Date: February 7, 2018
To: NSPS Officers and Directors
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RE: Spring Report 2018 for NSPS

NSPS State Director Spring Report:

BPSM Liaison Report:
The Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers \nNovember 6 – 8, West Palm Beach, FL

Rules Committee:
- The long awaited 5J-17 revisions are enacted effective November 13, 2017. The few remaining changes still under discussion should be finalized in February, 2018, and will be effective in April, 2018.

General Business Session:

A few summary highlights from the general business session include:

- Chair’s Report: Almost the entire Board attended the August NCEES meeting in Miami. At this meeting, there was constructive discussion of model law and model rules for surveying and mapping, as well as mobility and decoupling to facilitate regional multistate licensure. Nick Campanile was selected as the primary BPSM representative on the FSMS Surveying and Mapping Council, with Robin Petzold as backup.

- Executive Director’s Report: Work is currently being done to make the Florida Jurisdictional exam available electronically through the University of Florida IFAS centers, which are located in every Florida county. The approach of more frequent offerings of the Jurisdictional Exam seems to have been successful, as 74 people have taken the exam since September 2016, compared to 38 over the previous year. With 5J-17 changes imminent, the next few sets of exam applicants will be tested on the existing rules instead of the new ones while the exam is revised. A wide range of options for test revision are being explored, keeping in mind the constraints of Statutes and Administrative Codes. Currently, there are 2564 licensees in Florida, with 183 under the age of 40, 1139 are age 60 and above, and 111 are women.

FSMS Board of Directors Meeting
November 3, 2017, Lakeland, FL

- Legislative Committee Chair Clyatt reported that enactment of the first round of revisions to FAC 5J-17 is imminent. Chapter 177 had an unexpected revision late in the 2017 session which has title report implications that do not directly affect surveyors but which may have some troubling consequences. FSMS will need to develop a formal position on this issue soon. No deregulation legislation involving surveyors is on the current horizon. A CCNA threshold increase from $2 million to $2.5 million for continuing contracts is likely to occur in the upcoming session. An appeal was made for support for a Line Item Budget Request to restore funding for UF Geomatics.
Distance Programs; some $600,000 was stripped from the program in a line item veto by the Governor last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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