APLS OFFICERS
Doug Schneider, Chair
Clayton Howard, Vice Chair
Tom Liuzzo, Secretary
Jerry Dodd, Treasurer

APLS WORKSHOP
In August APLS held an Easement Workshop with Gary Kent. There were approximately 70 in attendance and the feedback from attendees was positive.

CONFERENCE
APLS Annual Conference
May 9-11, 2019
Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas

Information available on our website: AzPLS.org

EDUCATION FOUNDATION
APLS is working with the APLS Foundation to provide financial assistance to the Survey 101 program at Glendale Community College. In addition, the APLS Foundation has finalized their scholarship application which is now available on the AzPLS.org website.

OUTREACH
APLS recently exhibited at the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) Symposium. This was a great opportunity to network with the GIS and other related fields.

LEGISLATION – BOARD OF REGISTRATION
The State Board of Technical Registration has not been receptive to APLS’s request to consider continuing education for licensure renewal or updating the Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys. There is still noise about the possibility of deregulation considerations and a recent proposal suggesting streamlining the reciprocity process.

NSPS
The Board discussed the importance of NSPS and the need for a national voice. APLS is in full support of NSPS and their mission. However, the Board also discussed the financial burden to the state associations. In addition to allocating a portion of our membership dues to NSPS, states also have to allocate funds for NSPS travel as NSPS does not offset the travel for their Board of Directors. This is often very expensive as meetings are held in locations with high hotel costs and expensive airfare. NSPS also schedules meetings so that a Director has to be in attendance in person for multiple days which adds to the cost. It would assist the state associations if meetings were held at more economical locations and scheduled so that fewer days in attendance are required. In addition meeting agendas are not provided far enough in advance to allow Directors to consider the issues. NSPS should consider if there is a more efficient and effective way to conduct business. Regarding the dues increase, it is going to be imperative that NSPS provide more resources for the states to market membership. Some state associations are not going to be able to absorb more dues to NSPS. They are going to have to increase their own dues. We need valid, marketable reasons why the dues are increasing. What are the new programs NSPS will institute because of the dues increase? Or, how are existing programs going to be improved?