Fall 2019 Director’s Report to NSPS

- Our Public Relations firm has been very active in promoting Land Surveying:
  - An Op Ed article was published in Real Estate Review August 6th
  - A Press Release on the “Get Kids Into Survey” poster campaign was sent to the NYS Legislature. Three Senators have responded already. One wants to set up a tour in their district with our leadership.
  - Members are being encouraged to distribute posters to the schools in their area.
  - New promotional brochures are being edited for approval and distribution.
  - Our PR firm is preparing an Op Ed for the Teachers Association.
  - NYSAPLS will exhibit at the NYS GIS Conference in Syracuse September 23-25th.

- Legislation:
  - Our proposed education bill requiring a minimum of an Associates Degree passed by both houses of the NYS Legislature and is awaiting signature by the Governor. The legislation eliminates the all-experience pathway to licensure as a professional land surveyor in New York State. This legislation creates an educational pathway requiring a bachelor’s degree or higher in land surveying, with the ability for the State Education Department to accept an associate’s degree in land surveying or an associate’s degree or higher in engineering, math, or related science with credits in land surveying.
  - We have been meeting regularly with our State Board and the Professional Engineers regarding our proposed bill to update the definition of Land Surveying. It was decided last week to put the bill on hold and first focus on developing minimum standards.
  - Our Legislative Counsel provided a webinar to the Directors on how to reach out effectively to their local legislators during the summer recess. It was taped and is available to all members.
  - Our Datum 2022 Committee has developed a questionnaire for members and has requested I query other States about their activities and strategies for outreach to interested stakeholders.

- Other:
  - The revised MOU with NSPS was approved, signed, and returned to NSPS.
  - Our 61st Annual Conference will be held January 22 through 24, 2020 at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, New York
  - Plans are underway for a Strategic Plan Retreat to be held in November of 2020 to review the success of the 2018-2020 Plan and develop a 2021-2023 Plan.
  - A Minimum Standards ad hoc committee has been working on developing statewide minimum standards for Land Surveyors over the past several months and will be
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- releasing their recommendations to the Board of Directors at the September 20th Board of Directors meeting.
- NYSAPLS Executive Committee approved a $1,000.00 Sponsorship for the NSPS PAC Golf outing to be held September 25th.
- I am working with our Education Committee and the new NFIP coordinator for New York, Kelli Higgins-Roche, to gauge interest in a Flood Plain Certification program and develop a plan to move forward.