2019 FALL REPORT OF THE NSPS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Since the Spring Meeting, the Committee has focused on 2 areas, the student competition and the 27TH Biennial Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SaGES) Conference at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Rich Vannozzi has been getting the logistics together for the 2020 Student Competition to be held in the Washington D.C. area just before the Spring 2020 NSPS Business Meetings. Rich has been in communications with the NGS folks at the NGS Testing Facility in Corbin, Virginia to potentially hold the competition at that site. In early summer Rich visited the facility. The competition would be too big to hold the entire competition within the building, and outside facilities would have to be brought in (a large tent and port-a-potties). The cost may be too much to bear on the budget. By the Fall Meeting we hope to have all the logistics for the Competition in place.

NSPS was invited to attend the SaGES Conference in August. Tim Burch and myself were elected to attend. Ironically, due to the fact that there aren’t enough PLS’s to hire, I had to excuse myself to attend. Tim attended and I am sure will have written a report. The purpose of attendance, was to promote NSPS and to strengthen ties between the two organizations.

Lastly, I would like to invite all educators and surveyors to the Education Committee meeting from 1-3PM on Thursday the 26th in the Hamilton Room to discuss the Student Competition – if it continues to grow how do we fund it? And discuss more interaction with the Survey Educators... how is this accomplished? And how can we get our members to get involved with the educators..

Respectfully Submitted

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