chris F. Mavis
2017 - Daniel L. Stueber
2016 - Daniel W. Skinner
2015 - Connie J. Villiari
2014 - Dennis M. Honsa
2013 - Harold C. Peterson
2012 - Paul A. Vogel
2011 - Henry D. Nelson
2010 - Tony A. Blumentritt
2009 - Lowell J. Schellack
2008 - David S. Landecker
2007 - John C. Hosfield
2006 - Edward J. Otto
2005 - Steven A. Jobe
2004 - John Chaffee
2003 - Peter W. Blethen
2002 - John H. Schulte IV
2001 - Lynn P. Caswell
2000 - Richard J. Williams
1999 - John E. Freemyer
1998 - Jeane C. Gauvin
1997 - John C. Peterson

1996 - Terry L. Freeman
1995 - Gary F. Caswell
1994 - Gary H. Stevenson
1993 - Mark A. Peterson
1992 - Theodore D. Kemna
1991 - Donald Borcharding
1990 - Bruce D. Firkins
1989 - Bruce R. Buxton
1988 - Myron L. Landecker
1987 - Marlow R. McGowan
1986 - Gary R. Harris
1985 - Roger W. Brand
1984 - Donald W. Schmidt
1983 - Donald W. Schmidt
1982 - Gordon L. Christenson
1981 - James E. Boerhave
1980 - Douglas N. Betts
1979 - Dickman C. Knutson
1978 - Carl A. Berg
1977 - Bernard H. Larson
1976 - Charles R. Winden
1975 - Donald C. Hult
1974 - E.A. Rathbun

1973 - Donn E. Pepper
1972 - Thomas Taylor
1971 - Carlisle Madson
1970 - Philip A. Elmquist
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1968 - Frank R. Cardarelle
1967 - Charles D. Hosfield
1966 - Roland W. Anderson
1965 - Peter J. Meyer
1964 - James F. Simonet
1963 - Lloyd A. Ofstedal
1962 - Charles O. Georgi
1961 - Martin C. Menk, Jr.
1960 - Sam Benzing
1959 - Elmer J. Peterson
1958 - Percy C. Hosfield
1957 - Carl J. Nedberge
1956 - Albert M. Kircher
1955 - Harold L. Hofstrand
1954 - Dean M. Anderson
1953 - C.E. Coulter

Award Winners



WM. S. KELLY, JR.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMANDA BRUSTAD

Amanda grew up in Bagley, MN which is about 30 miles West of Bemidji. In 1997 she received a BS in Mathematics with a Minor in Computer Science from the UofM-Duluth. In 2001 she received an AS in Civil Engineering Technology from NW Tech-Detroit Lakes. She began her professional career in Rochester with McGhie & Betts where she became a LSIT in 2002. In 2006 she returned to Northern MN to work for Landecker & Assoc, Widseth, Arro Land Surveyors, Northwestern Surveying and MnDOT. She obtained her LS license in 2009 while working at Northwestern and in May of 2013 she started Brustad Land Surveying in her hometown of Bagley, MN. She is a member of NSPS, MSPS and Chapter II. She has previously served as President for Chapter II and was recently elected to the MSPS Board of Directors.





Amanda is a member of two volunteer fire departments - Bagley & Shevlin.







She is currently the chairperson of the Bagley City Park board. She is a part time EMT for the Sanford Bagley Ambulance Service. She is the vice president of the Clearwater County Humane Society. She is a member of the Bagley American Legion Auxiliary and volunteers her time for special projects.



She truly loves all her survey people! Oh & she loves her Dog, Riley!!



She is a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Bagley & volunteers her time with the Christmas dinner home delivery's. Every year she participates in the Light up the night parade in Bemidji.



She has organized the Clearwater County women's curling Bonspiel for many years.

"We are very proud of our daughter and the passion she has for her career along with all her involvement in our community. She is very well known here and in the surrounding communities always willing to lend a helping hand to someone one in need".

Her mom concluded by saying she loves to "talk"! As I'm sure you are well-aware!





