National Society of Professional Surveyors
Spring 2018 Pennsylvania Affiliate Report

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In December the Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors made the decision to move to an Association Management Consultant to handle the Society’s business affairs. There were some concerns of making the move but the vote by the Board of Directors in the end passed. There are some small bumps through the transition but all in all, business is going well.

Legislative Update
Pennsylvania House Bill 1106 is still under Committee review in the Senate. This Bill is to revise terminology and definitions to better protect the public by eliminating vague or general terms of language such as “engineering surveys”. However, as stated in my previous report of an Electrical Cooperative adding some language, now that it is stalled in Committee, County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) is now opposing the bill believing the surveyors are trying to eliminate GIS P’s from conducting parcel mapping and other agency functions that they now provide.

Annual Conference
The PSLS 2018 Annual Conference continues to be successful with over 675 people in attendance. Broken down it is 268 members, 6 Life Members, 294 Non-Members, and 107 out of state addresses. Not our highest number but satisfactory. Stated above are the new officers that were installed at the banquet with one open position due to a pre-installment last minute resignation because of a family health emergency which did not allow enough time for a nomination for the position. Keynote speaker was Chad Fleming. Truly an inspirational speaker.

Captain Chad Fleming has been deployed overseas six times with the U.S. Army’s elite 75th Ranger Regiment in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has been wounded in combat on three separate occasions and has undergone 23 surgeries, one of which resulted in a trans-tibial amputation of his left leg. While most would assume this type of injury would conclude someone’s service to their country. Captain Fleming has re-deployed five times since his injuries, each time going right back into the fight. He is one of the few amputees who have been able to redeploy into combat as an amputee. After serving with distinction and receiving numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, two Bronze Star medals with Valor, and three Purple Hearts, he retired from active duty and still serves our country in other capacities. He has completed marathons, triathlons, tough mudders and cycling events throughout the United States and is also a sought after inspirational speaker. Numerous Fortune 500 companies have asked Chad to bring his message of resilience, perseverance, and his “Never Quit” attitude into their companies to help build their corporate teams.
PSLS Surveyor of the Year
During the conference, Frank Lenik was honored as PSLS Surveyor of the Year. A much deserved award; Frank has been continually supportive of education of students and has been instrumental in getting equipment to various education facilities. In addition, he has participated in the Del-Val Chapter and is always willing to travel around the state to various chapters to assist in whatever way he can to promote the Profession in various ways. Congratulations Frank.

Annual Awards
Other awards were presented, including Chapter of the Year which was shared by the Del-Val Chapter and Pocono Chapter.

Educational
Another UAS Expo is being planned again for this year. Watch the PSLS website for upcoming information. https://www.psls.org

In addition, a summer conference is being discussed and a survey has been sent out to sample the potential participation.

Webinars also were conducted throughout the year which included
- EDMI Calibration Baselines
- Multi-GNSS PPP and its Function in Land Surveying
- Using GNSS for Site Control
- Applications in Laser Scanning
- Localization/Site Calibration of a GNSS Survey
- GPS Dilutions of Precision

More to come next meeting. FLY EAGLES FLY!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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