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Since my last report, the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors 2017 Annual Conference and Technology Exhibition was held in Frisco Texas. TSPS hosted the fall NSPS meeting during the 2017 Conference, and all reports from both Societies indicate the joint meeting was very successful.

The First Quarterly TSPS Board of Directors meeting was held January 27, 2018 in Austin Texas. The BOD voted to renew the Articles of Affiliation with NSPS for three years. The BOD also considered and approved a motion to support an NSPS dues increase up to $10 per member per year. A change in the dues from the current $40 amount would require the approval of the TSPS general membership at an annual meeting, held each year in October.

The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying, along with TSPS, are preparing to undergo the Sunset Review process with the Texas Legislature. The process occurs every 12 years in Texas, and with the recent considerations of consolidation of agencies in the State, TSPS is positioning itself to promote the continuation of the Board.

TSPS made a $11,500 donation to the NSPS Disaster Relief Fund, as approved during the October 2017 meeting. Texas was blessed with support from the NSPS Disaster Relief Fund after the 2017 hurricane and flooding damage, including Hurricane Harvey. The TSPS donation was made keeping in mind the damage from other 2017 storms that crossed the southeastern United States, and the fires that caused tragic losses in California. For 2018 TSPS has also set aside $46,000 to fund payment of the $40 NSPS dues for all Registered members. TSPS members were given an option on the 2018 renewal to donate the normal $40 NSPS 2018 membership dues back to the NSPS Disaster Relief Fund, and 56 members to date have taken that option. That additional donation from TSPS members totals $2,240. When the dues renewal cycle for 2018 is complete, an additional amount from the $46,000 set aside, possibly as much as $4,500 dollars, could be donated to the Disaster Relief Fund.

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