E.A. RATHBUN AWARD OF MERIT

CONNIE VILLARI









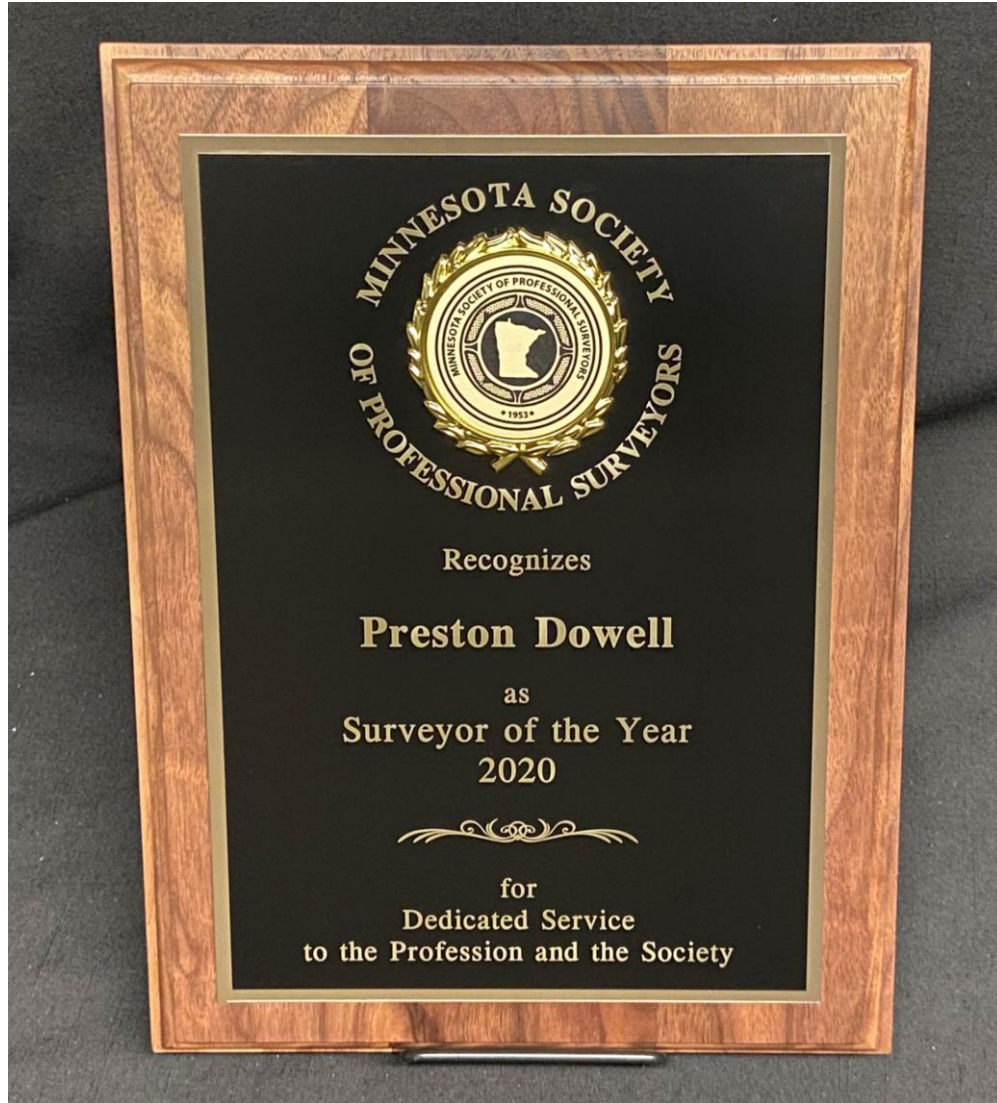
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Landscape



SURVEYOR OF THE
YEAR

PRESTON DOWELL

Preston started
out early
winning MSPS
awards for
drafting in 2002
and 2004...and
again in 2017



Preston is one of those lucky people whose work is also his passion. That means he stores bearing trees in his basement and many of his family's hikes are to the "coolest" or "hardest" corners in St. Louis County. (bearing-tree, stump-post)

Photo provided by Stephanie Dowell



Stephanie Dowell

Jan 4, 2018 · 🧑🏻

When your husband is a [#landsurveyor](#), he gets REALLY excited about finding a [#bearingtree](#) from 1903. So he cuts it out of a swamp with a chainsaw in the middle of winter, brings it home and sets it over the drain in the basement to thaw. Totally normal.

[#husbandproblems](#) [#surveynerd](#)



When you can get
him out of
“surveyor-mode” he
spends his time as:
A husband to
Stephanie for 18
years (family-picture)

Photo provided by Stephanie Dowell





Preston is a proud pawrent to his 3-year-old Vizsla, Gryffin, who he's training to compete in hunting trials

Photo provided by Stephanie Dowell

A member of the Buhl Fire Department where he's volunteered as an EMT and Firefighter for the past 5 years





An avid hunter, fisher, camper and curler



A proud uncle who loves sharing his passions with his 2 nieces and 2 nephews



MLS Foundation, Chris Ambourn

Outgoing Board
Member

Virginia
Winberg

Outgoing Past
President

Bryan
Balcome

thank
you

2021 Newly Elected Board

President:	Preston Dowell
President-Elect:	Chad Conner
Secretary:	Julie Groetsch
Director:	Amanda Brustad
Director:	Tim Holperin
MLS Foundation:	Max Stanislawski

2021 Mid-Term Board

Past President:	Patrick Veraguth
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Treasurer:	Mark Severtson
Director:	Denny Honsa
Director:	Kory Thurnau
Director:	Jesse Zeig

Installation of Officers



Passing of the Gavel



Past President Plaque



2021 MSPS President

Preston Dowell
St. Louis County

Continuing Education
Wisconsin Survey Law

SPRING SEMINAR



Doug Crane



*May 4
2021*

8:30a-10:30a



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