Sandra Boeckman remains as our Executive Director. Sandra plans to attend the State Exec Forum in October. Gerald Bader the current President of the Society will remain in office until our annual business meeting which will take place on Friday, October 5th, 2018 in Osage Beach, Mo. During that meeting Chris Wickern our President-Elect will assume the office. Chris’s contact information is:

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MSPS will be holding our 61st Annual meeting October 4-6. The meeting will open with concurrent technical sessions throughout the day on Thursday the 4th. On the afternoon of the 4th will also host a golf tournament fundraiser for our PAC committee and Sporting Clays shoot which will benefit our Scholarship Foundation. On the 5th we will hold our Annual Business Meeting and election of officers. That will be followed by our annual awards luncheon.

The Meeting will conclude on Saturday the 6th with concurrent technical sessions running throughout the day. Technical sessions for this year’s meeting include:

New Surveyor Outreach Development
Best Practices for Running Your Survey Business
Drones
Service, Repair and Care of Your Surveying Equipment
Outdoor/Indoor Mobile Scanning
GPS-GNSS Use with the MODOT VRS CORS Network
Office Software-Trimble Business Center
Field Data Collection-Trimble Access 2018/TSC7/SX10
NGS Products and Services
Understanding Missouri Standards Accuracy Requirements
Missouri Standards for Property Boundary Surveys
Surveyors Notes for Plats
Railroad Surveying 101
NFIP and Elevation Certificates
Ethics and the PLS
Reading and Writing Boundary Descriptions

Other activities that have taken place in 2018 Include Board Meeting and Legislative Visits, February 7, Board Meeting and 40th Annual Spring Technical Workshop, May 3-5, Board Meeting July 14. Following is
an excerpt from the July 14th Board minutes which summarize the Board’s vote to approve the $10 dues increase by NSPS:

**NSPS GOVERNORS REPORT**: NSPS Director Troy Hayes, absent. A written report was reviewed from Troy where he explained that he would attend the NSPS meeting in October in Frederick, MD. He is still involved with the UAS committee and Private Practice Committee. He also reported on the proposed increase in NSPS dues which would be $10 per year per person. According to the bylaws the MSPS Board can approve a 10% increase in dues without a vote of the membership. **A motion was made and seconded to support the increase. On a vote, the motion was approved.** There will be a notice of the increase in the September newsletter. The increase will take effect in 2019.

We are currently working on legislation to increase the education requirements for licensure from 12 hours of surveying course work to 30 hours. Like most states we have seen declining number of registrants for the exam and high failure rates. We are also dealing with work force issues and lack of good sources for surveying education within the state although the education situation is much improved with the development of a very good curriculum and Tech University in Linn, MO. Dr. Joe Paiva is working with this program and I have heard nothing but good reports on the program thus far.

Respectfully submitted,

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Missouri Director for NSPS