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REPORTS

Chairman External Affairs, Patrick Beehler.

The chair of external affairs is responsible for eliciting semi-annual reports from the various liaisons to other organizations that NSPS has mutual interest with for the geospatial community. Not all liaisons to those organizations respond with a report, and some of the positions are vacant. Please review the list and if you are interested in taking on one of the positions let newly elected NSPS Vice-president Mark Sargent know.
NSPS-AAGS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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ACTIVITIES:

Since the last NSPS Directors meeting in October, 2017 I have attended all of the monthly AAGS Board and General Membership teleconference meetings. During that time three issues have been pursued by AAGS that I believe are of significant interest to NSPS:

1. Geodetic Certification: The new chair of the AAGS Education and Geodetic Certification committee, Dr. Herb Stoughton (WY) is in the process of reorganizing the committee. No specific action on Geodetic Certification has been advanced at this time.

2. Association affiliations: Currently 11 states; Alaska ACSM section, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia have signed articles of affiliation along with the former ACSM Alaska Section. It is expected that California will shortly join this effort.

3. National surveying conference: In order to broaden the visibility of the association and to provide more extensive outreach the board is collaborating with ASCE to sponsor technical sessions at the Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (USEI) Surveying and Geomatics conference in Pomona, CA during April 22-24, 2018. One workshop and one technical session will be dedicated to AAGS speakers.
American Bar Association Liaison

Dr. Charles A. "Tony" Nettleman, III, PSM, Esq.

No business has been conducted since the Texas meeting.

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SURVEYORS (FIG)

SUBMITTED BY JOHN HOHOL
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NSPS HEAD OF DELEGATION TO FIG
COORDINATOR, NSPS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO HOST 2022 FIG CONGRESS

There have been minimal activities regarding FIG since the 2017 NSPS Fall Meeting business meetings. They include:
- Successful communications with FIG 2018 Congress Co-Director Orhan Ercan to resolve visa issue to visit Turkey
- Submitted NSPS bid to host the 2022 FIG Congress
- Reserved booth at the 2018 FIG Congress to promote NSPS 2022 bid

The FIG Office received two bids to host the 2022 FIG Congress (South Africa, USA).

South Africa previously hosted the 1999 FIG Working Week in Sun City. The USA previously hosted the FIG Congress in 1974 and 2002.

I believe we have an excellent opportunity to be successful in our bid to host the 2022 FIG Congress as the last FIG annual conference held in the USA was the 2002 FIG Congress in Washington, DC, and since then four annual FIG conferences will have been held in Africa (2005- Cairo, Egypt; 2011- Marrakech, Morocco; 2013- Abuja, Nigeria; 2021- Accra, Ghana) with none in North/South America.

Schedule of future FIG conference venues:
2018 FIG Congress- Istanbul, Turkey
2019 FIG Working Week- Hanoi, Vietnam
2020 FIG Working Week- Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2021 FIG Working Week- Accra, Ghana

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Professional Surveyors Canada (PSC):
Submitted by Patrick Beehler, Liaison to PSC

I remain in contact with PSC and receive their monthly e-newsletter “Horizon News”.

Their website is https://www.psc-gpc.ca/

Items of Interest include:

**Underground Infrastructure Safety**
PSC is proposing an underground infrastructure safety enhancement act in the Canadian Parliament. PSC prepared a position paper and PSC members met with various representatives across the country. PSC hired an attorney to assist with the messaging on their efforts.

**Land Use Planning in the Vicinity of Pipeline Systems.**
The comment period is open until March 12, 2018 on a proposed standard being developed by the Major Industrial Accident Council of Canada. This is a national pipeline safety standard.

**Underground Infrastructure Mapping.**
A major focus of PSC’s work is on standards and systems for underground mapping. PSC reached out to universities across Canada to collaborate on a common system for the integration of data. They will be holding regional meetings with the PSC membership to flesh out the initiative.

**Public Awareness.**
A new marketing committee is developing updates for the PSC on YouTube and other social media. They also are working on an advertising strategy with media kits that can be rolled out to the Provincial surveying corporations for their use. The PSC website has been greatly improved but still needs work.

**Rebranding Licensure.**
PSC has come up with a new standardized designation denoting licensure. They are working on having everyone use “P. Surv” as the new designation.

**Professional Liability Insurance.**
All Canadian land surveyors must have professional liability insurance. PSC administers the insurance trust.
NSPS Liaison Report
Surveyors Historical Society
February 2018

Rendezvous 2017 is history. Held over the course of four days, September 13–16, 2017, in and around Concord, Massachusetts, the central theme of Rendezvous 2017 was the surveying career of Henry David Thoreau.

In addition to viewing the Concord Free Public Library’s current exhibit featuring Thoreau’s C. G. King Compass, participants visited the Special Collections area to view a number of Thoreau’s plats in an exhibit prepared exclusively for the Rendezvous. A walking tour incorporated unique stops at 110 Walden Street to discuss Thoreau’s 1851 Stow survey and at the Thoreau-Alcott house at 255 Main Street where, on February 7, 1851, Thoreau performed a Polaris observation to establish a true meridian that he subsequently used to monitor the variation of his compass needle.

A highlight of the 2017 Rendezvous was the placement of a joint Surveyors Historical Society/NSPS Final Point marker at Thoreau’s grave in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery (Lat 42° 27’ 52.945”, Lon 71° 20’ 32.691”). NSPS Executive Director Curt Sumner joined us and spoke at the dedication ceremony. Surveyors Historical Society would like to see the NSPS Final Point program expanded to also include a “Point of Beginning” option. A proposal to this effect will be presented to the NSPS Foundation Board of Trustees at their meeting in Las Vegas.

The annual picnic and auction were held at the rustic Concord Rod and Gun Club. The auction generated over $3000 for the Surveyors Historical Society’s Special Projects fund.

Transporting more than 120 Rendezvous participants to seven venues on three buses over the course of 2 days required more choreography than a Broadway musical. However, thanks to detailed planning and exemplary service from a number of volunteer chaperones, we pulled it off. To the best of our knowledge there are no Rendezvous participants still wandering around Concord looking for their bus.

Over the years, the Rendezvous has transformed and mutated. Some feel the event has strayed from its original objective and become too complicated. Others think it is fine the way it is. To resolve this issue, the SHS Board of Directors plans to conduct a comprehensive review of the goals and objectives of the Rendezvous in particular and the mission of Surveyors Historical Society in general.

As part of this review effort, we have prepared a questionnaire for SHS members. However, feedback is also welcomed from non-members, regardless of whether you have attended a Rendezvous or not. What do you see as the strengths of the Rendezvous? What are the weaknesses? What is Surveyors Historical Society doing well? Where do we need improvement? How could Surveyors Historical Society better serve the surveying profession?

All topics are open for discussion. Please contact me with any comments, remarks, observations, suggestions, complaints, criticisms, and/or grievances.

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