The Land Surveyors Association of Washington (LSAW) is in favor of the NSPS dues increase of $10 per year, provided no additional dues increases by the NSPS for the next 5 years.

On a sad note, many of you know John and Vicki Thalacker from John’s work with ACSM (NSPS)/WFPS over the years. It saddens me to report the recent death of their daughter as a result of a heart attack.

The LSAW is changing the way it will be presenting conferences/seminars. Starting after our conference in 2019 we will go to the format of having a spring conference (as we do now) that will be geared towards the Professional Land Surveyor to acquire their continuing education requirements. Surveying technicians are encouraged to attend our spring conference and take advantage of the courses being offered, but the emphasis will be on the professional.

We will also put on a fall seminar geared towards the Surveying Technician wanting to prepare themselves for the LSAT exam. By doing so it is our hope that we get better participation from both a Professional Land Surveyor and the Surveying Technician. We also feel we can provide better, more relevant courses for our membership.

We are also exploring the possibilities of having a joint conference in 2020 with the Idaho Society of Professional Surveyors in Spokane Washington. I will keep you up-to-date as things develop.

Our quarterly magazine, the Evergreen State surveyor, is being revamped. The LSAW has put together an ad hoc committee to come up with solutions on how to make the magazine more relevant to our membership. For the past several years this is been an online publication only and we are now looking to see if our membership would prefer the magazine to be in hard copy. We are also looking into other ways to make the magazine more relevant. Again, I will keep you posted as things develop.

The Washington state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are making modifications to some of the Washington Administrative Codes (WAC) as they pertain to surveying, they are as follows.

WAC 332 – 130 – 145 topographic elements on maps; requirements. This pertains to information shown on a map which depicts the horizontal and vertical position of natural and/or fabricated features and existing terrain surfaces.
WAC 332 – 130. This pertains to minimum standards for land boundary surveys, geodetic control surveys, and guidelines for the preparation of land descriptions.

The above WAC's are in the process of working their way through our legislative system and have not come into effect at this time.

House Bill 2391 is a bill to modify and update the Washington State plane coordinate system. We will still have a North zone and a South zone on a Lambert conic projection, but when this bill becomes law we will also have a 3rd, statewide zone. The reason for the statewide zone is to be used in the GIS system.

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