NSPS Connecticut Directors Report

The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors Board of Directors voted to approve the NSPS dues increase of $10 in August after much discussion. It was very helpful to have the backup information pulled together by Bob Miller to illustrate the need for the increase.

As far as issues and concerns of our Society that have been brought up over the last year are the usual frustrations with the unlicensed practice of Land Surveying and the inability of our State Agencies to enforce any penalties or action against those parties. Could NSPS be of help in this area? Other issues that have been a recurring subject of conversation include the need for mandatory continuing education and how to implement a program that would either fall within the purview of the State Regulations or have a program run by the State Society. Conversations are ongoing. Another item that has been discussed is the use of UAV’s and how to incorporate the ever-changing technology into the Standards of Practice and whether there should be some sort of national standard that could be incorporated into our State Regulations. The NSPS UAV subcommittee is in the process of working on these issues and hopefully after the Fall Meeting there will be guidance that can be shared with our State Society. As I am sure we are not alone in the concern of the dwindling supply of qualified technicians and those wanting to pursue Land Surveying as a career the need for workforce development is becoming critical. The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors has been active in offering many seminars to assist in the training of the workforce, but the underlying question is if we cannot get people interested in the profession in the first place then where are we headed. Maybe interest could be jump started by exposing the young (middle school – elementary school) with a STEM program with a Surveying flair.

Our upcoming 51st Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 2 at the Sheraton Hotel, 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT.

Sincerely,

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